

Academic CV

Mgr. Vojtěch Kaše

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Short overview of main research interests: I am a social scientist interested in (1) long term-cultural processes, (2) the theories of human cognition as shaping human culture and vice versa and (3) the potential of computational methods for the study of these topics. In particular, in most of my research, I use my expert knowledge of early Christian history for testing some more general hypotheses concerning the dynamics of religions and human cognition. In my PhD. dissertation project (2014-2018), I explore several hypotheses from recent cognitive theories of ritual while focusing on the data concerning early Christian meal practices. Over the recent years, I have pursued my research as a member of two interdisciplinary research projects: REEER: Ritual and Emergence of Early Christian Religion: A Socio-Cognitive Analysis (University of Helsinki, 2013-2017) and GEHIR: Generative Historiography of Religion (Masaryk University, 2015-2018). Most recently, I am a leader of a small research project DiRECT: Distant Reading of Early Christian Texts: Explorations in Socio-Cognitive Interpretation (2018-2019) at the University of West Bohemia.

research topics: theories of cultural transmission; theories of religion; theories of ritual; theories of magic; history of religious studies; ancient Mediterranean history; ancient Mediterranean religions; early Christianity.

favorite theoretical paradigms: cultural evolution; cognitive historiography; historical anthropology; cliodynamics; cognitive revolution; evolutionary psychology; cognitive science of religion; cultural transmission; digital humanities; computational social science; big data; network science

favorite methods: agent-based modeling; quantitative text analysis; network analysis

IDENTIFICATION, CONTACT INFORMATION AND LINKS

- Mgr. Vojtěch Kaše (b. 1986 in Plzeň, Czech Republic)
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- [Personal profile on academia.edu](#), containing a majority of both published and unpublished papers and presentations
- ORCID: [0000-0002-6601-1605](https://orcid.org/0000-0002-6601-1605)
- ResearcherID: [T-7283-2018](https://orcid.org/T-7283-2018)

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AFFILIATION AND ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

- 2017/9-present: Assistant at the Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, University of West Bohemia (responsibility for activities in the field of Digital Humanities and teaching in the area of religious studies) (Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, University of West Bohemia, Sedláčková 19, 30614 Plzeň, CZECH REPUBLIC)
- 2015/4-present: Researcher at Masaryk University internal interdisciplinary project “GEHIR: Generative Historiography of Religion” [[GEHIR project webpage](#)] (Department for the Study of Religions, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University, Arna Nováka 1, 60200 Brno, CZECH REPUBLIC)
- 2014/1-2017/8: Researcher at the Academy of Finland research project “REECR: A Nordic project on Ritual and the Emergence of Early Christian Religion: A Socio-Cognitive Analysis” [[REECR project webpage](#)] (Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, Vuorikatu 3, P.O. Box 4 00014 Helsinki, FINLAND)

EDUCATION

DEGREES

- 2015-present: Doctoral studies at the University of Helsinki and Masaryk University coordinated by means of a cotutelle agreement on joint supervision of doctoral thesis between the two universities
 - Doctoral thesis project: **Ritualization of Early Christian Meal Practices**
 - Title: **Tracing the Origins of Eucharistic Magic: On the Role of Cognitive Attraction in the Cultural Transmission of Collective Rituals**
 - Supervisors: Risto Uro (University of Helsinki, main supervisor), Dalibor Papoušek (Masaryk University) and István Czachesz (University of Tromsø [docent at the University of Helsinki])
 - In September 2018, the thesis has been submitted for preliminary examination by external reviewers
- 2014/1-present: Doctoral studies at the University of Helsinki in the programme of New Testament Studies
- 2013/9-present: Doctoral studies at the Masaryk University in the programme Study of Religions
- 2011/9-2013/9: Master studies: Masaryk University, Faculty of Arts, Department for the Study of Religions, master degree in the study of religions
 - Master thesis: **Vzkříšená dívka, mluvící pes a jeden Kristus Ježíš: Vybrané pasáže z apokryfních Skutků apoštolů v evolučně behaviorální perspective** [English title: Resurrected Girl, Speaking Dog, and the One Christ Jesus: Selected Passages from the Apocryphal Acts of Apostles in Evolutionary Behavioral Perspective]; supervisor: Dalibor Papoušek; defended successfully on September 12, 2013, the thesis has been Awarded the grade **A** (excellent) [[link](#) to the annotation and keywords in English and to the text, supervisor’s report and reader’s report in Czech]; the overall result of the state exam: **A** (excellent)
- 2008/7-2011/9: Bachelor studies: Masaryk University, Faculty of Arts, bachelor degree in philosophy and the study of religions
 - Bachelor thesis: **Počátky křesťanského rituálního stolování a současná religionistika** [English title: Origins of Christian Ritual Meals and the Contemporary Study of Religions], supervisor: Iva Doležalová; defended successfully on September 14, 2011; the thesis has been Awarded the grade

A (excellent) [link](#) to the annotation and keywords in English and to the text, supervisor's report and reader's report in Czech]; the overall result of the state exam: A (excellent)

- 2006/10-2008/9: Bachelor studies: University of West Bohemia, Humanities (unfinished studies after interruption)

INTERNSHIPS, WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL COURSES

- 2017: Workshop “History goes Digital – Reichweite und Grenzen digitaler historischer Forschung” (München, July 21)
- 2017: Workshop “Cultural Evolution of Religion” (Helsinki, May 23-24)
- 2016: Workshop “Network Theory and Computer Modeling in the Study of Religion” (Budapest, Aug 29 – Sep 4) [link](#)
- 2016: Workshop “Extracting Social Networks from Literary Texts” (Paris, June 14).
- 2016: Workshop “Cognitive Approaches to Ancient Religious Experience (CAARE)” (Aarhus, March 14–15).
- 2016: Winter school “Write Now!” (Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies winter School on academic writing), certified: 3 ETCS (Helsinki, January 26-29) [link](#)
- 2015: Workshop “Bridging the Gaps: (Ancient) History from the Perspective of Mathematical and Computational Modelling and Network Analysis” (organized by GEHIR: Generative Historiography of Religion Project), Brno (Nov. 13-14).
- 2014: Workshop “Network Theory, Cognitive Science, and Historiography” (Brno, Oct 23–25, organized by the Department for the Study of Religions MU, Czech Association for the Study of Religions and The Institute for Advanced Studies of Religion, Toronto)
- 2014: Workshop on “Transmission” of the project “Ancient Religions and Cognition”, London, Great Britain (organized by the Department of Classics, The University of Nottingham, Jan 13 – 14).
- 2013: Workshop on “Authority” of the project “Ancient Religions and Cognition”, London, Great Britain (Department of Classics, The University of Nottingham, July 23 – 24).
- 2012: Summer university course: “Experimental Methods in the Study of Cognition and Culture”, Aarhus, Denmark (Aarhus University, July 31 – August 24) [link](#) to the course description
- 2011-2012: Erasmus exchange program, Leipzig, Germany (Institute for the Study of Religions, University of Leipzig, October 1 – February 21)
- 2010: Erasmus intensive program: “Religious Transformations in the Contemporary European Societies”, Szeged, Hungary (Department for the Study of Religions, University of Szeged, August 16 – 29)

COMPUTATIONAL COMPETENCES

- **Microsoft Office** (Word, PowerPoint and Excel), **Gmail**, **Skype**, **Trello** etc. on ordinary basis
- **Python:**

- Intermediate Python for Data Science (certified online course by DataCamp completed in October 2016)
 - NLTK and quantitative analysis of textual data (work with own textual corpora)
- **NetLogo**: skills for building, running and modifying agent-based models and analyzing them via BehaviourSpace
- **QGIS**: skills for importing, creating, exporting, manipulating, comparing visualizing and analyzing both vector and raster data layers
- **R Studio**: basics statistics and programming
- **Java**: basics of object programming

LANGUAGE COMPETENCES

- Czech: native
- English: B2 (TOEFL certificate from March 2014)
- German: ability to read academic texts and advanced conversation skills to be revived)
- Classical Greek (two years, further self-taught):
- Latin (self-taught)
- Biblical Hebrew (one year)

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Published:

- Fousek, J., Kaše, V., Mertel, A., Výtvarová, E., & Chalupa, A. (2018). Spatial constraints on the diffusion of religious innovations: The case of early Christianity in the Roman Empire. *PLOS ONE*, 13(12), e0208744. <http://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0208744>
- Kaše, V., Hampejs, T., & Pospíšil, Z. (2018). Modeling Cultural Transmission of Rituals in Silico: The Advantages and Pitfalls of Agent-Based vs. System Dynamics Models. *Journal of Cognition & Culture*, 18(5), 483–507. <http://doi.org/10.1163/15685373-12340041>
- Kaše, V. (2018). Meal Practices. In R. Uro, R. E. Demaris, J. Day, & R. Roitto (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Ritual* (pp. 409–425). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Kaše, V. (2016). Ekklesiologiaa, kristologiaa ja magiaa: Paavalin ehtoollistadition kognitiiven uudelleenarviointi. In K. Valkama, H. von Weissenberg, & N. Nikki (Eds.), *Raamattu ja magia* (pp. 238–264). Helsinki: Suomen eksegeettinen seura. [English Title: Ecclesiology, Christology and Magic: Cognitive Reconsideration of the Pauline Meal Tradition] [[link](#)]
- Kaše, V. (2014). Experimenty dějin: Kognitivní historiografie mezi dějepisectvím a kognitivní vědou. *Pantheon*, 9(1), 93–112. [English Title: Experiments of History: Cognitive Historiography between Historiography and Cognitive Science] [[link](#)]

- Kaše, V. (2014). Mluvící pes ve Skutcích Petrových a hypotéza o zapamatovatelnosti minimálně kontrainutivních reprezentací. In Z. Vozár (Ed.), *Mezinárodní religionistická studentská vědecká konference Kutná hora 2012: Sborník prací* (pp. 10–33). Praha: Karolinum. [English title: Speaking Dog in the Apocryphal Acts of Peter and the Hypothesis on Memorability of Minimal Contrainuitive Representations] [[link](#)]
- Kaše, V. (2013). Didaché 9-10: Problémy a perspektivy současného bádání. *Religio: Revue pro religionistiku*, 21(1), 73–94. [English title: Didache 9-10: Problems and perspectives of contemporary research] [[link](#)]
- Lang, M., & Kaše, V. (2012). Proč je potřeba si špinit ruce. *Sacra*, 10(2), 56–68. [English title: Why is needed to make hands dirty] [[link](#) to the PDF version]
- Kaše, V. (2011). Kam se poděla ryba? Dějiny jedné (možné) křesťanské reprezentace. *Sacra*, 9(1), 5–21. [English title: Where Did the Fish Disappeared? History of One (Possible) Christian Representation] [[link](#) to the PDF version]
- Kaše, V. (2010). Apologie o sobě samé vědoucí religionistiky aneb kritika vakuované jednotné vědy (polemika s Evou Klocovou). *Sacra*, 8(2), 54–60. [English title: Apology of Selfconfident Study of Religions, i.e. Critique of United Science (Polemic with Eva Klocová)] [[link](#) to the PDF version]
- Kaše, V. (2009). Proč “Pomazaný”? problém s nemesianistickými konotacemi termínu christos v nejstarší křesťanské literatuře. *Sacra*, 7(1), 25–38. [English title: Why ‘Anointed’? Problem with the non-messianic connotations of the term christos in the earliest Christian literature] [[link](#) to the PDF version]

BOOK REVIEWS AND REPORTS

- Kaše, V. (2017). Maturana, H. R. & Varela, F. J. Strom poznání: Biologické základy lidského rozumu (review). *Biograf: Časopis pro Kvalitativní Výzkum*, 65-66, 117-121.
- Kaše, V. (2016). Czachesz, I. Uro, R. (Eds.). Mind, Morality and Magic: Cognitive Science Approaches in Biblical Studies (review). *Journal of Cognitive Historiography*, 1–2(2016), 219–221. <http://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1558/jch.33931>
- Kaše, V. (2014). Talmont-Kaminski, K. Religion as Magical Ideology: How the Supernatural Reflects Rationality (review). *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion*, 2(2), 178-181. [[link](#) to the PDF version]
- Kaše, V. (2012). Váně, J. Komunita jako nová naděje? Náboženské (ne)institucionalizované komunity z pohledu sociologie náboženství (recenze). *Religio: Revue pro religionistiku*, 20(2), 302–304. [Reviewed book’s title: Community as a New Hope: Religious (non-)institutionalized communities from the point of view of sociology of religion (review)] [[link](#) to the PDF version]
- Kaše, V. (2012). Mysl, společnost a tradice: Zpráva z konference Společnosti pro biblickou literaturu (report). *Sacra*, 10(2), 69–70. [English title: Mind, Society, and Tradition: Report from the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting] [[link](#) to the PDF version]
- Kaše, V. (2011). Další pravda o Erasmu... (studijní pobyt v Lipsku) (zpráva). *Sacra*, 9(2), 76–79. [English title: Another True about Erasmus... (internship in Leipzig) (report)] [[link](#) to the PDF version]
- Kaše, V. (2010). Rukopisy z Nag Hammádí v češtině (review). *Sacra*, 8(1), 110–113. (Nag Hammadi Codices in Czech (review)] [[link](#) to the PDF version]

- Kaše, V. (2009). Hazlett, I. (Ed.). Rané křesťanství: Počátky a vývoj církve do roku 600 (review). *Sacra*, 7(2), 103–107. [Original English title: Early Christianity: Origin and evolution to AD 600: In honour of W. H. C. Frend] [[link](#) to the PDF version]
- Kaše, V. (2009). Loose ends in the cognitive study of religion and culture (6.–7. listopadu 2009, Brno) (report) [November 6 – 7 (report)]. *Sacra*, 7(2), 97–99. [[link](#) to the PDF version]

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- Kaše, V. (2018). **Distant Reading of Early Christian Texts for Socio-Cognitive Interpretation: Introducing the DiRECT Project** (International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature), Helsinki (July 30 – August 3, 2018).
- Kaše, V. (2018). **Metody distanční čtení a studium kulturní evoluce: Příklad z oblasti antických náboženství** (Komunikace, vědění a nové technologie: Studentská conference, 2. ročník), Plzeň, May 3 2018).
- Kaše, V., Glomb, T., & Papoušek, D. (2017). **The Role of Texts in the Stabilization of Pan-Mediterranean Religious Networks: A Case Study in Geospatial Computational Modeling of Ancient Religious History** (Inaugural Cultural Evolution Society Conference), Jena (Sep 13-15 2017). [[link](#)]
- Kaše, V. (2017). **Role rituálu při formování raného křesťanství prizmatem kognitivních teorií: Příklad počátků křesťanského rituálního stolování** (International Conference for Postgraduate Students in Biblical Studies), Prague (February 23-24). [[link](#)]
- Kaše, V. (2016). **Re-Growing Transportation Network of the Roman Empire and the Spread of Christianity: An Agent-based Model** (conference presentation). In *The 5th PeCIA 2016 International Postgraduate Conference (Perspectives on Classical Archaeology)* (conference topic “New Directions in Classical Archaeology”, organized by Charles University in Prague), Prague (December 1-2). [[link](#)]
- Kaše, V. (2016). **CHRISTROME: Christianization of the Roman Empire: Historical Background and Sources** (presentation). In *Network Theory and Computer Modeling in the Study of Religion* (workshop organized by Tamás Biró and István Czachesz), Budapest (August 29 – September 4).
- Kaše V. & Hampejs T. (2016). **Modelling Cultural Transmission of Rituals: An Agent-Based Model Contrasting Social Function and Cognitive Attraction** (conference presentation). In *6th biennial meeting of the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion* (session “Hacking the mind: Using computer models to study religious minds in silico”), Vancouver (August 22-24).
- Kaše, V. & Hampejs T. (2016). **From Communal Meals to Religion: Networking Social and Cognitive in Agent-Based Simulation** (conference presentation). In *EASR Conference 2016 Helsinki “Relocating Religion”* (session “Religions as Networks of Concepts, Practices, Artefacts and Minds: Case Studies from Ancient Mediterranean”), Helsinki (June 28 – July 1).
- Kaše, V., Mertel, A., Výtvarová, E., Fousek, J., Hampejs, T., & Chalupa, A. (2016). **Extending Transportation Network of the Roman Empire by Means of Demographic and Economic Proxies** (conference presentation). In *Second European Conference on*

- Social Networks* (session “Historical and Archaeological Network Research”), Paris (June 14-17). [[link to the abstract](#)]
- Výtvarová, E., Fousek, J., Kaše, V., Chalupa, A. (2016). **Trade Network of Ancient Mediterranean and Christianity**. In *NetSci-X Conference*, Wrocław (January 11–13).
 - Kaše, V. (2015). **Quantifying Christianization of the Roman Empire: A Computational Replication and Extension** (conference presentation). In *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (session “Mind, Society, and Religion in the Biblical World”), Atlanta (Nov. 21-25). [[link](#)]
 - Kaše, V., Výtvarová, E., & Fousek, J. (2015). **Christianization of the Roman Empire: Diffusion on a Settlement Network** (poster). In *Bridging the Gaps: (Ancient) History from the Perspective of Mathematical and Computational Modelling and Network Analysis* (workshop organized by GEHIR: Generative Historiography of Religion Project), Brno (Nov. 13-14). [[link](#)]
 - Kaše, V. (2015). **Modelling Ritual Dynamics against the Data: Early Christian Meal Practices as a Test Case** (conference paper). In *XXI IAHR World Congress* (session “Modeling and Simulating Past Minds and Networks: Dynamics of Religious Beliefs and Practices in the Graeco-Roman World”), Erfurt (August 23 – 29). [[link](#)]
 - Kaše, V. (2014): **Ecclesiology, Christology, or Magic? A Cognitive Reconsideration of Paul's Lord Supper Discourse** (workshop paper). In *Cultural Evolution of Religion and Morality (REECR and CERC/DRH joint meeting)*, Vancouver (November 26 – 27). [[link to the presentation](#)]
 - Kaše, V. (2014). **Consuming Jesus – Receiving Eternity: Meal Elements of Special Quality in Johannine Communities** (conference paper). In *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (session “Meals in the Greco-Roman World Section: The Meal in John 6”), San Diego (November 21 – 25). [[link to the handout](#)]
 - Kaše, V. (2014). **Early Christians in the Machine: How Does Emerge a Belief in Supernatural Efficacy of a Ritual**. In *5th biennial IACSR meeting and General Assembly* (conference title “Religion Explained? The Cognitive Science of Religion after Twenty-five Years), Brno (June 20 – 22). [[link to the poster](#)]
 - Kaše, V. (2014). **Ritualization of Early Christian Meal Practices and the Formation of Beliefs in Supernatural Efficacy of the Meal Elements**. In *Neutestamentliche Sozietät der Theologischen Fakultät Heidelberg* (as a part of presentation of the project “Ritual and Emergence of Early Christian Religion: A Socio-Cognitive Analysis”), Heidelberg, Germany (May 15). [[link](#)]
 - Kaše, V. (2014). **Ritualization of Early Christian Meal Practices**. In *Socio-Cognitive Perspectives on Early Judaism and Early Christianity* (as a part of presentation of the project “Ritual and Emergence of Early Christian Religion: A Socio-Cognitive Analysis”), Helsinki, Finland (January 9).
 - Kaše, V. (2013). **Did Early Christians Believe in Their Miracle Stories? The Case of Speaking Animals in the Apocryphal Acts of Apostles**. In *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (session “Mind, Society and Religion in Biblical World”), Baltimore (November 23 – 26). [[link](#)]
 - Kaše, V. (2013). **Ritual, Extended Mind, and Overimitation: Towards a Naturalistic Cognitive Theory of Ritual Transmission**. In *EASR Conference 2013 Liverpool* “Religion, Migration and Mutation”, Liverpool, Great Britain (September 3 – 6). [[link](#)]

- Kaše, V. (2013). **Rituál, kognice, imitace: Historická religionistika v evoluční perspektive** [English title: Ritual, Cognition, Imitation: Historical study of religions in the evolutionary perspective]. In Student scientific conference (Czech-Slovak student papers competition in the study of religions, organized by the Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University Bratislava), Štúrovo (May 24 – 26). [[link](#) to the presentation (in Czech)]
- Kaše, V., Hampejs, T. (2012). **What Humanities Offer the Science? Towards Tymmetrical Approach in the Cognitive Science of Religion**. In *Towards a Symmetrical Approach: The Study of Religions After Postmodern and Postcolonial Criticism* (workshop organized by the Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University), Brno (November 29 – December 1). [[link](#)]
- Kaše, V. (2012). **Why Is Institution Narrative ‘Better’ than Didache 9-10? On Cognitive Attraction of Authorized Eucharist**. In *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting* (session “Mind, Society and Religion in Biblical World”), Amsterdam, Netherlands (July 22 – 26). [[link](#)]
- Kaše, V. (2012). **Why Is Institution Narrative ‘Better’ than Didache 9-10? On Cognitive Attraction of Authorized Eucharist**. In *Past, Present, and Future in the Scientific Study of Religion* (workshop organized by LEVYNA), Brno (March 1 – 3).
- Kaše, V. (2012). **Létající Šimon, mluvící pes a apoštol Petr: Kontraintuitivní reprezentace ve Skutcích Petrových a literární imaginace pozdní antiky** [English title: Flying Simon, Speaking Dog, and Apostle Peter: Contraintuitive Representations in the Acts of Peter and the Literary Imagination of Late Antiquity]. In Student scientific conference (Czech-Slovak student papers competition in the study of religions, organized by the Institute of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Charles University in Prague), Kutná hora (May 4 – 6). [[link](#) to the presentation (in Czech)]
- Kaše, V. (2011). **Kam se poděla ryba? Dějiny jedné (možné) křesťanské reprezentace** [English title: Where Did the Fish Disappear? History of One (Possible) Christian Representation]. In *Student scientific conference (Czech-Slovak student papers competition in the study of religions)*, organized by the Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University), Telč (May 24 – 26).
- Kaše, V. (2010). **Global Ethic Foundation of Hans Küng - The Ethical Project or Religious Phenomenon?** (workshop presentation). In *Religious Transformations in the Contemporary European Societies (ERASMUS Intensive Programme)* organized by the Department for the Study of Religions, University of Szeged), Szeged, Hungary (August 16 – 29).
- Kaše, V. (2010). **Didaché 9-10: Problémy a perspektivy současného bádání** [English title: Didache 9-10: Problems and Perspectives of Contemporary Research]. In *Student scientific conference (Czech-Slovak student papers competition in the study of religions)* organized by the Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University), Štoky u Jihlavy (May 24 – 26) [[link](#) to the presentation (in Czech)].
- Kaše, V. (2009). **Proč ‘Pomazaný’? Problém s nemesianistickými konotacemi termínu christos v nejstarší křesťanské literatuře** [English title: Why ‘Anointed’? Problem with the Non-Messianic Connotations of the Term Christos in the Earliest Christian Literature] (conference presentation). In *Student scientific conference (Czech-Slovak student papers*

competition in the study of religions, organized by the Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University), Modra (Bratislava, May 18-20).

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- ZCU, Spring 2018, leading two seminars at the “Circle of Contemporary Philosophy” (on “second wave of consilience” and “computational text analysis using Python”)
- ZCU, Fall 2017: teaching all seminars of the bachelor course “Religious Studies”
- ZCU, Fall 2017: teaching two seminars on the topic “Digital Humanities” in the course “Analysis and Interpretation of Texts”
- MU, Spring 2017: teaching several seminar classes of the course “Early Christianity in the Perspective of Social and Natural Sciences” (other teachers: Dalibor Papoušek and Iva Doležalová)
- UH, Fall 2016: seminar “How to Do Research on Early Christian Rituals” (Dec. 8; 1 hour) as a part of Risto Uro’s master thesis seminar
- UH, Spring 2016: lecture “Ritualization of Early Christian Meal Practices: ‘In the Beginning Was the Meal’” (Feb 4; 1,5 hour) as a part of the course “Ritual Studies” (main lecturer Risto Uro)
- UH, Spring 2015: main lecturer of the course “Ritual and Early Christian Religion”
- MU, Fall 2014: teaching few classes of the course “Early Christianity in the Perspective of Social and Cognitive Sciences” (other teachers: Dalibor Papoušek and Iva Doležalová)
- MU, Fall 2014: lecture “Christian Origins” (September 24; 1,5 hour, in Czech) as a part of the course “Christianity I” (main lecturer: David Zbiral)
- MU, Spring 2014: seminar “Computational Modelling in Social Sciences” (April 10; 1,5 hour, in Czech), as a part of the course “Current Theories in the Study of Religions II”
- MU, Fall 2013: lecture “Christian Origins” (September 23; 1,5 hour, in Czech) as a part of the course “Christianity I” (main lecturer: David Zbiral)
- MU, Spring 2013: lecture “In the Beginning Was the Meal” (February 27; 1,5 hour, in Czech) as a part of the course “The Christian Cult in the Context of Hellenistic Religions” (main lecturer: Iva Doležalová)

INVITATIONS

- 2017: Invited lecture “Poiesis náboženských světů: Univerzália lidské mysli a dynamika náboženských představ” [English title: “A Religious Worlds’ Poiesis: Universalia of the Human Mind and the Dynamics of Religious Representations] as a part of the course “Anthropology of Religion” at the Faculty of Social Studies, Charles University in Prague; invited by Barbora Spalová, Prague (November 27);
- 2017: Invited lecture “The Rise of Christianity: Social-Scientific and Cognitive Perspective” as a part of the course “Economy of Religion” at the University of Economics Prague; invited by Lubomír Cingl, Prague (November 14);

- 2017: Invited talk “Digital Humanities, Cognitive Sciences and the Historical Study of Religion: A Sketch of Possible Overlaps” (Department of Philosophy Internal Seminar, Plzeň, Oct 6 2017);
- 2017: Invited lecture “Rituální efektivita, magické myšlení a placebo: Náčrt kognitivního modelu” [English title: “Ritual Efficacy, Magical Thinking and Placebo: A Sketch of a Cognitive Model”] as a part of the course “Brain as a Symbol” at the Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague; invited by Martin Švantner, Prague (April 26);
- 2016: Invited lecture “Univerzália lidské mysli a dynamika náboženských představ” [English title: “Universalialia of the Human Mind and the Dynamics of Religious Representations”] as a part of the course “Anthropology of Religion” at the Faculty of Social Studies, Charles University in Prague; invited by Barbora Spalová, Prague (November 20);
- 2015: Invited talk “Eucharistic Origins and Magical Beliefs: A Cognitive Reconsideration of the Lord’s Supper Tradition” (invitation by Finnish Exegetical Society for a talk at the Finnish Exegetical Day with the topic Bible and Magic), Helsinki (February 5);
- 2013: Invited talk “‘Kognice je nejvíce’: Koncepce ‘4E-Cognition’ v kontextu religionistiky jako ‘vědy o životě’” [English title: ‘Cognition is the Most’: Conception of ‘4E-cognition’ in the Context of Religious Studies as a ‘Life Science’] (invitation by Prague Association for Religious Studies), Prague (April 3).

EDITORIAL BOARDS AND MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

- 2017/8-present: Member of the Control Committee of the Czech Association for Digital Humanities
- 2013-present: Member of the Czech Association for the Study of Religions
- 2012-2014: Member of Society of Biblical Literature
- 2013/5-2013/12: Executive editor of *Sacra* (ISSN 1214-5351) [[link](#) to the journal English webpage]
- 2009-present: Member of the editorial board of *Sacra* (ISSN 1214-5351)

AWARDS

- 2013: **2nd prize** in the Czech-Slovak student papers competition in the study of religions, Štúrovo (Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University Bratislava, May 24-26) and **1st prize** in the faculty student papers competition in the study of religions, Brno (Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, April 30)
 - Awarded paper: “Rituál, kognice, imitace: Historická religionistika v evoluční perspektive” [English title: Ritual, Cognition, Imitation: Historical study of religions in the evolutionary perspective]
- 2012: **3rd prize** in the Czech-Slovak student papers competition in the study of religions, Kutná hora (Institute of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Charles University, May 4-6) and **2nd prize** the faculty student papers competition in the study of religions, Brno (Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, April 17)
 - Awarded paper: “Létající Šimon, mluvící pes a apoštol Petr: Kontraintuitivní reprezentace ve Skutcích Petrových a literární imaginace pozdní antiky” [English title: Flying Simon, Speaking Dog, and Apostle Peter: Contraintuitive representations in the Acts of Peter and the literary imagination of late antiquity]

- 2011: **1st prize** in the Czech-Slovak student papers competition in the study of religions, Telč (Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, May 24-26) and **1st prize** in the faculty student papers competition in the study of religions, Brno (Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, April 12)
 - Awarded paper: “Kam se poděla ryba? Dějiny jedné (možné) křesťanské reprezentace” [English title: Why Is not Fish on the Menu? History of the one (possible) Christian Representation]
- 2010: **2nd prize** in the Czech-Slovak student papers competition in the study of religions), Štoky u Jihlavy (Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, May 24-26) and **1st prize** in the faculty student papers competition in the study of religions, Brno (Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, April 7)
 - Awarded paper: “Didaché 9-10: Problémy a perspektivy současného bádání” [English title: Didache 9-10: Problems and Perspectives of Contemporary Research]
- 2009: **2nd prize** in the Czech-Slovak student papers competition in the study of religions), Modra (Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University Bratislava, May 18-20) and **2nd prize** in the faculty student papers competition in the study of religions, Brno (Department for the Study of Religions, Masaryk University, April)
 - Awarded paper: “Proč ‘Pomazaný’? Problém s nemesianistickými konotacemi termínu christos v nejstarší křesťanské literatuře” [English title: Why ‘Anointed’? Problem with the non-messianic connotations of the term christos in the earliest Christian Literature]