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"European Societies", 10, 2, 2008, pp. 197-224; Interethnic Partnerships of Western Europeans: Between Preferences and Opportunities, "Revista del Observatorio Europeo de Tendencias Sociales", 1, 1, 2008, pp. 73-89 (with Michael Braun). His main research foci are migration, social stratification, elites, and European integration.

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