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CURRICULUM VITAE

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INSERIRE IL PROPRIO CURRICULUM
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Maria Sapignoli is the Head of the Max Planck independent research group “Alming toward the Future: Policing, Governance, and Artificial Intelligence” at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Germany.

Dr. Sapignoli is an anthropologist who has spent the past decade conducting ethnographic fieldwork in southern Africa as well as in several international organizations, including the United Nations. She has explored topics of institutional reform, indigenous and minority rights, social movements and advocacy and, ultimately, justice. Most recently, she has started a new research project in southern Africa looking at the impacts, possibilities, and risks of the use of drones (UAVs) for conservation, land claims, and anti-poaching policing. This is part of her broader research interest that investigates how Artificial Intelligence and related technologies are being conceptualized, developed, transferred, and applied in governance and in the context of the intensification of state and non-state policing. This new project engages critically and collaboratively with the legal and social

challenges and opportunities presented by the use of digital technologies and big data systems in society and in environmental governance. It also sheds light on the human creators of such technologies, including the values and aspirations that become codified in the programs that they develop.

Before she took up her position as Head of the research group “*AIMing toward the Future*” in January 2020, she was a post-doc in the Department of Law and Anthropology at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. During this period Dr. Sapignoli was granted several fellowships as a visiting fellow and lecturer at numerous universities, including as an O’Brien Fellow in Residence at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism at McGill University (2016); Fellow in Residence at the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, New York University (2018); and Junior Visiting Fellow in the Department of Philosophy, University of Milan (2019).

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Social anthropology, legal anthropology, socio-legal studies, digital technologies and human rights, ethnographic methods, indigenous peoples, Sub-Saharan Africa, global organization, environment, social movements, policing, development.

EDUCATION

2012 PhD in Sociology

University of Essex, UK (16 March).

Title: *The San, the State, and the International Community: Asserting Local Power through Globalised Indigenous Identities.*

Supervisors: Prof. Colin Samson, Prof. Diane Elson.

Examiners: Prof. Megan Bieseke, Prof. Rob Stones.

Fieldwork: Botswana (High Court, Government and NGOs Offices, and Local Communities), United Nations.

-With scholarship-

2007 Laurea Specialistica in Antropologia Culturale ed Etnologia (13 July)

Università degli Studi di Bologna, Italy.

Mark: Summa cum laude (110 e Lode)

Title: *Indigenato e strategie politiche in Botswana: il caso dei Boscimani del Central Kalahari Game Reserve.*

Relatore: Prof. Stefano Allovio

2004 Laurea in Scienze Antropologiche (18 November)

Università degli Studi di Bologna, Italy.

Mark: 107/110

Title: *Il quero un elemento di comunicazione*

Relatore: Prof. Laura Laurencich-Minelli

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

2020- present **Head of Max Planck Independent Research Group** (Principal Investigator)
(5 years, grant awarded on a competitive selection by the President of the Max Planck Society)
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle Saale, Germany
Title Project: *Aliming toward the Future: Policing, Governance, and Artificial Intelligence*

2020-2029 **Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale**
Seconda Fascia, Settore Concorsuale 11/A5, Scienze Demotnoantropologiche,
Bando d.d.2175/2018.
Dal 14/07/2020 al 14/07/2029. Valutazione unanime.

2013-2019 **Research Fellow (post-doc)** (January 2013-June 2019)
Department of Law & Anthropology, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle Saale, Germany.
Research Projects: <https://www.eth.mpg.de/3725502/projects>
1) *Global and local impacts of the discourse on Indigeneity: The transnational San social movement and the peoples of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve;*
2) *The anthropology of global institutions;*
3) *Exclusion, inclusion and marginality: Rights, responsibilities and indigenous peoples.*

2019 **Junior Visiting Fellow** (1 month, February. Competitive selection with grant) Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy.

2018 **Fellow in Residence** (4 months, Sept-Dec. Competitive selection with grant) Faculty of Law, Cornell University, USA (I have declined the offer)

2018 **Fellow in Residence** (6 months, Jan-June. Competitive selection without grant) Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, Faculty of Law, New York University, USA
Research Project: *Algorithmic technologies and human rights: An anthropological approach* <https://chrgj.org/people/maria-sapignoli/>

2016 **O'Brien Fellow in Residence** (6 months, Jan-June. Competitive selection with grant). McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, Faculty of Law, McGill University, Canada <https://www.mcgill.ca/humanrights/aboutus/fellows/past-fellows>
Research Project: *Indigenous and minority rights in Southern Africa*

2014 **Visiting Scholar and Lecturer** (6 months, Jan-June. Competitive selection with grant and teaching contract)
Department of Anthropology, McGill University, Canada
Research Project: *Indigenous peoples' land rights in Botswana*

2012-2013 **Affiliation Visiting Fellow** (April-Dec. Competitive selection without grant) School of Advanced Study, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London, UK

- 2012 **Affiliation Visiting Fellow** (January-April. Competitive selection without grant). Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities, University of Essex, UK.
- 2012 **Coordinator of research group**. Fact Finding Mission on the effect of the CKGR legal cases. First People Worldwide, USA (October - November). Place: Botswana
- 2011 **Coordinator of research group** *Social Impact Assessment anthropological analysis of the Ghanzi Copper Project Area, Western Botswana*. Social Impact Assessments and Policy Analysis Corporation, US-Namibia. (November) Place: Botswana
- 2010-2011 **Visiting PhD Fellow** (without grant). Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, USA.
- 2010 **Internship** (internship Jan-March). International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Indigenous and Tribal Issues. Policy and Technical Advisory Division, Rome, Italy.
- 2009 **Internship** (internship Jan-June) United Nations Headquarters, Department of Social and Economic Affairs, New York, Division of the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

TEACHING

- 2019 **Lecturer** of the course: *Human Rights, Lawfare and the Juridification of Politics*, PhD Course CFU 2 Total hours 10, I designed and thought the course. Università degli Studi di Milano Statale, Dipartimento di Filosofia, Italy.
- 2014 **Lecturer** of the course *ANTH 322: Social Change in Modern Africa*, Department of Anthropology, McGill University, Canada (Winter 2014). I designed and thought the course. Undergraduate Course (181 students enrolled), 14 weeks, total hrs. 39. I supervised 3 teaching assistants.
- 2014 **Lecturer** of the course *ANTH 348/LAWG 537: Indigenous Peoples and the Anthropology of Law*. Course thought and designed with Prof. Ronald Niezen, Department of Anthropology and Faculty of Law, McGill University, Canada (Winter 2014). MA Course, 14 weeks, total hrs. 39.
- 2013 **Lecturer** in a short Seminar with Pierrot Ross-Tremblay. *Doing Fieldwork in indigenous communities: Practical, Political, and Ethical Dimensions*, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa. 4 hours.

GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020-2025 Independent Research Group Leader Grant, Max Planck Society.
- May 2017-present. CICADA project, collaborator. Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture (FRQSC), Regroupements stratégiques (Strategic Clusters) funding program. Principal Investigator, Prof. Colin Scott, Department of Anthropology, McGill University.
- 2019 February, Junior Visiting Fellow (with grant), Dipartimento di Filosofia, Università Statale di Milano
- 2018 September-December, Fellow in Residence (with grant), Cornell University, Faculty of Law (Offer declined)
- 2018 January-June, Fellow in Residence (without grant), New York University, Center For Human Rights and Global Justice, Faculty of Law

2016 January-June, O'Brien Fellowship in Residence (with grant), Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, Faculty of Law McGill University
2014 January-June, PhD Fellowship (with grant) Department of Anthropology, McGill University
2011 University of Essex, Small Grant for research, Department of Sociology
2009 University of Essex, Small Grant for research, Department of Sociology
2007 University of Essex, PhD scholarship, Department of Sociology
2005-06 Erasmus Grant (12 Months) Bologna University and University of Essex, *First Class with distinction/honors*.

LEADING, PARTICIPATION, COLLABORATION IN GROUP RESEARCH

January 2020- ongoing.

Independent Research Group Leader at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology.

Grant for 5 years with possibility of 2 years extension. The grant was given by the President of the Max Planck Society on the base of a competitive selection

<https://www.mpg.de/career/max-planck-research-groups>

Founded research/Project Title: *Aiming toward the Future: Policing, Governance and Artificial Intelligence*. This is an anthropological study of the creation, adoption, and use of AI and related digital systems in governance and policing

<https://www.eth.mpg.de/5357002/news-2019-12-16-01>

Specific Functions: I select, supervise, coordinate, and lead a research group composed by post-docs; PhD student (selection phase); and administrative staff. I also have my own budget for personnel and resources. The group leaders can use the approved budget at their own discretion.

July 2017- ongoing.

Collaborator <https://cicada.world/partners/academics/collaborators/>

Project: Centre for Indigenous Conservation and Development Alternatives (CICADA) project <https://cicada.world>

Funding: Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture (FRQSC), Regroupements stratégiques (Strategic Clusters) funding program. Principal Investigator, Prof. Colin Scott, Department of Anthropology, McGill University.

Specific functions: I collaborate with the southern Africa partnership.

2012 (October-November)

Coordinating small research group.

Project: 'Fact Finding Mission on the effect of the CKGR legal cases'

Founding: First People Worldwide, USA. Place: Botswana

Specific Function: Leading and coordinating small research group and writing final report

2011 (November)

Coordinating small research group

Project: *Social Impact Assessment anthropological analysis of the Ghanzi Copper Project Area, Western Botswana*.

Funding: Social Impact Assessments and Policy Analysis Corporation, US-Namibia (November). Place: Botswana

Specific Functions: Leading and coordinating small research group and co-writing final report

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Monographs

2018 Sapignoli Maria. *Hunting Justice: Displacement, Law, and Activism in the Kalahari*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 412.

To be submitted 2020, Sapignoli Maria, and Hitchcock Robert. K. *People, Parks, and Power: The Ethics of Conservation-Related Resettlement*. New York and London: Springer. (Under contract)

Edited Volumes

Forthcoming. Foblets Marie-Claire, Goodale Mark, Sapignoli Maria, and Zenker Olaf (eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Law and Anthropology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (Under contract)

To be Submitted 2020, Foblets Marie-Claire, Sapignoli Maria, and Donahoe Brian (eds.). *Anthropological Expertise in Legal Practice*, Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group (Under contract)

2017 Niezen Ronald, and Sapignoli Maria (eds.). *Palaces of Hope: The Anthropology of Global Organizations*. Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 350

2017 Sapignoli Maria, Hitchcock Robert K, and Mangiameli Gaetano (eds.). *La Questione Indigena in Africa*, Biblioteca di Studi Antropologici, Milano: UNICOPLI, pp.341

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

2017 Sapignoli Maria. ‘‘Bushmen’’ in the Law: Evidence and Identity in Botswana’s High Court’. *Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)* 4 (2): 210-225

2015 Sapignoli Maria. ‘Dispossession in the Age of Humanity: Human Rights, Citizenship, and Indigeneity in the Central Kalahari’. *Anthropological Forum: Journal of Social Anthropology and Comparative Sociology* 25(3): 285-305.

2015 Hitchcock Robert K., Sapignoli Maria, Main Mike, and Babchuk Wayne. ‘The Politics and Economics of Community-Based Natural Resource Management in /Xai/Xai, Western Ngamiland, Botswana’. *African Study Monographs* 36(4): 211-260.

2015 Hitchcock Robert K., Sapignoli Maria, and Babchuk Wayne. ‘Settler Colonialism, Conflict, and Genocide: Interactions between Hunter-Gatherers and Settlers in Kenya and Zimbabwe and Northern Botswana’. *Settler Colonial Studies* 5 (1): 40-65. (published online 2014)

2014 Sapignoli Maria. ‘Mobility, Land Use, and Leadership in Small-Scale Societies and Middle Range Societies’. *Reviews in Anthropology* 43 (1): 35-78.

- 2013 Sapignoli Maria, and Hitchcock Robert K. 'Indigenous Peoples in Southern Africa'. *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs* 102(4): 355-365. Special issue on indigenous peoples.
- 2013 Sapignoli Maria, and Hitchcock Robert. 'A Chronology of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Update III: 2002-2011'. *Botswana Notes and Records* 45:52-65.
- 2011 Hitchcock Robert K., Sapignoli Maria, and Babchuk Wayne. 'What about Our Rights? Settlements, Subsistence, and Livelihood Security among Central Kalahari San and Bakgalagadi'. *The International Journal of Human Rights* 15(1): 62-88.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming* Sapignoli Maria, and Niezen Ronald. 'Global Legal Institutions'. In: Foblets Marie-Claire, Goodale Mark, Sapignoli Maria, and Zenker Olaf (eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Law and Anthropology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (under contract).
- Forthcoming* Foblets Marie-Claire, Goodale Mark, Sapignoli Maria, and Zenker Olaf. 'Introduction'. In: Foblets Marie-Claire, Goodale Mark, Sapignoli Maria, and Zenker Olaf (eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Law and Anthropology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (under contract).
- To be Submitted* 2020. Foblets Marie Claire, Sapignoli Maria, and Donahoe Brian. 'Introduction'. In: Foblets Marie-Claire, Sapignoli Maria, and Donahoe Brian (eds). *Anthropological Expertise in Legal Practice*, Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group (under contract).
- 2020 Hitchcock Robert K., and Sapignoli Maria. 'The San of Southern Africa'. In: Neely Sharlotte and Hume Douglas (eds). *Native Nations, The Survival of Indigenous Peoples* (3rd Edition). Tonasket: JCharlton Publishing Ltd, pp. 199-228.
- 2019 Hitchcock Robert K., and Sapignoli Maria. 'The Economic Wellbeing of the San of the Western, Central, and Eastern Kalahari Regions of Botswana'. In: Fleming Christopher, Manning Matthew (eds). *Routledge Handbook of Indigenous Wellbeing*. Routledge International Handbook. New York: Routledge, Taylor and Francis, pp. 170-183.
- 2019 Foblets Marie-Claire, and Sapignoli Maria. 'Law and Anthropology'. In: Callan Hilary (ed). *The International Encyclopedia of Anthropology* 7. Hoboken; Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 3644-3662.
- 2017 Sapignoli Maria. 'A Kaleidoscopic Institutional Form: Expertise and Transformation in the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues'. In: Niezen Ronald, and Sapignoli Maria, (eds). *Palaces of Hope: The Anthropology of Global Organizations*. Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 78-105.
- 2017 Niezen Ronald, and Sapignoli Maria. 'Introduction'. In: Ronald Niezen, and Maria Sapignoli (eds.). *Palaces of Hope: The Anthropology of Global Organizations*. Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-30.

- 2017 Sapignoli Maria. 'Indigenità a Processo: il Caso del Kalahari Centrale alla Corte Suprema del Botswana'. In: Sapignoli Maria, Hitchcock Robert K, Mangiameli Gaetano (eds). *La Questione Indigena in Africa*. Biblioteca di Studi Antropologici, Milano: UNICOPLI, pp. 117-148.
- 2017 Sapignoli Maria, Hitchcock Robert, and Mangiameli Gaetano. 'Introduzione'. In: Sapignoli Maria, Hitchcock Robert K, and Mangiameli Gaetano. (eds). *La Questione Indigena in Africa*. Biblioteca di Studi Antropologici, Milano: UNICOPLI, pp. 7-34.
- 2017 Hitchcock Robert K, and Sapignoli Maria. 'The San of Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe'. In: Neely Charlotte (ed). *Native Nations: The Survival of Fourth World Peoples* (2nd Edition). Tonasket: WAJ. Charlton Publishing, pp. 239-259.
- 2017 Sapignoli Maria. 'The Struggle to "be San". Indigenous Peoples and Access to Land in Southern Africa'. In: Fiamingo Cristiana (ed). *Problems and Progress in Land, Water and Resources Rights at the Beginning of the Third Millennium*. Milano: Altravista, pp. 209-234. ISBN: 9788899688158
- 2016 Sapignoli Maria. 'Indigenous Mobilization and Activism: The San, the Botswana State, and the International Community'. In: Lennox Corinne, and Short Damien (eds.). *Handbook of Indigenous Peoples' Rights*, New York; London: Routledge, pp. 268-281.
- 2016 Hitchcock Robert K., and Sapignoli Maria. '21st Century Foraging among Western and Central Kalahari San'. In: Kramer Karen, and Codding Brian (eds.). *Why Forage? Hunting and Gathering in the 21st Century*. School for Advanced Research Seminars Series. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, pp. 89-111.
- 2013 Hitchcock Robert K., and Sapignoli Maria. 'Estrategias San para la Defensa de Los Derechos sobre Tierras y Recursos en Africa Meridional'. In: Felipe Gomez Isa, and Mikel Berraondo (eds). *Los Derechos Indigenas tras la Declaracion: El Desafio de la Implementacion*, Derechos Humanos 20. Bilbao: Publicaciones de la Universidad de Deusto, pp. 365-388.
- 2013 Sapignoli Maria, and Hitchcock Robert K. 'Development and Dispossession: Land Reform in Botswana'. In: Evers Sandra, Seagle Caroline, and Krijten Froukje (eds.). *Africa for Sale? Positioning the State, Land and Society in Foreign Large-Scale Land Acquisitions in Africa*. Afrika-Studiecentrum Series 29. Leiden, Boston, and Tokyo: Brill Academic Publishers, pp. 131-157.
- 2012 Hitchcock Robert K., and Sapignoli Maria. 'The Indigenous World'. In: Fardon Richard, Harris Olivia, Marchand Trevor H.J., Nuttall Mark, Shore Cris, Strang Veronica, and Wilson Richard A. (eds.). *The Sage Handbook of Social Anthropology, Volume 1*, Los Angeles and London: Sage Publications, pp. 538-546.
- 2009 Sapignoli Maria. 'Indigeneity and the Expert: Negotiating Identity in the Case of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve'. In: Freeman Michael, and Napier David (eds.). *Law and Anthropology. Current Legal Issues 12*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 247-268.
- 2005 Sapignoli Maria. 'Il Quero un elemento di comunicazione'. In: Venturoli Sofia (ed.). *Appunti di Campo: Nuovi Studi in Omaggio a Laura Laurencich Minelli*. Bologna: Quaderni del Dipartimento di Discipline Storiche, CLUEB, pp. 25-46.

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 Sapignoli Maria. 'The Future of Anthropology of Law'. In: Emergent Conversations: Part 6, *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* <https://polarjournal.org/maria-sapignoli-max-planck-institute-for-social-anthropology/>
- 2012 Sapignoli Maria. 'Boundaries and Bushmen: The Central Kalahari Game Reserve Then and Now.' *Anthropology News*, February 2012.
- 2012 Sapignoli Maria. 'Central Kalahari: Development, Identity and Indigenous Peoples' Rights'. In: Repetti Elisa (ed.). *Raccolta conferenza Popoli Indigeni e Sviluppo*, Università degli Studi di Milano, Scienze Politiche.

In addition, I co-wrote the book chapters on Botswana for the *Indigenous World* for four years (2010, 2011, 2012, 2016). Copenhagen: *International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs*.

REPORTS

- 2016 Sapignoli Maria, and contributing authors Robert K. Hitchcock, Renè Kuppe, Alexandra Tomaselli. 'San and Bakgalagadi peoples' land rights and the cases of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve in Botswana' *Report for the International Law Association*.
- 2016 Sapignoli Maria. 'Health and HIV in Southern Africa'. United Nations Expert Seminar on Indigenous Peoples and the Right to Health, Organized by Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights and the Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University, Montreal, Canada (21-22 February).
- 2012 Sapignoli Maria. 'The Central Kalahari Game Reserve'. Report to First Peoples Worldwide, USA.
- 2011 Sapignoli Maria, and Hitchcock Robert K. *Social Impact Assessment: Anthropological Analysis of the Ghanzi Copper Project Area, Western Botswana*. Loci Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Policy Analysis Corporation [SIAPAC], Gaborone, Botswana.

PRESENTATIONS AND ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2019 Panel, co-organized with Ronald Niezen: 'Justice, Advocacy, and Dissidence in the New Information Ecosystem'. 117th American Anthropological Association/CASCA, annual conference, 2019, Vancouver, Canada, 20-24 November.
- 2018 Conference, co-organized with Marie-Claire Foblets, Olaf Zenker, and Mark Goodale, *International Conference on Law and Anthropology*, Berlin, Germany 30 Nov-2 Dec.
- 2018 Panel, co –organized with Prof. Sung-In Jun and Prof. Tatsuhiko Yamamoto. 'Idea Stream Data Governance'. Meridian 180 Global Summit. Digital Humanities. Hong Kong, 14-17 June.

- 2016 Conference, co-organized with Marie-Claire Foblets, 'Anthropological Expertise in Legal Practice', Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Department of Law and Anthropology, Halle Saale, Germany 22-23 June.
- 2015 Panel organizer, 'Hunter and Gatherers and the Law', Conference of Hunting and Gathering Societies CHAGS 2015, Vienna, Austria, 7-11 September.
- 2015 Workshop, co-organized with Ronald Niezen, *Palaces of Hope: The Anthropology of Global Institutions*, Faculty of Law and Department of Anthropology, McGill University, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Montreal, Canada, 30 April -4 May.
- 2013 Workshop, co-organized with Pierrot Ross-Tremblay. 'Doing Fieldwork in Indigenous Communities: Practical, Political, and Ethical Dimensions'. Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, Canada, 1 December.
- 2013 Seminar in the Martin Luther University, Law Faculty (MLU). Speaker: Julian Burger (University of Essex) "Law after Lunch" Title "Making International Law: the Story behind the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

INVITED PRESENTATION

- 2020 *Alming Toward the Future*, MPRGL Meeting, 27-28 May 2020 (online).
- 2019 'The Digitalization of Bureaucracy: New Technologies in the Practice of Global Organizations', Institutstag 2019, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany. 14 November.
- 2019 REAL ML Workshop. WORKSTREAM: Ecosystem" Sponsored by MacArthur Foundation, Berlin, Germany, 2-4 October.
- 2018 *African Studies Workshop*, Harvard University. Organized by John and Jean Comaroff, USA, 5 November. (Postponed).
- 2018 'Machine Learning, Inequality, and the Challenge of Bias', Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, (Roundtable) Berlin. Germany 3 July.
- 2018 'Understanding AI and Us', Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, (Workshop), Berlin, Germany 30 June.
- 2018 'Data Governance', Digital Humanities, Meridian 180 International Conference, Hong Kong 12-16 June.
- 2017 'African Indigenous Movement and Indigeneity in Southern Africa', Seminar, Göttingen University, Germany, 16 May.
- 2018 'The Social and Environmental Life of Algorithms', Lecture, Center for Human Rights and Global Governance, New York University, USA, 11 May.
- 2018 'AI and Human Rights', Data & Society, (Workshop), New York, USA. 26-27 April.

- 2018 'Indigenous Peoples' Rights and the Environment', Lecture, Columbia University, New York, USA, 2 April.
- 2017 'The 7th Human Rights and Science Symposium', hosted by the Council of Finnish Academies and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, Helsinki, Finland. 28-29 September (canceled).
- 2016 'The San and Indigenous Rights in Practice', O'Brien Fellows Forum, Faculty of Law and Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University, Canada, 24 May.
- 2016 'Dilemmas, Insecurities, and Opportunities in Multi-Positioned Ethnography', Workshop: *Collaborative Dilemmas*, the project *UNESCO frictions* EHESS, Paris, France. 11-14 April.
- 2016 'Health and HIV in Southern Africa', United Nations Expert Seminar on Indigenous Peoples and the Right to Health, Organized by Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights and ISID McGill, Canada. 21-22 February.
- 2015 'Doing Ethnography in Global Institutions: The case of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues', Workshop: *Studying Macro-Practices in (International) Institutions: Chances and Limitations of Theory Building*, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, 26-27 November.
- 2015 'The Struggle to be San: Indigenous Peoples and Access to Land and Resources Rights in Southern Africa', EU sponsored *Conference on Land, Water and Resources Rights*. Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy, 6-8 July.
- 2015 'Indigenismo in Africa: Identità Globali e Rivendicazioni Locali', in seminar series *Contesti Locali, dinamiche globali. Seminario di Antropologia Culturale*, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy, 1 April.
- 2013 'Access to Justice and the Kgotla in Botswana', University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, Canada, 3 December.
- 2013 Discussant, 'Indigenous Women's Rights in the Commonwealth: Prospects and Challenges, at *The Commonwealth's First Nations: Rights, Status and Struggles in the run up to the UN World Conference on Indigenous Peoples*, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Advanced Studies, London. UK. 26 September.
- 2013 'Land Rights, Mines and Indigenous Peoples', School of Advanced Study, University of London, 26 March.
- 2013 'Workshop on Current Challenges Facing Indigenous Peoples – Lands, Resources and Extractive Industries', Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London, UK, 27 March.
- 2012 'Botswana and Namibia: a Comparative Analysis of their Policies towards the San', University of Essex, Colchester, UK.
- 2012 Discussant, *Africa Workshop, Local Communities and the State in Africa: Botswana's Exceptionalism*, University of Botswana, Gaborone, Botswana.

- 2012 'The Case of the "Bushmen" of Botswana', *Workshop on Indigenous Peoples and Self Determination*, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, UK.
- 2012 'Returning to the Reserve: Resistance and Revitalization in the Central Kalahari, Botswana', Conference: *Ecocultures 2012: Transitions to Sustainability*, University of Essex, Colchester, UK.
- 2011 'The Central Kalahari: Development, Indigenous Identities and Rights', Conference: *Diritti Umani e Popoli Indigeni: tra locale e globale, tra autonomia e cooperazione*, Department of Political Sciences, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy.
- 2011 co-presented with Hitchcock Robert K., *Fifty Years of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve (1961-2011): A History of Land Use, Contested Resources, Legal Rights, and Justice among Indigenous Peoples*. Nebraska Academy of Sciences, 118th annual meeting, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA.

PAPERS PRESENTED IN CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2019 'New Technologies in the Practices of Global Organizations' in the panel *Justice, Advocacy, and Dissidence in the New Information Ecosystem* organized by Sapignoli M, Niezen R., 117th annual meeting American Anthropological Association/CASCA 2019, Vancouver, Canada, 20-24 November.
- 2017 'How and Where does Anthropology Matter for Indigenous Rights? Activism, Expertise and Collaboration in Botswana and in the United Nations'. Annual Meeting Executive Session: *Why does Anthropology Matter when Engaging Publics in the Recognition of Indigenous Rights?* Organized by F. Dussart, N. Peterson, P. Vaarzon-Morel, 116th annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Washington, DC, USA 1 December.
- 2016 'Roundtable on The Future of Legal Anthropology', Organized by Rita Kesselring, *Evidence. Accident. Discovery*. 115th annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Minneapolis, USA, 17 November.
- 2016 'Belonging and Commodification in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, Botswana', Political Ecology-3C Conference, Wageningen, the Netherlands 7-9 July.
- 2015 'NGOs and Movements in Transition: Comparative Perspectives from Southern Africa', Panel: *Ethnographic Perspectives on Movement Cycles in Contemporary Activism* organized by Storey A, Staube L, 114th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, USA, 21 November.
- 2015 'Building Alliances: Tensions, Expectations, and Cunning Conundrums', Panel *Research and Activism among the Kalahari San today: Ideals, Challenges and Debates*, CHAGS 2015 Vienna, Austria, 7-11 September.
- 2014 'Spaces of Indigenous Politics: from the Kalahari to the United Nations', in Lawy J., Osawa, *"Indigenous" Space and Local Politics* ASA Decennial: Anthropology and Enlightenment, Edinburgh, Scotland. 19-22 June.

- 2014 Hitchcock K., Maria Sapignoli, and Wayne A. Babchuk, 'Mobility, Sedentism, and Survival: Impacts of Conservation and Development-Related Resettlement in the Savannas of the Western and Central Kalahari, Botswana'. Paper presented in a session entitled *African Destinations: Agriculture and Adaptations in the Highlands and Savannas of Eastern and Southern Africa*, 74th annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA), Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, March 18-22.
- 2013 'Speaking like the Law': Negotiating Indigenous Rights Claims in Botswana Courts', In *Negotiating Normative Spaces: Insights from and into African Judicial Encounters*. MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany 7–8 November.
- 2013 'In the Name of the State: Contradictions between Law and Practices in Botswana Policies Involving Resource Rights, and Development of Rural Populations' Panel: *Acting in the Name of the State: Practices, Practical Norms and the Law in Books*, European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), Lisbon, Portugal, 17-29 June.
- 2013 'Indigenesness in Translation: Contested Concepts of Indigeneity and Marginality in Botswana and Namibia'. Panel: *What is Lost and What is Gained in Translation? "Indigenous Peoples" in Different Legal Spaces*. Law and Society Conference, Boston, USA. 2 June.
- 2013 'Ethnographic Methods in the Anthropological/Legal Study of International Organizations', Workshop EMALSIO, Max Planck Institute, Halle Saale Germany.
- 2012 'Peoples, Politics and Places: Asserting Local Power through Globalized Indigenous Identities. The San of the Central Kalahari'. Symposium: *Humanity and the San: Rights, Recognition, and Liberal Democracy*, Fred Klaits, Chair, Invited Panel from the Africanist Anthropology Association, 111th annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco. USA, 15 November.
- 2010 co-presented with Robert Hitchcock K. 'Local Justice and Legal Rights among Indigenous and Minority Peoples of the Central Kalahari, Botswana', Panel: *Transitional Justice: Global Mechanisms and Local Realities after Genocide and Mass Violence*, Alexander Hinton, chair and organizer, 109th annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), New Orleans, USA.
- 2010 co-presented with Hitchcock Robert K., *Development and Dispossession: Land Reform in Botswana*, NVAS Conference on "Africa for Sale": Analyzing and Theorizing Foreign Land Claims and Acquisitions, University of Groningen, The Netherlands.
- 2008 'The Anthropologist as Expert and Factual Witness: The Central Kalahari Case.' Law and Anthropology Conference, University College London, UK.
- 2008 'The Central Kalahari Game Reserve Court Case', Sociology Department Doctoral Conference, University of Essex, UK.

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