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Publications in recent years (selection): (with Gebauer): *Mimesis. Culture, Art, Society*, University of California Press: 1995; (French edition au cerf, Paris 2005; Italian edition 2007); *Education in Europe. An Intercultural Task*, ed., Münster/New York 1995; *Education for the 21st Century. Commonalities and Diversities*, ed., Münster/New York 1998; (with Gebauer): *Spiel-Ritual-Geste*, Reinbek 1998, (Danish 2001; French 2004; Japanese edition in preparation); (with Dibia): *Ethnosociologie des échanges interculturels*, Paris 1998; (with Schäfer): *Bild, Bilder, Bildung*, ed., Weinheim 1999; (with Kamper) : *Logik und Leidenschaft*, ed., Berlin 2002; *Traité d'anthropologie: Philosophie, cultures, histoires*, éd, Paris 2002; *Corpo, cosmo, cultura. Enciclopedia antropologica*, ed., Milano 2002; *Anthropology of Education*, Münster/New York 2002; (French 1999; German 2001 ; Spanish. 2004; Portugese 2005); (et alii): *Das Soziale als Ritual. Zur performativen Bildung von Gemeinschaften*, Opladen 2001, (French 2004 ; English edition in preparation); *Anthropologie. Geschichte, Kultur, Philosophie*, Reinbek 2004 (Russian 2007, English and Chinese in preparation); (et alii): *Bildung im Ritual*, Wiesbaden 2004; (with Zirfas.) *Die Kultur des Rituals*, ed. München 2004; Hermès 43, 2005: *Rituels*; (with Zirfas), *Ikonologie des Performativen*, ed., München 2005 ; *Zur Genese des Sozialen*, Bielefeld 2005; (with Hüppauf, eds.), *Bild und Einbildungskraft*, München 2006; (with Brandstedter, eds.), *Tanz als Anthropologie*, München 2007; *Une anthropologie historique et culturelle. Rituels, mimésis sociale et performativité*, Paris 2007; *Anthropologie kultureller Vielfalt*, Bielefeld 2006; et alii, *Lernkulturen im Umbruch*, Wiesbaden 2007 ; (with v. Braun, eds.), *Mythen des Bluts*, Frankfurt/M. 2007 ; (with Zirfas eds.), *Pädagogik des Performativen* 2007.

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