

## Religious Diversity Colloquium

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### “Father Samba. Politics of Nerves and Catholic Redemptive Psychiatry in colonial Senegambia”

Annalisa Butticci is a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity. Her research interests include anthropology and sociology of religion, Christianity and colonialism, Roman Catholicism, West Africa and African diasporas, mobility and migration, visual studies, narrative methods and life stories. She has conducted extensive research in Italy, Nigeria, Ghana, and the US. Her latest book *African Pentecostals in Catholic Europe: The Politics of Presence in the Twenty-First Century* (Harvard University Press, 2016) was awarded honorable mention by the 2017 Clifford Geertz Prize committee in recognition of its contribution to the anthropological study of religion and it was nominated for the 2020 Louisville Grawemeyer Award, a recognition that honors highly significant contributions to religious and spiritual understanding.

She is the co-director of the film/documentary “Enlarging the Kingdom. African Pentecostalism in Italy”, editor of the photographic catalogue “Na God. Aesthetics of African Charismatic Power”, curator of several photographic and multimedia exhibitions and author of video and sound essays and of articles published in scientific journals and edited volumes.

