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PhD on Stefan George. Habilitation on the Crises
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Books on (selection)

„The Aesthetics of Violence“, the phenomenon of trust,
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