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Among his most recent publications:

- 2007: (with Michael Friendly) *Visualizing Nature and Society*, Chapter 5 in: Akerman, James R. and Robert W. Karrow, Jr. (eds.), *Maps: Finding Our Place in the World*, Chicago, University of Chicago Press.

- 2006: *Le monde au naturel. L'atlas sphéroïdal et universel de F. A. Garnier* [The natural world. The spheroidal and universal atlas], in *Revue de la Bibliothèque Nationale* 24, 38-45.

- 2005: *Le projet de standardisation de la cartographie militaire en France au XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle* [The military cartography standardisation project in 19<sup>th</sup> c. France], pp. 47-69 in: Dias, Maria Helena and Garcia, João Carlos (eds.), *História da Cartografia Militar (séculos XVIII-XIX)*, Viana do Castelo, Camara Municipal.

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