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- *Carnaval, ritual e arte [Carnival, ritual and arts]*. Rio de Janeiro: 7Letras, 2015.
- *Reconhecimentos: antropologia, folclore e cultura popular [Recognitions: anthropology, folklore and popular culture.]* Rio de Janeiro: Aeroplano, 2012
- *Carnaval Carioca: dos bastidores ao desfile*. [Carnival in Rio: from the backstage to the parade]. Rio de Janeiro: EdUFRJ 3rd., 2006.
- *O Mundo Invisível: cosmologia, sistema ritual e noção da pessoa no Espiritismo [The Invisible World: Cosmology, ritual system and notion of the personhood in kardecism]*. Rio de Janeiro: Zahar Eds, 1983.