

Program vs 2 October 2023

# Religion in Motion – Between Borders and Belonging





Date 2 October 2023  
Reference Program

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RELIGION IN MOTION - BETWEEN  
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DUTCH ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
STUDY OF RELIGION (NGG). FROM  
1 TO 3 NOVEMBER 2023.**

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# 1 Program

| <b>NOVEMBER 1 - Wednesday</b> |  |   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| 09:00-09:45                   | Arrival and Registration   | Overloop EOS (first floor)                                |
| 09:45-10:00                   | Opening<br>Welcome by the Dean<br>FPTR; chair NGG;<br>organization committee   | Theaterzaal C   |
| 10:00-11:30                   | Plenary I - Nadia Fadil &<br>Basit Iqbal, title to be<br>announced   | Theaterzaal C   |
| 11:30-12:30                   | Lunch  | Overloop EOS (first floor)                                |
| 12:30-14:00 (1.5 hour)        | <b>Parallel I</b><br>1. Spiritual Decline and<br>Ascent<br>2. Theorizing<br>(Im)mobility   | EOS<br>N01.170/N01.180/N01.350                            |
| 14:00-14:30                   | Coffee break   | Overloop EOS (first floor)                                |
| 14:30-16:30 (2 hour)          | <b>Parallel II</b><br>1. Religion on the move<br>after the rise of<br>populism: studying<br>21st dynamics of<br>'religion' on social<br>media<br>2. Care and Community<br>3. Discrimination and<br>Prejudice | EOS<br>N01.170/N01.180/N01.350                            |
| 18:30                         | Dinner at De Hemel   | Restaurant de Hemel<br>Franseplaats 1<br>6511 VS Nijmegen |
| 20:00-21:30                   | Public Event, together with<br>Radboud Reflects:<br>Obedience and the Devil:<br>Colonialism and Religion in<br>Africa, with Birgit Meyer,<br>Erik Meinema, and François<br>Manga                             | Restaurant de Hemel<br>Franseplaats 1<br>6511 VS Nijmegen |

| <b>NOVEMBER 2 - Thursday</b> |   |   |
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| 09:00-10:30 (1.5 hour)       | <b>Parallel III</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Divine Movements</li> <li>2. Diasporic Mobility and Belonging</li> <li>3. Navigating Refugee Crises</li> </ol>  | EOS<br>N01.170/N01.180/N01.350                            |
| 10:30-11:00                  | Coffee break  | Overloop EOS (first floor)                                |
| 11:00-12:30                  | Plenary II: “Global Orthodox Christian Movements” (ERC project)   | Theaterzaal C   |
| 12:30-13:30                  | Lunch   | Overloop EOS (first floor)                                |
| 13:30-15:00 (1.5 hour)       | <b>Parallel IV</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spatiality and Urbanization</li> <li>2. Architecture and Material Culture</li> <li>3. Rituals and Performance</li> </ol>   | EOS<br>EOS N01.170/N01.180/<br>N01.770/N01.780            |
| 15:00-15:30                  | Coffee break  | Overloop EOS (first floor)                                |
| 15:30-17:30 (2 hour)         | <b>Parallel V</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Human Mobility and Identity Formation: Judaeon/Jewish and Christian Voices from Antiquity</li> <li>2. Upholding Confessional Borders in the (Early) Modern Netherlands: Movable Relics, Migrants, and Bastions of the Virgin Mary</li> <li>3. Global Minorities</li> <li>4. The Medium and the Message</li> </ol> | EOS N01.170/N01.180/<br>N01.770/N01.780                   |
| 19:00                        | Dinner at De Hemel  | Restaurant de Hemel<br>Franseplaats 1<br>6511 VS Nijmegen |

| <b>NOVEMBER 3 - Friday</b> |   |                                |
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| 09:00-11:00 (2 hour)       | <b>Parallel VI</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thinking Beyond ‘Religion as Migrant Support Network’: Subjectivity, Sociality and the Making of Religion in New (Sacred) Geographies</li> <li>2. Law and Governance</li> <li>3. Race, Religion and Mixedness: Experiences of Difference among Mixed Couples in the Netherlands</li> </ol> | EOS<br>N01.170/N01.180/N01.770 |
| 11:00-11:30                | Coffee Break  | Overloop EOS (first floor)     |
| 11:30-12:30                | Keynote II, Carly Crouch<br>“Involuntary Migration, Strategies of Identity Construction, and Religious Diversity”   | Theaterzaal C                  |
| 12:30-13:30                | Lunch   | Overloop EOS (first floor)     |
| 13:30-14:30                | Closing Conversation  | Theaterzaal C                  |
| 15:00-17:00                | Guided walk religious heritage Nijmegen   |                                |



## 2 Panels

### **SPIRITUAL DECLINE AND ASCENT (1.5 hour)**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Dave Viegenthart | The Growing Popularity of Meaningless Spirituality: Crossing Cultural Borders in Metamodern Quests for Meaning in Neo-Advaita |
| Thomas Quartier  | Stability in Motion   |
| Jenia Gorbanenko | Which way to Heaven?: new icons of spiritual ascent in the Space Age  |
| Jamel Velji      | Mahdis in Motion: Ibn Qasi, the Fatimids, and the End of the World  |

### **THEORIZING (IM)MOBILITY (1.5 hour)**

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| Nathal M. Dessing     | Portable Religion, Migration, and Belonging  |
| Paschalina T. Garidou | Lessons from the Romans to enrich our understanding of borders: a dialogue between the border gods Janus, Terminus, Pluto, Mercury, and Trivia |
| Julie Cordeiro        | Mission from the Margins: How Brazilian Migrants are Engaged in Informal Mission.  |
| Rahul B N             | Understanding the Role of Folk religion and its impact on the settlement of Kallar Communities in Madurai District, Tamil Nadu, India          |

### **RELIGION ON THE MOVE AFTER THE RISE OF POPULISM: STUDYING 21ST DYNAMICS OF 'RELIGION' ON SOCIAL MEDIA (2 hour)**

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| Ernst van den Hemel<br>Kirsten Smeets<br>Sakina Loukili<br>Cedric Waterschoot |
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### **CARE AND COMMUNITY (2 hour)**

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| Amy Casteel     | (Dis)location—perspective in conversation between religion and migration.                      |
| Daan Oostveen   | Rhizomatic religious belonging as dynamic belonging  |
| Davide Bertelli | Transgressing Borders/Transgressive Boundaries: Liminal Belongings of LGBTQ+ Migrants of Faith |



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| Elham Vatankhahan   | The Generation Ties: Encountering Restraining Rules in Different Migrant Generations  |
| Francesco Cerchiaro | “Becoming a father”. Masculinity, fatherhood and migration in the life stories of Muslim men married outside their religious group in Italy and Belgium |

### **DISCRIMINATION AND PREJUDICE (2 hour)**

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|----------------|--|
| Markha Valenta | Islamophobia on the Move: Local Repertoire, Global Flow  |
| Paul Vermeer   | From exclusion to inclusion? Shifting attitudes towards ethnic minorities and Muslims among Dutch evangelicals |
| Igor Mikeshin  | Russian Jehovah's Witnesses community in Finland in the context of migration, persecution, war, and pandemic   |
| Amisah Bakuri  | Multiculturalism, Racism and Racialisation Ghanaian Christians and Muslims in the Netherlands                  |

### **DIVINE MOVEMENTS (1.5 hour)**

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|-----------------------|--|
| Ankana Das            | Migration of Gods across the Nation Border                 |
| Johanneke Kroesbergen | The devil and the secular in African diaspora Christianity |
| Paul van der Velde    | The Wondrous Whereabouts of Shri Nath                      |

### **NAVIGATING REFUGEE CRISES (1.5 hour)**

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| Hanna Josefine Berg                               | In the Afterlife of a Humanitarian Emergency Syrians' religious configurations of life and death in Azraq Refugee Camp, Jordan |
| Kholoud al-Ajarma                                 | Negotiating narratives and religious practices: the experience of Palestinian refugees in Chile                                |
| Yasemin El-Menouar, Stephanie Müssig, Inken Okrug | Immigrant religion, discrimination, and support for refugees   |
| Habtom Yohannes                                   | The Impact of Forced Transnational Mobility of Diaspora Täwahədo and their Textual Practices                                   |

### **DIASPORIC MOBILITY AND BELONGING (1.5 hour)**

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| Jing-Yi Magraw | Oost West, Thuis Best: Factors Influencing Migration and Relocation Permanency for Highly Skilled Migrants in the Leiden Region |
| Zahra Azhar    | Enhancing Social Integration of Muslim Immigrants: Integration as a Religious Obligation  |

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| Napakadol Kittisenee | Welcome Tevoda at Right Time Zone:<br>Celebrating Khmer New Year in Diaspora |
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### **SPATIALITY AND URBANIZATION (1.5 hour)**

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| Margreet van Es    | Dining Out in the Super-Diverse City: Urban Religion and the Importance of the Private Sector                  |
| Narciss M. Sohrabi | Religious Lives of Migrants: Iranian Diaspora in France  |
| Emine Enise Yakar  | From Dichotomic Territorial Concept (Dār al-Islam-Dār al-Harb) to Monadic Territorial Approach (Dār al-Wāḥida) |

### **ARCHITECTURE AND MATERIAL CULTURE (1.5 hour)**

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| Kai Shmushko              | One belt, One road, One old horse: Trans-cultural Buddhist Heritage in China's oldest Temple  |
| Lucinda Dirven            | Mission, Movement and Material culture: The case of early Manichaeism                         |
| Paula Maria Arana Barbier | Exclusion after death: Trajectories of Muslims Un-belonging in Spain                          |
| Wouter Kock               | Catholic monasteries as a new habit(us): new religious communities inhabiting old monasteries |

### **RITUALS AND PERFORMANCE (1.5 hour)**

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| Anna Niedźwiedz   | Catholic women on the move: pilgrimages and retreats in Ghana   |
| Shideh Khoshnoodi | Persian New Year or Nowrūz Ritual Performance among Iranians with Different Religious Affiliations in the Netherlands |
| Jip Lensink       | Travelling Songs: Geography and Belonging among Moluccan Protestants in the Netherlands                               |
| Giovanna Capponi  | Cleaning blood from the house: the ethics and hygiene of animal sacrifice in Afro-Brazilian religions and beyond      |

### **HUMAN MOBILITY AND IDENTITY FORMATION: JUDAEAN/JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN VOICES FROM ANTIQUITY (2 hour)**

Jonathan Stökl  
 Heike Omerzu  
 Barry Hartog  
 Ortal-Paz Saar  
 Rosanne Liebermann  
 Eelco Glas

**UPHOLDING CONFESSIONAL BORDERS IN THE (EARLY) MODERN NETHERLANDS: MOVABLE RELICS, MIGRANTS, AND BASTIONS OF THE VIRGIN MARY (2 hour)**

Carolina Lenarduzzi  
 Pieter-Jan van Giersbergen  
 Eelco Nagelsmit  
 Minou Schraven

**GLOBAL MINORITIES (2 hour)**

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| Muhammad Shahzad   | Religious Mobility as a “Win-Win” situation in Small Migrant Communities: A Study of Pakistani Muslim Migrants in South Korea |
| Magdalena Pycinska | “Muslim” experiences in Kraków? Creating living spaces by a minority group  |
| Dimitry Oparin     | The formation of religious authority among Central Asian mullahs in Russia  |
| Berna Arslan       | Defining Alevism: Secularism, the State, and the Alevi Recognition in Europe  |
| Markha Valenta     | Islamophobia on the Move: Local Repertoire, Global Flow   |

**THE MEDIUM AND THE MESSAGE (2 hour)**

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| Anat Shapiro         | Divine Boundaries in the Book of Jonah  |
| An-Ting Yi           | Manuscripts on the Move: Codex Reuchlin, Book of Revelation, and Chinese Bibles   |
| Hamideh Amir Yazdani | Role of the Holy Scripture in the context of Migration; a qualitative case study of Bamberg child migrants through the lenses of Comparative studies of Bible-Quran |
| Justine Bakker       | Using De Laurence: Race, Power, and Esotericism   |
| Sabirova Gyuzel      | Migrant Muslim women in motion: opportunities for education and entrepreneurship within Russophone segment of the social media                                      |

**LAW AND GOVERNANCE (2 hour)**

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| Betül Yakar             | The Influence of Divine Regulations over Slave Conditions   |
| Sümevra Yakar           | The establishment of Muslim Community in Minority Context and Islamic jurisprudence for Muslim Minorities                         |
| Ely Orrego-Torres       | “Transnational Religious Groups and the Theory and Practice of Religious Freedom in the Americas”                                 |
| Britt van Duijvenvoorde | “Godless” resistance against “Christian” slavery: the role of religion aboard slave ships of the Middelburgse Commercie Compagnie |
| Marie Keulen            | Negotiating Afro-Caribbean Religion in Nineteenth-century Suriname  |

**THINKING BEYOND ‘RELIGION AS MIGRANT SUPPORT NETWORK’:  
SUBJECTIVITY, SOCIALITY AND THE MAKING OF RELIGION IN NEW  
(SACRED) GEOGRAPHIES (2 hour)**

Carola Lorea  
Erica M. Larson  
Ranjana Raghunathan  
Natalie Lang  
Emily Hertzman

**RACE, RELIGION AND MIXEDNESS: EXPERIENCES OF DIFFERENCE AMONG  
MIXED COUPLES IN THE NETHERLANDS (2 hour)**

Marianne Moyaert  
Deniz Aktaş  
Luca Naus  
Lieke Schrijvers

# More information

For more information, please consult our website: <https://www.ru.nl/en/about-us/events/religion-in-motion-between-borders-and-belonging>

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