



Utrecht University

## **Program conference Refugees and Religion**

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University.

Venue: Sweelinckzaal, Drift 21; 27 and 28 September 2018

Conveners: Birgit Meyer and Peter van der Veer

### **Thursday 27 September**

*9.00-9.45 Arrival and Coffee*

09.45 Welcome by Birgit Meyer (Utrecht University)

10.00-11.10: Panel 1 (Moderator Birgit Meyer)

Wayne te Brake (Purchase College State University of New York)

*War, Migration, and the Politics of Religious Pluralism*

Peter van der Veer (Max Planck Institute, Göttingen and Utrecht University)

*German Refugees*

11.10-12.20 Panel 2 (Moderator Janet Hoskins)

Phi Vân Nguyen (University of Saint-Boniface)

*Victims of Atheist Persecution. The Role of Cold War Transnational Religious Solidarity in Refugee Protection - The Case of Vietnam*

Tam Ngo (Max Planck Institute, Göttingen & Radboud University Nijmegen) and Nga Mai (Max Planck Institute, Göttingen)

*In Search of a Vietnamese Buddhist Space in Germany*

*12.20-13.30: Lunch*

13.30-14.40 Panel 3 (Moderator Phi Vân Nguyen)

Janet Hoskins (University of Southern California)

*Refugees in the Land of Awes: Vietnamese Arrivals and Departures*

Thien-Huong Ninh (Cosumnes River College)

*The Virgin Mary Became Asian: Diasporic Nationalism Among Vietnamese Catholic Refugees in the US and Germany*

14.50-16.00 Panel 4 (Moderator Birgit Meyer)

Heleen Murre-van den Berg (Radboud University Nijmegen)

*Language and Religion in the (Re)Making of the Syriac Orthodox communities in Europe*

Rafaela Eulberg (University of Bonn)

*A Darśan-Picture as a Journeyed Memento of Refugees: An Example of the Materiality of Sri Lankan Tamil Hindu Traditions in Exile*

16.10-17.20 Panel 5 (Moderator Peter van der Veer)

Alessandro Gusman (University of Turin)

*'Are We an Elected People?' Religion and the Everyday Experience of Young Congolese Refugees in Kampala*

Abdoulaye Sounaye (Leibniz Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin)

*Ritual Space and Religious Practice: Young West African Muslims in Berlin, Germany*

*Drinks*

*Dinner (for speakers and moderators)*

## **Friday 28 September**

*09.30 Coffee*

9.45-11.15 Panel 6 (Moderator Annelies Moors, University of Amsterdam)

Salah Punathil (University of Hyderabad)

*Migrant 'Illegality', Camp and Violence Against Muslims in the Assam State of North East India, South Asia.*

Ala Uddin (University of Chittagong)

*The Refugee Crisis and Religious Engagement: Suffering, Shelter, and Survival of the Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh*

Marie Kortam (French Institute of the Near East, Beirut)  
*Healer and Resistance by Religion in the Absence of Social and Legal Security in Palestinian Camps*

11.30-12.40: Panel 7 (Moderator Margreet van Es, Radboud University Nijmegen)

Alexander Nagel (University of Göttingen)  
*Religious Diversity in German Refugee Accommodation Centers: Micro-Politics of Spatial Separation and Religious 'Emission Control'*

Carmen Becker (University of Hannover)  
*Becoming a Refugee: Muslimness and Secularity in the Constitution of the 'Refugee'*

12.40-13.45: Lunch

13.45-15.15: Panel 8 (Moderator Birgit Meyer)

Susanne Stadlbauer (University of Colorado Boulder and University of Wyoming)  
*Secrecy, Secrets, and Emergent Religious Identities: Conversion to Christianity Among Refugees in Germany*

Annelise Reid (Utrecht University)  
*The Making of Belief in Secular Times: Negotiating Inclusion Within the Dutch Asylum Context*

William Wheeler (Manchester University)  
*Conversion Through Destitution: Religious Belief and Legal/Bureaucratic Disbelief Within the UK Asylum System*

15.30-16.40: Panel 9 (Moderator Peter van der Veer)

Christoph Grüll (University of Groningen)  
*Faith in an Open Society: Spiritual, Legal, and Political Care in Faith-Based Refugee Responses*

Markha Valenta (Radboud University Nijmegen)  
*Naked in the Sanctuary: The Religious Resistance*

16.50-17.45: General Discussion

*Drinks*