Refugees and Religion

Workshop Program

14/15 December 2017

Utrecht University, Janskerkhof 13, Stijlkamer

Conveners: Birgit Meyer & Peter van der Veer

Thursday 14 December 2017

09.15 Arrival and Coffee

09.30 Introduction

10.00 Peter van der Veer: Refugees, Religion and the Nation

10.45 Elizabeth McAlister: Religion, Refugees and National Security in the “Failed State” of Haiti

11.30 Coffee/Tea

11.45 Alexander Kenneth-Nagel: Hegemonial Neutrality: How German Refugee Reception Centers Deal with Religious Diversity and Practice

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Carmen Becker: Materiality and Spatiality in the Process of Becoming a “Refugee”

14.15 Abdoulaye Sounaye: Ritual Space and Religious Practice in Refugee Situation: Young West Africans in Berlin, Germany

15.00 Coffee/Tea

15.15 Miriam Schader: Refugees, Religion and the Politics and Administration of Death

16.00 Johara Barriane: Sub-Saharan Migration and Christian Place-making in Morocco: Reflections on the Nexus between Religion and Mobility in a Muslim Urban Context

16.45 Lucien van Liere: The Matter of War

17.30 Drinks, followed by Dinner (Akademiegebouw, Domplein)

Friday 15 December 2017

9.15 Coffee

9.30 Janet Hoskins: Refugees in the Land of Awes: Vietnamese Arrivals and Departures

10.15 Tam Ngo and Nga Mai: Between Nations and Sanghas: Searching for a Vietnamese Buddhist Space in Berlin

11.00 Coffee/Tea
11.45 Heleen Murre van der Berg: *The “Mor Ephrem Bookshop”: Language and Religion in the Transnational Syriac Orthodox Community*

12.30 Annelise Reid: *Redemption and “Re-birth”: Trajectories of Inclusion among Persian Speaking Refugees in the Netherlands*

13.15 lunch and discussion of the planning of the Fall 2018 Conference. Possible Topics, invited participants