

“Race” and “Religion” in the Law of Migration: Comparing E.U. and U.S. Contexts

11–13 March 2026
Lund University, LUX, Centre for Theology and Religious Studies,
Helgonavägen 3, 22362, Lund

11 March

19:00 Dinner at Lundabryggeriets Ölkällare, Sankt Laurentiigatan 5A, 222 21 Lund

12 March LUX: A233

9:30 – 10:00 Rose Cuison-Villazor and Ulrich Schmiedel: “Welcome”
Nadira Anderson, *Journal of Law and Religion*
Introductions

10:00 – 11:00 Maurits Berger: “The Poisonous Cocktail of Race, Religion, and Migration in Dutch Society”
Respondents: Nadira Anderson and Laura Alexander
Chair: Ulrich Schmiedel

11:00 – 12:00 Ryszard Bobrowicz: “Humanity Suspended: A Brief History of How Poland Suspended Asylum Rights in Pursuit of Imperial Status”
Respondents: Emily Habeck and Farid Hafez
Chair: Rose Cuison-Villazor

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch at LUX cafeteria

LUX: B336

13:30 – 14:30
(8:30 – 9:30 AM EST) Dianne van den Bosch and Ulrich Schmiedel: “Neutralizing Justice: ‘Race’ and ‘Religion’ in the EU Migration Pact”
Respondents: Zachery Abunemeh and Silas Allard
Chair: Rose Cuison-Villazor

14:30 – 15:30
(9:30 – 10:30 AM EST) Silas Allard: “A Constellation of Foundings: Chae Chan Ping, Chinese Exclusion, and the Making of America”
Respondents: Maurits Berger and Ryszard Bobrowicz
Chair: Ulrich Schmiedel

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee and Cake

16:00 – 16:30
(11:00 – 11:30 AM EST) Interim Reflections: Jennifer Koh (Zoom)
Chair: Rose Cuison-Villazor

16:30 – 17:30
(11:30 AM – 12:30 PM EST) Jamie Hannah Zimmerman: Jewish Perspectives on Restorative Justice: Lessons for Modern Legal Systems
Respondents: Rose Cuison-Villazor and Ulrich Schmiedel
Chair: Ulrich Schmiedel

18:30 Dinner at Mat & Destillat, Kyrkogatan 17, 222 22 Lund



13 March
LUX: C337

- 9:30 – 10:30 Dorottya Nagy: “Creating Credibility – Performing Plausibility: Interdisciplinary Challenges in Practices of Assessment of sur place Cases of Conversion to Christianity within the EU+ Countries, with Particular Attention to the Netherlands”
Respondents: Ashley Marie Gavalchin and Elise Lindkvist
Chair: Ulrich Schmiedel
- 10:30 – 11:30 Farid Hafez: “Make the World White Again: Notes on Race, Religion, and Immigration Across the Atlantic”
Respondents: Jonathan Morgan and Dorottya Nagy
Chair: Rose Cuison-Villazor
- 11:30 – 12:30 Laura Alexander: “Migration, Christianity, Race, and the ‘American Dream’ of Religious Freedom”
Respondents: Jamie Hannah Zimmerman and Dianne van den Bosch
Chair: Ulrich Schmiedel
- 12:30 – 13:00 Closing Reflections: Serde Atalay and Perry Dane
Rose Cuison-Villazor and Ulrich Schmiedel: “Next Steps”
- 13:00 Lunch at LUX cafeteria (take-away)

Participants

Zachery Abunemeh (Rutgers University), Silas Allard (Emory University), Laura Alexander (University of Nebraska Omaha), Nadira Anderson (Rutgers University), Serde Atalay (Lund University), Maurits Berger (Leiden University), Ryszard Bobrowicz (Bonn University), Dianne van den Bosch (Lund University), Rose Cuison-Villazor (Rutgers University), Perry Dane (Rutgers University), Ashley Marie Gavalchin (Rutgers University), Emily Habeck (Rutgers University), Farid Hafez (William and Mary College / Georgetown University), Jennifer Koh (Pepperdine University), Elise Lindkvist (Lund University), Jonathan Morgan (Lund University), Dorottya Nagy (Protestant Theological University Utrecht), Ulrich Schmiedel (Lund University), Jamie Hannah Zimmerman (Rutgers University)

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