



# THIRD DOCTORAL SEMINAR OF THE LERU THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES (LERU TRS) GROUP

September 1st to 4th, 2024  
in Heidelberg

## LUNCH

**1** Marstall-Mensa  
Marstallhof 3

## DINNER

**2** ESG / Karl-Jaspers-Haus  
Plöck 66

## OPENING EVENT

**3** Alte Aula  
Grabengasse 1

## PLENARY & GROUP SESSIONS

**4** Theologisches Seminar  
Kisselgasse 1

## ROOMS FOR PLENARY & GROUP SESSIONS

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| <b>A</b> HS 7<br>Karlstraße 16 | <b>C</b> OEK<br>Plankengasse 1      |
| <b>B</b> Ü 1<br>Kisselgasse 1  | <b>D</b> DEKANAT<br>Hauptstraße 231 |



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## PROGRAM FOR

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## SUNDAY, SEPT 1ST, 2024

17:00

OPENING EVENT

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**Alte Aula**  
Grabengasse 1

*Greeting Addresses*

**Manfred Oeming, Konrad Schmid, Manfred Lautenschläger**

*Keynote Lecture*

**Gerd Theissen: Freedom – A basic motive both of theology and of the criticism of religion. Plea for: Peace, justice, creation and freedom as ecumenical values**

18:30

DINNER

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**ESG / Karl-Jaspers-Haus**  
Plöck 66

# MONDAY, SEPT 2ND, 2024

## 09:00–10:30 GROUP SESSIONS

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| 09:00<br>–09:45 | <b>A HS 7</b><br>Karlstraße 16<br><br>Chair: <i>Blaženka Scheuer (Lund)</i><br><br><b>The Myth of the Model Minority in MT Esther</b><br><i>Fry, Alexiana Dawn (Copenhagen)</i> | <b>B Ü 1</b><br>Kisselgasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>Christophe Monnot (Strasbourg)</i><br><br><b>Empirical approach to conversion as a process: Preliminary findings of a follow-up study revisiting the experiences of Iraqi refugees in Finland who have converted from Islam to Christianity</b><br><i>Nikanne, Iiris (Helsinki)</i> | <b>4 Theologisches Seminar</b><br>Kisselgasse 1<br><br><b>C OEK</b><br>Plankengasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>Tobias Jammerthal (Zürich)</i><br><br><b>Religious Pluralism and Fragilization in Charles Taylor and Tomas Halik</b><br><i>Cotteril, Aden (Cambridge)</i> |
|                 | <b>09:45<br/>–10:30</b><br><br><b>Biblical Gath in Archaeological, Historical and Theological Perspective</b><br><i>Wind, Christoph (Heidelberg)</i>                            | <b>Rūmī's Transgressive Ideas and the Rise of Humanism</b><br><i>Holtzapffel, Maarten (Utrecht)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Neither ... nor ... : The use of Galatians 3:28 in public church discourse in the 20th and 21st centuries</b><br><i>Mannerfelt, Frida (Lund)</i>                                                                                                              |

## 10:30–11:00 BREAK

## 11:00–12:30 GROUP SESSIONS

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| 11:00<br>–11:45 | <b>A HS 7</b><br>Karlstraße 16<br><br>Chair: <i>Hannah Strømme (Lund)</i><br><br><b>Motion Verb Complement Constructions in Biblical Hebrew: Insights from a Data-Driven Analysis</b><br><i>Perez, Lucie (Copenhagen)</i> | <b>B Ü 1</b><br>Kisselgasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>Katja Rakow (Utrecht)</i><br><br><b>Reflected worlds: The Mirror in the History of Religion</b><br><i>Eberhardt, Verena (München)</i> | <b>C OEK</b><br>Plankengasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>Johan Leemans (Leuven)</i><br><br><b>Christology and Universalism in Isaac of Nineveh</b><br><i>Fairhurst, Matthew (Cambridge)</i> |
|                 | <b>11:45<br/>–12:30</b><br><br><b>Creating a Tyrant: The Images of Pharaoh and Imagination of Imperialism in the Plague Cycle</b><br><i>Yan, Zhaoyu (Zürich)</i>                                                          | <b>Sufism and Theology in West Africa: Mystical Knowledge in the Works of al-Mukhtār al-Kuntī (d. 1811)</b><br><i>Andrewsen, Yaseen Christian (Oxford)</i>                           | <b>The Codex Encyclius and the earliest reception of Chalcedon</b><br><i>McCulloch, Kathleen (Cambridge)</i>                                                                       |

## 12:30–14:00 LUNCH

**1 Marstall-Mensa**  
Marstallhof 3

## 14:00–15:30 GROUP SESSIONS

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| 14:00<br>–14:45 | <b>A HS 7</b><br>Karlstraße 16<br><br>Chair: <i>Philippa Townsend (Cambridge)</i><br><br><b>Biblical Hermeneutics of the Law of Burial in 11QT</b><br><i>Qiang, Wenye (Oxford)</i> | <b>B Ü 1</b><br>Kisselgasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>Emma Wild-Wood (Cambridge)</i><br><br><b>Qalandars in the 'Divine Religion' in India</b><br><i>Naghshvarian, Fatemeh (Utrecht)</i> | <b>4 Theologisches Seminar</b><br>Kisselgasse 1<br><br><b>C OEK</b><br>Plankengasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>Beth Singler (Zürich)</i><br><br><b>The elements of good life in the normative AI ethics texts</b><br><i>Kalliokoski, Taina (Helsinki)</i> |
|                 | <b>14:45<br/>–15:30</b><br><br><b>Jews and gods in Antiquity: Lived religion and diversity of identities</b><br><i>Huitula, Iida (Helsinki)</i>                                    | <b>An introduction to the teachings of the Satpanth Pirs</b><br><i>Visram, Imran (Oxford)</i>                                                                                     | <b>Theological method and contribution to the identification of old Cyrillic printings: the case of the first printed Cyrillic Euchologion in Vilnius in 1617-1618</b><br><i>Popelyasty, Vasyi (Leuven)</i>                                       |

## 15:30–19:00 TOURS IN HEIDELBERG (CASTLE, CHURCHES)

## 19:30 DINNER

**2 ESG / Karl-Jaspers-Haus**  
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# TUESDAY, SEPT 3TH, 2024

## 09:00–10:30 GROUP SESSIONS

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| 09:00<br>–09:45 | <b>A HS 7</b><br>Karlstraße 16<br><br>Chair: <i>Heike Omerzu (Copenhagen)</i><br><br><b>The Development of the Concept of Love: Study on Love Your Neighbors in Lev 19:18</b><br><i>Kim, Taeyun (Zürich)</i> | <b>B Ü 1</b><br>Kisselgasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>Reiner Anselm (München)</i><br><br><b>Jordanian religious policies on the domestic and international scenes</b><br><i>Bourlond, Astrid (Utrecht)</i> | <b>4 Theologisches Seminar</b><br>Kisselgasse 1<br><br><b>C OEK</b><br>Plankengasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>François Jankowiak (Paris)</i><br><br><b>The Concept of Satisfaction in Calvin's Theology of the Cross</b><br><i>Visk, Matthew (Cambridge)</i> |
|                 | <b>09:45<br/>–10:30</b><br><br><b>The Scattered Ones: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Acts as Literature of Migration</b><br><i>Wilson, Paul (Edinburgh)</i>                                             | <b>In the Light of the Menorah: Religion and National Identity in an Israeli Ceremony</b><br><i>Griese, Hannah (München)</i>                                                                        | <b>Carefree or careless? Christian vs. pagan scholē in the Greek Barlaam &amp; Ioasaph</b><br><i>Henn, Andreas (Zürich)</i>                                                                                                                           |

## 10:30–11:00 BREAK

## 11:00–12:30 GROUP SESSIONS

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| 11:00<br>–11:45 | <b>A HS 7</b><br>Karlstraße 16<br><br>Chair: <i>Beat Föllmi (Strasbourg)</i><br><br><b>The Experiences of Migrant Ethnic Minority Women in Europe: Implications for a Theology of Diaspora</b><br><i>Hatzaw, Nuam (Edinburgh)</i> | <b>B Ü 1</b><br>Kisselgasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>Justin Megitt (Cambridge)</i><br><br><b>Vajrayāna practices of Kurukullā</b><br><i>Yener, Guzin (Oxford)</i> | <b>C OEK</b><br>Plankengasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>Thomas Graumann (Cambridge)</i><br><br><b>Tyconius' and Augustine's Appropriation of Paul Concerning the Church in the World</b><br><i>Yang, Jenny (Edinburgh)</i> | <b>D DEKANAT</b><br>Hauptstraße 231<br><br>Steering Committee Meeting |
|                 | <b>11:45<br/>–12:30</b><br><br><b>German-language Evangelical Biblical Hermeneutics as a Challenge for University Approaches</b><br><i>Klein, Wolfgang (Heidelberg)</i>                                                           | <b>Negotiating Buddhism in Finnish-Thai homes. Family, migration and religion</b><br><i>Härkönen, Mitra (Helsinki)</i>                                      | <b>Augustine on memory, human flourishing and 'the wounds of time'</b><br><i>Wu, Abraham (Cambridge)</i>                                                                                                           |                                                                       |

## 12:30–14:00 LUNCH

**1 Marstall-Mensa**  
Marstallhof 3

## 14:00–16:00 PLENARY SESSION

**4 Theologisches Seminar**  
Kisselgasse 1

**Publishing books and articles**  
*David Fergusson*

**A HS 7**  
Karlstraße 16

## 16:00–17:30 GROUP SESSIONS

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| 16:00<br>–16:45 | <b>A HS 7</b><br>Karlstraße 16<br><br>Chair: <i>Risto Saarinen (Helsinki)</i><br><br><b>The Crucifixion in Art: Beauty and Domestication</b><br><i>Aakko, Maikki (Oxford)</i> | <b>B Ü 1</b><br>Kisselgasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>David Fergusson (Cambridge)</i><br><br><b>The Contribution of University Chaplains, as Experts in Spiritual Care, to Suicide Prevention</b><br><i>Saliba, Serena (Leuven)</i> | <b>C OEK</b><br>Plankengasse 1<br><br>Chair: <i>(Freiburg)</i><br><br><b>The Serbian Orthodox Church and the Kosovo-question 2008–2012</b><br><i>Leporanta, Miro (Helsinki)</i> |
|                 | <b>16:45<br/>–17:30</b><br><br><b>Observing the Roots of Social Work and Disabilities Study in Israel</b><br><i>Gadoť, Limor (Heidelberg)</i>                                 | <b>The Conciliar Experience: Why Should We Study the Peripheral Churches Participating in Vatican II?</b><br><i>Ruiz, Rolando Iberico (Leuven)</i>                                                                           | <b>The Debate on the Freedom of the Will Revisited: Language Philosophical Implications and Theological Consequences</b><br><i>Johansen, Theis Schønning (Copenhagen)</i>       |

18:00–19:00    PLENARY SESSION

Collaborations within the LERU network  
*Jutta Jokiranta*

**A**    **HS 7**  
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19:00                  DINNER

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## WEDNESDAY, SEPT 4TH, 2024

09:00–10:30    GROUP SESSIONS

**4**    **Theologisches Seminar**  
Kisselgasse 1

**A**    **HS 7**  
Karlstraße 16

Chair: *Manfred Oeming (Heidelberg)*

09:00  
–09:45

The Land of Sojourn (ארץ מגורים) and  
the Soil of Israel (אדמת ישראל). Ezek  
20 as a Parody of P's View of  
History?  
*Seifert, Daniel (Heidelberg)*

**B**    **Ü 1**  
Kisselgasse 1

Chair: *Katrin König (Heidelberg)*

The problem of pagan knowledge by  
Giovanni and Gianfrancesco Pico della  
Mirandola  
*Carbognani, Elia (Freiburg)*

**C**    **OEK**  
Plankengasse 1

Chair: *Karlheinz Ruhstorfer*  
(Freiburg)

The Sense and Nonsense of Conti-  
nental Perspectives on the  
Synodal Church: A Marathon of  
Minds or a Sprint to Synodality

09:45  
–10:30

A Prophet Adrift: Narrative Ambigui-  
ty and Ethical Meaning in Jonah  
*Decker, Hans (Zürich)*

Hungary's 2012 Constitution as a  
theological challenge: Christianity and  
populist claims to Christianity  
*Dolan, Stephen (Edinburgh)*

*Van Rompaey, Jens (Leuven)*  
The "Christian civilization" according  
to French Catholic intellectuals at the  
beginning of the Second World War  
*Thomas, Sarah (Paris)*

10:45–13:00    PLENARY SESSIONS

10:45  
–11:45

Bible, History and Archaeology: The Contribution of Recent  
Excavations in Jerusalem to Biblical Historiography  
*Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv)*

**A**    **HS 7**  
Karlstraße 16

12:00  
–13:00

General assembly: evaluation, next meeting

13:00                  LUNCH

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