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Research Seminar, Fall Semester 2022.

Time: Wednesdays, 1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Room: **B417**. Dec 7: C337.

zoom-Link always, if not noted below otherwise:

https://lu-

se.zoom.us/j/68657748673?pwd=MWINMHkrcG9nVUNkRzFxdjNPMG1idz09

Meeting-ID: 686 5774 8673

Kenncode: 120988

Please note (for presenters):

As topics are highly diverse and we would like to familiarize ourselves with what you are doing: Please send one week before your session whatever you would like to share in advance with the group (manuscript, article, anything what serves as a good basis for the session). So, please send me (esther-maria.guggenmos@ctr.lu.se) your document latest on Wednesday morning in the week before your presentation.

September 7: Initial Meeting

September 14: **Fredrik Jansson:** *Material Objects, Ritual Subjects: Materiality and Personhood in Nineteenth-Century Lakota Ritual Dynamics*

September 15-16: Ystad Excursion of CTR staff: What is Religion?

Thursday, September 22, 10-12, B417: Reading seminar with Ellen Idler
We read in advance and discuss: Idler E, Bernau JA, Zaras D (2022)

Narratives and counter-narratives in religious responses to COVID-19: A computational text analysis. PLoS ONE 17(2): e0262905. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0262905

→ In addition, if you like: On 23 September Prof. Ellen Idler at Emory University is visiting the CTR and will give a lecture on "Existential Sustainability in an Age of Secularization: Finding Meaning at the Margins of Life."

https://www.ctr.lu.se/institutionen/kalendarium/evenemang/existential-sustainability-age-secularization-finding-meaning-margins-life/?fbclid=lwAR3JMilQ0ROladjOxB3dTg1l4ZDJf3H897scGM3GKDIYyWS-Uk2ugRd0G8U

Ellen Idler is Director of the Religion and Public Health Collaborative and Professor at the Departments of Sociology and Epidemiology at Emory. Among her publications is the book *Religion as a Social Determinant of Public Health* (OUP, 2014). The r initiation project on existential sustainability can be found here: https://projekt.ht.lu.se/existential-sustainability

September 28: **Paulina Gruffman**: Ancient Egypt in Modern Europe: The Reception of Hermetica in the Works of G.R.S. Mead

October 5: **Giulia Gozzini**: Neo-Salafism in Northern Lebanon. When populism meets religion.

Oct 6-9: Aesthetics of Religion in Tübingen (<a href="https://uni-tuebingen.de/fakultaeten/philosophische-fakultaet/fachbereiche/altertums-und-kunstwissenschaften/abteilung-fuer-religionswissenschaft/veranstaltungen/tagung-religionsaesthetik/#c1622501)

October 12: **Markus Mannberg**: '666 Will Appear on Their Foreheads': Rumours of Necropolitics in Pandemic-Era Malawi.

October 19: **Olivia Cejvan**: Scaffolding initiatory learning in S.R.C: contingent assessment, increasing capability and the fading of support

October 26-October 27: Research School

November 2: **Hege Irene Markussen**: State Support as Recognition of Minority Religion. The Alevi Federation and the Swedish State Support to Faith Communities (zoom-Link by Oliver Scharbrodt: https://lu-

se.zoom.us/j/67096874151?pwd=VTR6NVVoODI4Z0NaZ010SnVzdWJpdz09

Meeting ID: 670 9687 4151; Password: 989184))

November 9: VII **Johan Nilsson**: *Theosophy in Sweden*. zoom-Link by Johann

Nilsson: https://lu-se.zoom.us/j/67725165050

November 16: **Egdunas Racius**: *Institutional Churchification of Islam in Eastern Europe* (New book: Islam in Post-communist Eastern Europe https://brill.com/view/title/57060, zoom-Link by Oliver Scharbrodt: https://lusez.zoom.us/i/65934608600?pwd=V0ISM1B6aWFicFZNMIFUV1M4N3hnUT09 Meeting ID: 659 3460 8600; Password: 232483)

November 23:

1:15 p.m.: Research Seminar: **Tessie Bundgaard Jørgensen**, Københavns

Universitet: Mut'ah practiced by Danish Shi'i women.

(zoom-Link by Oliver Scharbrodt: https://lu-

se.zoom.us/j/66949692923?pwd=U0NzanJ3UHdESTFVandET1NTQmMzUT09

Meeting ID: 669 4969 2923; Password: 695194)

Nov 23-25: Conference on Existential Sustainability in Lund

Nov 23, Opening: 3:15 – 4:30: Keynote; afterwards: Art experience with invited artist working on sustainability.

November 30: Suggestion from Esther-Maria: Exchange on **methods of field research** as practiced by us (Originally, but postponed: Joint Session together with **Jewish Studies**, together with Karin Zetterholm).

December 7 (in room C337!): Paulina Kolata: Technologies of Salvation – Reproduction in Buddhist Heritage-making

December 14: **Stefan Larsson**, Lektor religionsvetenskap, Gävle Univ.: *Songs of Freedom: The Religious Poetry of a Sixteenth-Century Tibetan Female Master.*

Monday, Dec 19: **Sameh Egyptson**: **PhD defense** (Church and missionary studies): *Islamic radicalism in Sweden*.

December 21: **Pre-Christmas Gathering** - special invitation from Esther-Maria to all of you (to be announced)

Merry Christmas!

January 11: **Jan Wallentin**: *MA thesis defense on participant interpretations of the Goenka movement's Vipassana courses*.

In the new semester asap: Fieldwork impressions by Markus Mannberg

P.S.: If possible we will go on with the good old tradition of hanging out for a coffee after the seminar.