

# Conference on Religion and Nationalism

June 17, Utrecht University

Sweelinckzaal, Drift 21, Utrecht

**8.45-9.10 Welcome and Coffee**

**9.10-9.30 Irfan Ahmad (MMG-MPG). "The Oeuvre of Peter van der Veer: A Preliminary Outline."**

**9.30-10.30 Panel I**

1. Stefan Binder (University of Göttingen): *The blind spot of Indian religious nationalism: Organized Atheists as an "impossible minority"*
2. Marieke Bloembergen (KITLV and Leiden University): *All along the hippie trail, and back in time. Moral geographies of Greater India in Indonesia across decolonization*
3. Sana Ghazi (MMG-MPG) Ganga-Jamni tehzeeb (The confluence of cultural "rivers"): *Islamicate, Syncretism, Nationalism*
4. Mangalika de Silva (New York): *Of What Borders the Border: Autochthony and the Diaporas of the Dead, the missing and bereaved in Postwar Sri Lanka*

**10.30-10.45 Comments by Peter van Rooden (UvA)**

**10.45-11.45 Panel 2**

5. Yu, Jingyang (MMG-MPG): *Become Christian to remain Chinese*
6. Susan Legêne (Vrije Universiteit): *Anti-slavery discourse and early 19th century transnational views on states, nations and citizens*
7. PL de Silva (Institute of Strategic Studies and Democracy (ISSD) Malta): *Libya and the German Marshall Plan with Africa*
8. Oskar Verkaaik (University of Amsterdam): *The relevance of historical anthropology*

**11.45-12.00 comment by discussant **Birgit Meyer** (UU)**

**12.00-12.45 Lunch Break**

**12.45-13.45 Panel 3**

9. Mahmoud Alinejad: *Rival Nationalisms in Iran: The rivalry of secular and religious nationalisms and the split in Iranian national identity*
10. Miriyam Aouragh (University of Amsterdam) /University of Westminster: *Married to the cause - Love as resistance in Morocco*
11. Matthijs van den Bos (Birkbeck College): *The promised land of Fadak: Locating religious nationalism in Shiite politics*
12. Shaheed Tayob (University of Stellenbosch): *Race, Animals and Religion: A Case of Sacrifice, Violence and Public Space in South Africa*

**13.45- 14.00 comment by discussant Peter Pels (Leiden University)**

**14.00- 15.15 Panel 4**

- 13 Jie Kang (MMG-MPG): *“Back to Jerusalem movement” and Chinese nationalism—Converting Muslims to Christianity*
14. Jeroen de Kloet (UvA): *Rising, Becoming, Overcoding – On Chinese nationalism in Wandering Earth and Operation Red Sea*
15. Samuel Lengen (University of Virginia): *Chinese Platformization and the Nation-state*
16. Margaret Sleeboom-Faulkner (University of Sussex): *International Competition and Nationalism in the Life Sciences*
17. He Xiao (Fudan University): *Moral labor, Nationalism, and the State in Contemporary China*

**15.15-15.30 comment by Peter van der Veer**

**16.15- 17.00 Peter’s farewell lecture**

**17.00-18.30 Reception**

**18.30 Dinner**