Impure Genealogies: Kinship, Religion, and Spirituality Across Generations

International Workshop

Venue: [Centre for Global Cooperation Research](#), **Universität Duisburg-Essen**
(Schifferstraße 44, 47059 Duisburg)

Dates: **19th to 21st March 2026**

Conveners: Ester Gallo (University of Trento) and Éva Rozália Hölzle (Universität Duisburg-Essen)

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Thursday 19th March

Afternoon Session

Chair: Todne Thomas (Yale Divinity School and Yale College)

13:00–13:30   Welcome
Sebastian Meurer (CGCR); Éva Rozália Hölzle (Kinship Generations) and Ester Gallo (Impure Genealogies).

13:30–15:00   **How the Mythic Defines the Generational: The Bizarre World of Assisted Conception**, by Anindita Majumdar (Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad).
Discussant: Leticia Camargo.

The Body Multiplying: An Exploration of Religious Influences on Cultures of Relatedness Through the Lens of Unintended Pregnancy in the Cordillera, Philippines, by Kim E. Knibbe (University of Groningen).
Discussant: Éva Rozália Hölzle.

15:00–15:15   Coffee Break

15:15–16:45   **Exploring Women's Lived Experiences of Unplanned Pregnancy and Single Motherhood through the Lens of the Religion-Kinship Nexus**, by Brenda Bartelink (University of Groningen) and Susan M. Kilonzo (Maseno University).
Discussant: Kim E. Knibbe.

Mixed Marriages in Pumwani Majengo: Reconfiguring kinship and religion in urban Kenya, by Leslie Fesenmeyer (University of Birmingham).
Discussant: Ester Gallo.

16:45–17:45   General Discussion

19:00   Social Dinner
([Zur Laterne](#); [Google map direction](#))

Friday 20ᵗʰ March

Morning Session

Chair: Rachel Spronk (University of Amsterdam)

8:30–10:00   **Property and the Pastness of Palestinian Christian Descent**, by Clayton Goodgame (Yale University).
Discussant: Leslie Fesenmyer.

                     "We are the Lost Tribes of Israel": Gitanos, Christian Imagination and Spiritual Kinship, by Antonio Montañés Jiménez (University of Oxford).
Discussant: Todne Thomas (Yale Divinity School and Yale College).

10:00–10:15   Coffee Break

10:15–11:00   **The Way to Truth: Kinship, Inter-Generation and the Politics of Conversion in Transnational Religious Movements**, by Ester Gallo (University of Trento).
Discussant: Clayton Goodgame.

11:00–12:00   General Discussion

12:00–13:00   Lunch

Afternoon Session

Chair: Brenda Bartelink (University of Groningen)

13:00–15:15   **Family and Forces: Witchcraft, Religion and Family dispute in Kampala**, by Paula Vermuë (Geneva Graduate Institute) and Samuel Robinson Kisaka (Nkumba University).
Discussant: Antonio Montañés Jiménez.

                     The Priest, the Sceptical and the Re-Converted: Multireligious Belonging in a War-Khasi Family in Sylhet (Bangladesh), by Éva Rozália Hölzle, (Universität Duisburg-Essen).
Discussant: Rachel Spronk.

                     Fathers and sons. Masculinity, intergenerational shifts and religious alterity, by Rachel Spronk (University of Amsterdam).
Discussant: Kunal Josh.

15:15–16:00   General Discussion

16:00–18:00   Visiting Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord

19:30   Social Dinner (self-funded)
(Grafschafter Wirthaus; Google map direction)

Saturday 21st March

Morning Session

Chair: Kim E. Knibbe (University of Groningen)

9:00–11:15   **Underground Stratigraphies and Broken Records: Black Feminist Kinship and Past-Tense Futures**, By Todne Thomas (Yale Divinity School and Yale College).
Discussant: Brenda Bartelink.

                    Impure Genealogies: Catholic Redemption, Racial Governance, and the Intergenerational Afterlives of Slavery in Brazil, by Leticia Camargo (Independent Scholar and Honorary Fellow at the State University of Rio de Janeiro).
Discussant: Samuel Robinson Kisaka.

                    Keepers of Myth and Memory: Genealogies of Tradition in a North Indian Pilgrimage Town, by Kunal Josh (Johns Hopkins University).
Discussant: Paula Cathalijne Vermuë.

11:15–13:00   General Discussion, Conclusion, and Ways Ahead

13:00–14:00   Lunch