



## Urban Studies Seminar 2018–2019 Annual Theme: The Urban Spatialities of Religion in the Middle East, Africa and South-East Asia

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### “Conquering New Territories for Jesus”: Displacement and Place-Making of Christian Migrants in Moroccan Cities

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Since the end of the 1990s, Morocco has become a host country for African migrants from different origins, with different migration motivations and projects. The presence of these migrants contributed, among other things, to the pluralisation of the local religious landscape and the foundation of charismatic house-churches in various working-class districts of the main Moroccan cities. Focusing on a case study conducted in charismatic house-churches in Rabat and Casablanca, this presentation will discuss how these religious spaces – which are not only locally embedded but also connected with transnational religious territories – participate in the everyday life and migration projects of Christian migrants. It will especially focus on the strategies of presence making and local participation of these Christian communities in mainly Muslim urban settings.

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