



# SPRING LECTURES 2015

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## ***“Qnushyo” - Faith as Support or Burden Among Christian Syrian Refugees in Istanbul***

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

19:00

Cetrez has a specific interest in the area of refugees, migration and acculturation. Currently he is holding a position as deputy director at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul. He is also a senior lecturer at the Faculty of Theology, Uppsala University, Sweden, specializing in psychology of religion and cultural psychology. In 2005 he finished his doctoral dissertation, focusing on meaning and ritualization among Assyrian migrants in Sweden. He teaches courses in migration, health, the role of religion in violence, and mixed methods. During several years he coordinated a master program in Religion, Peace, and Conflict. His publications include peer reviewed articles and edited anthologies, among these on the psychology of religion, on Assyrian identity, on youth values, and on borders of knowledge. He has been leading a research project on migration, acculturation, and health among Iraqi refugees in Sweden. He has recently started a similar project on Syrian refugees who are in a transitional space as refugees in Istanbul.

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