



THEOLOGISCHES SEMINAR



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## WORKSHOP

# PERSPECTIVES ON FAMILY STRUCTURES

What is family? How do people practise and experience family life? And what role does Christianity play in all of this? This international workshop will explore these questions, both in context and from a global perspective. You will have the opportunity to talk to scholars from different backgrounds.

### **Friday 12.6.2026, 2-8pm: Motherhood**

Presentation by Prof. Dr. Loreen Maseno, Maseno University, Kenya

**African Women's Theology and the Paradox of Community: Reimagining Community, Motherhood and the Burden of Infertility**

**Online meeting** with Prof. Julie C. Ma, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA

### **Saturday 13.6.2026, 9-1.30 : Masculinities**

Presentation by Dr. Jessica A. Albrecht, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany

**Christianity, Class, and Masculinity in Late Colonial and Postcolonial Sri Lanka**

Online participation is possible via the following link:

**<https://heiconf.uni-heidelberg.de/ay4f-w3d2-6kkv-ych9>**

You can also choose to attend the lectures only.

Sign up via email: **[Jelka.Pahic@ts.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:Jelka.Pahic@ts.uni-heidelberg.de)**

We will meet in **KiGa I, Kisselgasse 1, 69117 Heidelberg.**

Host: **Prof. Dr. Claudia Hoffmann**, Department of Theology, Heidelberg University

Students of all stages and subject fields, as well as PhD students and postdocs, are invited to join.



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## Our Speakers

Prof. Dr. Loreen Maseno is an Associate Professor at the Department of Religion, Theology and Philosophy at the Maseno University, Kenya.

A key focus of her work to date has been on exploring the potential of religion to address food insecurity caused by both religious factors and climate change. In Germany, she will be researching the intersections of gender, religion, and infertility in Africa, particularly in light of the Old Testament's recurring call to be fruitful.



Dr Jessica A. Albrecht is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies (“Alternative Rationalities and Esoteric Practices from a Global Perspective”) at the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany. Her main research area lies in the history of religions in late colonial and postcolonial South Asia, particularly Sri Lanka. In addition, she works on gender, queer and crip studies approaches in the study of religion with a specific focus on (post)colonial societies.

