Infrastructure is conventionally defined as the background “scaffolding” that makes social and economic activity—even life itself—possible. Recent anthropological studies have foregrounded the social work that infrastructural networks do by constituting and reconfiguring everyday forms of sociality and lived experience. These insights generate new opportunities to “think infrastructurally” (Chu 2014) about religion: how do religious actors navigate and assemble different infrastructural arrangements, and what kinds of social and spiritual worlds do these sustain? Taking up these questions, this workshop uses religious infrastructure as an experimental site for researching social entanglements.
Programme
All times: UTC+2 (Berlin/Amsterdam/Paris)

Session I
3.00 – 3.25 p.m.
Yanti Hoelzchen (Frankfurt)
Benjamin Kirby (Leeds)
Welcome and introductory presentation
Discussant: Nelly Babere

3.25 – 3.50 p.m.
Matteo Benussi (Berkeley)
Ethical infrastructure in Muslim Russia: the spatiality of halal living
Discussant: Murtala Ibrahim

3.50 – 4.10 p.m.
Open discussion on session I

4.10 – 4.30 p.m. Break

Session II
4.30 – 4.55 p.m.
Murtala Ibrahim (Utrecht)
Islam in the digital third space: the rise of cyber Islamic practices in northern Nigeria
Discussant: Yanti Hoelzchen

4.55 – 5.20 p.m.
Nelly Babere (Dar es Salaam)
Religious infrastructure, public health, and the politics of urban development: the case of Sinza ward in Dar es Salaam city
Discussant: Peter Lambertz

5.20 – 5.40 p.m.
Open discussion on session II

5.40– 6.00 p.m. Break

Session III
6.00 – 6.25 p.m.
Peter Lambertz (Leuven)
Enchanted infrastructures: risks, belonging and salvation on Congo’s inland waterways
Discussant: Benjamin Kirby

6.25 – 7.00 p.m.
Open discussion on session III and concluding discussion

The workshop will be held online via Zoom.
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