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Religious Diasporas, Connections,
Moral Circumscriptions and World-Making in the Atlantic Space

Currents of Faith, Places of History brings together a multidisciplinary team of scholars who share a concern for religion, mobility, place and heritage in the Atlantic space. Our goal is to creatively rethink theories of Atlantic history by focusing on 'religious diaspora', through the lens of three main concepts: ideas of 'commensality', moral circumscriptions and 'world-making'. Through a partnership between institutions in Portugal, Belgium, Netherlands and the UK, we co-organise a team of senior and junior scholars that will develop a network of research themes across the Atlantic space, combining concepts and methodologies spring from social anthropology, history and religious studies. We engage in an interdisciplinary collaboration so as to synthesise an empirical anthropological methodology with a historical approach, exploring 'meaningful histories' in their cultural and religious manifestations. We share historical dimensionalities (or 'currents') between Europe, Africa, North and South America and distinguish contemporary legacies of processes, by which certain territories become 'heritagised' and thus more socially and politically meaningful than others. In so doing, we question politics of identity and heritage, mobility and memory, as well as Europe's place in the Atlantic world.



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