

# Sustainability and Religion

**Thursdays, at 18:15**  
**University of Basel**

Western societies are currently struggling to evolve and implement more environmentally sustainable forms of living. Religion can constitute a crucial factor in the ongoing transition processes towards more sustainable societies (sustainability transitions): even under the supposed secularisation process, religion continues to inform the lives of vast population segments. In many societies, religious organisations and actors are held in high esteem and constitute important public actors. Against the backdrop of climate change, some religious groups have adopted proactive positions in the public sphere while others intensified their previous engagement, as prominently illustrated by Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home". On the other hand, religious worldviews can also promote climate change scepticism, thereby blocking sustainability transitions.

The lecture series addresses the involvement of religion in sustainability transitions. It explores the "greening" of different faith traditions and the transitions activities of religious organisations. Various experts will contribute to this lecture with insights from their research and their activities in the field of religion and sustainability.

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## PROGRAMME

- 05.04.2018** **The Green Turn in Judaism and Buddhism in Contemporary Europe and Beyond**  
Prof. Dr. Lionel Obadia  
*Université Lyon 2*  
📍 Grosser Seminarraum, Theologische Fakultät, Nadelberg 10, 4051 Basel
- 12.04.2018** **Towards an Integral Theology: Laudato Si**  
Prof. Dr. Hans Ulrich Steymans  
*Université de Fribourg*  
📍 Seminarraum 212, Kollegienhaus, Petersplatz 1, 4051 Basel
- 19.04.2018** **Studying the Role of Spirituality in Sustainability Transitions**  
Alexandre Grandjean  
*Université de Lausanne*  
📍 Grosser Seminarraum, Theologische Fakultät, Nadelberg 10, 4051 Basel
- 03.05.2018** **Panel Debate: Are Christian Churches Turning Green?**  
Dr. Kurt Zaugg-Ott  
*OEKU*  
Dr. Julia Blanc  
*Universität Basel*  
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Jens Köhrsen  
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📍 indicates room and location. Each public lecture starts at **18:15**.

**The lecture series is open to the public and entrance is free of charge.**

This lecture series can be booked by students as a regular lecture. For students, the lecture starts on 8 March 2018 at 16:15 in Kleiner Seminarraum at the Faculty of Theology (Nadelberg 10, Basel).

### ORGANISATION

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