

# **The Climate Crisis Through the Eye of the Needle: Ecology, Economics, and Religion**



A Counterpoint Conversation with  
Joerg Rieger, Annika Rieger, and Marcia Pally

5 July 2022, 10:00–12:00 CET | Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Berlin and Zoom

---

If 71 percent of global CO2 emissions can be traced back to the interests of 100 corporations who in turn are deeply shaping popular imaginations, the current climate crisis has to be addressed in more comprehensive ways than is commonly realized. More specifically, if economic relationships have implications not only for ecological relationships but also for cultural and religious relationships and vice versa, conversations between the various disciplines are required both for deeper analyses of the problem and for the development of more constructive solutions. If people act on articulated and unarticulated understandings of the way the world works, what understandings of the world might undergird our current economic and environmental policies, and what new understandings might we develop in order to confront things like climate change, gross economic inequity, and species extinction? Are there theological, ethical, social, and historical examples of relationality that might undermine the current economic system that supports unlimited growth and understands things like “environmental degradation” and “unjust labor practices” as externalities? These conversations should also embrace a multi-scalar approach, as climate change is an issue of planetary, national, and local scales.

## **Host**

**Dr. Kocku von Stuckrad**, Co-Director Counterpoint: Navigating Knowledge

## **Panel Conversation**

**Dr. Marcia Pally**, Professor of Multilingual Multicultural Studies at New York University  
and Guest Professor in Theology at Humboldt University Berlin

**Annika Rieger**, Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at Boston College

**Dr. Joerg Rieger**, Distinguished Professor of Theology and the Founding Director of the  
Wendland-Cook Program in Religion and Justice at Vanderbilt University

**Please join us for this conversation live at the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Berlin.**

**Participation via Zoom is also possible.**

**For more information and program details please consult [www.counterpointknowledge.org](http://www.counterpointknowledge.org).**