



## LUND UNIVERSITY

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Required reading for

### **KRM D29 Church and Mission Studies: Christianity and Nationalism, 7,5 ECTS credits, Spring Semester 2025**

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#### **Obligatory readings**

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