

PRESENT AND PAST

CONTEMPORARY AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES IN THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDY OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

A conference on the anthropology of religion
5th–7th May, Friday–Sunday, 2017

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 5TH MAY

9:00–10:00 Registration

10:00 Opening of the Conference

10:30-13:00

Session 1.

CONTINUITY AND CHANGE

Anastasiya Fiadotava (Tartu): An atheist people? Re-examining the Soviet interpretation of Belarusian folk jokes about religion

Peti, Lehel (Cluj/Kolozsvár): Religious transformation and migration in a Roma community in Moldova

Zorić, Snjezana (Seoul): The ambivalences in Korean Christianity

Baburam Saikia (Tartu): Continuity and change of Vaishnava religion: A study on an institutionalized religious community of Assam

Győrfy Eszter (Pécs): Historical and contemporary discourses on the religious and ethnic relations of a village community

14:00-19:00

Session 2.

COMPARING PRESENT AND PAST

Klanczay, Gábor (Budapest): Padre Pio and Saint Francis of Assisi - the emulation of models in the lives and cults of a contemporary and a medieval stigmatic saint

Håland, Evy Johanne: The value of comparing modern and ancient Greek culture within historical research

Jiga Iliescu, Laura (Bucharest): *Is it true?* Encounter with the fairies as traditional narratives told in contemporary times and their new values

Mencej, Mirjam (Ljubljana): Ancient graves and recent deaths on Bosnian highways

Minniyakhmetova, Tatiana (Innsbruck)–**Suleymanova, Margarita** (Bashkortostan): Revival and survival of traditional ways of treatment among Bashkirs and Udmurts.

Nagy Ilona (Budapest): The creation of man. Antique literacy – modern folklore

Hesz Ágnes (Pécs): Different concepts or different perspectives? Comparison of contemporary and historical material on the vernacular discourses of bewitchment.

SATURDAY, 6th MAY

9:00-13:00

Session 3.

SURVIVALS, CONTINUITY, 'ORIGIN'

Csepregi Ildikó (Budapest): The problems of the continuity of healing rites

Graham, Fabian (Göttingen): Competing cosmologies of post-mortal existence in Chinese vernacular religion: Diametric oppositions from within an evolving religious tradition.

Cosma, Valer Simion (Pécs): Religious life beyond church history. A critical view on Romanian past and present historiography

Tóth, Anna Judit (Budapest): The ancient Rosalia in modern Balkan folklore

Balatonyi Judit (Pécs): *Rusalii* and *Rosalia*: The role of the Romanian *Rusalii Festival* in the framing of cultural remembrance in Gyimes

Smid Bernadett (Budapest): The magic of Saint Cyprian: Individual crisis and historicity in recent on-line prayer texts

14:00-19:00

Session 4.

CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PAST

Caciola, Nancy (San Diego): A New Age of the Divine Feminine: The Guglielmites and contemporary California Goddess-worship

Povedák István (Szeged): Jesus, E.Ts and Hungarians. Hungarian paleoastronautic myths

Csáji László Koppány (Pécs): Contemporary and historical vernacular prophets and holy men/women

Petrović, Sonja (Belgrade): Invention and reconstruction of the past and the present in legends and narratives of Despot Stefan Lazarević

Tausiet, María (Madrid): Past made magic. Religion, folklore and myth in *Mary Poppins*

Bárth Dániel (Budapest): Revivals of Catholic exorcism

Czégényi Dóra (Cluj/Kolozsvár): The exorcist priest and his activity in the Romanian online media

Kis-Halas Judit (Pécs): From folk healer to priest in a reinvented religion. The case of the *javas*

SUNDAY, 7TH MAY

9:00–13:00

Panel presentations

VERNACULAR RELIGION ON THE MOVE: ROUTES AND ROOTS OF CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS LIFE IN NORWAY

Bowman, Marion (Milton Keynes/Oslo): Old saints and new pilgrims on the move: St Olav, St Cuthbert and contemporary currents in Anglo-Nordic pilgrimage

Esborg, Line (Oslo): “In most cases, the village with the strictest pietists adheres to the richest tradition”: Tourism and religion in early folkloristic fieldwork

Johannsen, Dirk (Oslo): The school of prophets – Crafting a saint for the periphery in 19th century Norway

Resløyken, Åmund Norum (Oslo): Customs, folklore, and the roots of religion

Lunde, Hannah-Kristine (Oslo): A journey of degradation and redefinition - Agnus Dei and Brudedalere as a part of custom and belief in Norwegian rural society

Ohrvik, Ane (Oslo): Reactivating St. Olav’s wells in Norway: From pilgrimage to Japanese *sake*.

14:00-18:00

Session 6.

ANTHROPOLOGY IN THE ARCHIVES

Németh Ildikó (Sopron): Witches in the neighbourhood. Case study of a witchcraft trial in Sopron 1630

Ilyefalvi, Emese (Budapest): Beyond the “sociology of accusation” – vernacular bewitchment discourses from early modern Transylvanian witchcraft trials

Komáromi Tünde (Budapest): Witchcraft in Aranyosszék and Maros-Torda in the 17th-18th centuries and today

Kapaló, James A. (Cork): Materialising religion in the secret police archives: Some methodological challenges and opportunities

Povedák Kinga (Cork): Doing ethnography in secret police archives?

Pócs, Éva (Pécs): Folk belief in the archives and in the ethnographic field

MONDAY, 8TH MAY

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