

'The Materiality and Performance of Charms'

August 29th - September 1st, 2023

a conference held under the auspices

of the ISFNR's [Committee for Charms, Charmers, and Charming](#)

All times are for Singapore (GMT+8); where speakers are presenting online, times are also given for the speaker's time zone.

Tuesday 29 August

10-11.30: Optional visit to Poh Teong Tian Temple

1.30-1.40: Arrival and Registration

1.40-1.50: Welcome

1.50-3.20 [8.50-10.20 Estonia]: Theories of Healing in Europe and Asia

moderator: Katherine Hindley

- Mare Koiva, 'The Sensory Complexity and Materiality of Healing Events' [online]
- Debajit Sharma and Mrinal Medhi, 'Dearth of Reality, Concept of Belief and Narratives of Triumph' [online]
- Faizah Zakaria, 'Healing the Lovesick in the Malay World'

3.20-3.50: Tea

3.50-5.20 [1.20-2.50 Indian Standard Time; 10.20-12.20 Lithuania]: The Performance of Charms

moderator: Jonathan Roper

- Daiva Vaitkeviciene, 'Rites and Jokes: The Healing Practices of the Charmer Šimas Augulis' [online]
- Sanjukta Naskar, 'Performing the Worship of Bon Bibi: Rituals and Charms' [online]
- Nidhi Mathur, 'The Belief and Significance of Bhoota Kola Ritual Depicted in Kantara' [online]

Wednesday 30 August

1.30-1.40: Arrival

1.40-3.10: Charms and Christianity

moderator: Katherine Hindley

- Jonathan Roper, 'A Sampler of Catalan Charms'
- Alina Oprelianska, 'Between Incantations and Prayers: Some Notes on Ukrainian Daily Charms in the 21st Century'
- Leonhard Lietz, 'The Power of Words and Nature: Charms, Spells and Invocations in Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa of Nettesheim's *De occulta philosophia*'

3.10-3.40: Tea

3.40-4.40 [9.40-10.40 CET]: Materials and Objects I

moderator: James Deutsch

- Katherine Hindley, 'Written Charms and Textual Layout'
- Barbara Takacs, 'Body (part) of the Cat as Ritual Tool' [online]

4.40-5.40 [11.40-12.40 Bucharest]: Performance and Taboo

moderator: Jonathan Roper

- James Deutsch, 'The Materiality and Performance of the Burglars' Calling Card'
- Laura Iliescu, 'Hidden Charming Rituals and Continuity of the Sacred, from Church to Outside: Study Cases in Christian Romanian Milieus' [online]

Buffet Dinner

Thursday 31 August

10.00-12.00: Curator-led tour, Asian Civilisations Museum (tbc re: election timings)

1.30-1.40: Arrival

1.40-2.40 [1.40-2.40 Taiwan; 8.40-9.40 Finland]: Materials and Objects II

moderator: Katherine Hindley

- Ilona Tuomi, "'With these ingredients in one's pocket, one can do whatever!': The Material Reality of a 19th Century Savonian Charmer' [online]
- Chia-Yun Wu, 'Talismans and Water: Iu-Mien Yao's Rituals to Treat Injuries' [online]

2.40-3.10: Tea

3:10-4.40 [10.10-11.40 Latvia; 8.10-9.40 BST]: Charms in the 21st Century

moderator: Faizah Zakaria

- Aigars Lielbardis, 'Development of the Tradition: Distant Healing' [online]
- Kevan Manwaring, 'Loricis and Lead Scrolls: Charms of Protection and Curses of Retribution in the Celtic Fringes' [online]
- Mordecai (Mordy) Miller, 'The Materiality and Performance of Hebrew-written Charms from Israel against COVID-19'

4.40-5.00: Conference close

Conference Dinner

Friday 1 September

Excursion

The conference will take place in Lecture Theatre 702 of [NTU@one-north](#).

Address: 11 Slim Barracks Rise, Singapore 138664.

Nearest MRT: Buona Vista (c. 5 mins walk).