

The Esoteric Crossroads III: Art, Eros, and

Esotericism

Villa San Michele, Capri, October 30

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Organizers:

Dioscuri Institute in cooperation with
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’Orientale”.

Art and esotericism have always been linked, both in forms of magical sigils and as esoteric motifs in art works. Another central theme in esoteric traditions is eroticism as key to higher forms of reality. At this conference we explore art, eros, and esotericism from different angles.

The focus is in line with the ambition of the Dioscuri Institute to encourage cross-cultural exchanges of philosophical, scientific, religious and esoteric ideas between Sweden and Italy in particular, and northern and southern Europe in general. The presentations will be around 30 minutes each between 12:00 and 17:00, with a lunch break.

The conference will be held at the legendary

Villa San Michele, built by the Swedish physician Axel

Munthe,
San Michele is a Swedish cultural institution

on the beautiful island of Capri in Italy.

This is a collegial, informal conference without sponsors. The recommended contribution is €65 for speakers and audience alike. Coffee and typical Capri cake will be served during the break and we will have spumante after the conference on the terrace of Villa San Michele.

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