

ESSWE
in cooperation with
Latvian Society for the Study of Religion
University of Latvia and Daugavpils University

CALL FOR PAPERS

5th ESSWE Conference

Western Esotericism and the East

Riga, Latvia, 16-18 April, 2015

Current understandings of esotericism as a predominantly Western, European and North-American, phenomenon are by no means self-evident. By placing “the East” at the center of attention, this conference intends to put a range of important issues on the agenda, for instance:

- the relevance of esotericism to questions of European / Western identity, with special attention to the “orientalism”/“Occidentalism” debate;
- the notion of “Wisdom from the East”, from antiquity to the present;
- esotericism in the contested boundary areas between “West” and “East”, notably Russia, Byzantium, and Israel;
- the impact of Jewish and Islamic culture on key dimensions of Western esotericism such as alchemy, astrology, and natural magic;
- the interchange between religions of the Far East such as Hinduism, Buddhism, or Daoism and Western esotericism/occultism since the 18th century and after World War II;
- the role of esotericism in comparative religion;
- East-West distinctions in the light of globalization and globalization of esotericism.

Keynote lecturers:

1. Wouter Hanegraaff (Amsterdam University)
2. Allison P. Coudert (University of California at Davis)
3. Charles Burnett (University of London)

Presentation should last 20 minutes with 10 minutes for discussion.

Papers are invited in English.

Important dates:

Submission of session/panel proposals - **October 10, 2014**

Submission of proposals – **October 10, 2014**

Notification of acceptance – **December 1, 2014**

Early payment of the conference fee – **January 31, 2014**

The final program – **March 1, 2015**

Early payment methods: TBA

Late payment at registration desk during the conference.

Scientific committee: Marco Pasi, Wouter Hanegraaff, Peter Forshaw
Organizing committee: Anita Stasulane, Janis Priede, Marika Laudere

5th ESSWE Conference
Western Esotericism and the East
Riga, Latvia, 16-18 April, 2015

Registration form

Title: Mr./Mrs./Ms.	
Name	
Surname	
Academic title:	
University/ Institution	
Department/ Unit	
Position	
Country	
The title of your paper	
A short abstract (about 200 words)	
Technical equipment:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Phone:	
E-mail:	

Payment
Conference Fees (in EURO)
Please, mark the category of payment!

List of countries according to the Table of Economies used by the International Sociological Association:
http://www.isa-sociology.org/table_c.htm

Countries	A		B		C	
Category of payment	Early payment	Late payment	Early payment	Late payment	Early payment	Late payment
ESSWE members	<input type="checkbox"/> 120	<input type="checkbox"/> 150	<input type="checkbox"/> 90	<input type="checkbox"/> 120	<input type="checkbox"/> 60	<input type="checkbox"/> 90
Non-members of ESSWE	<input type="checkbox"/> 150	<input type="checkbox"/> 180	<input type="checkbox"/> 120	<input type="checkbox"/> 150	<input type="checkbox"/> 75	<input type="checkbox"/> 105
ESSWE Student members	<input type="checkbox"/> 50	<input type="checkbox"/> 80	<input type="checkbox"/> 35	<input type="checkbox"/> 65	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 50
Student non-members of ESSWE	<input type="checkbox"/> 60	<input type="checkbox"/> 90	<input type="checkbox"/> 45	<input type="checkbox"/> 75	<input type="checkbox"/> 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 60
For accompanying person	<input type="checkbox"/> 40	<input type="checkbox"/> 70	<input type="checkbox"/> 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 60	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 50

Proposals for papers are to be submitted via e-mail: anita.stasulane@du.lv

5th ESSWE Conference
Western Esotericism and the East
Riga, Latvia, 16-18 April, 2015

Panel proposal

Title of panel:		
Short description of the panel (about 100 words)		
Chair of panel (Name, Surname):		
1 st presentation	Name Surname	Title of presentation
2 nd presentation	Name Surname	Title of presentation
3 rd presentation	Name Surname	Title of presentation

The panel proposal and the registration forms (chair of panel and its participants) should be submitted via e-mail to: anita.stasulane@du.lv