

5th International Kraków Study of Religions Symposium
Understanding and explanation in the study of religions.
In memory of Walter Burkert (1931-2015)

Jagiellonian University in Kraków,

7th-9th November 2016

Venue:

Sala Bobrzyńskiego, Collegium Maius
 ul. Jagiellońska 15, Kraków

Monday, 7th November 2016
9:00 Registration
9:30 Welcome
9:45-11:15 Netherworlds in Ancient Worlds
Maciej Munich, <i>The Concept of Netherworld in the Post-Exilic Biblical Wisdom Circles</i>
Karolina Sekita, <i>Early Greek Epic Underworld as Means of Presenting the Past: its Function and Meaning</i>
Lech Trzcionkowski, <i>Bacchic-Orphic daimones and the spatial metaphor of way</i>
11:15-11:30 coffee break
11:30-13:00 Keynote Lecture
Jan N. Bremmer, <i>Descents to the Underworld from Gilgamesh to Christian Late Antiquity</i>
13:00-14:00 Lunch break
14:00-15:30 Functions Of Morality In The Religious Domain
Tinu Ruparell, <i>A Symmetrical Basis for Meta-ethical Sensitivities and its Religious Technologization</i>
Karolina Prochownik, <i>Does cultural group selection explain the emergence and spread of prosocial religions? A critical appraisal of the "Big Gods" hypothesis</i>
Katarzyna Bajka, <i>The Uncanny Valley – an evolution of a theory</i>
15:30-15:45 Coffee break
15:45-17:15 Religion In Contemporary World
Erik Sporon Fiedler, <i>Religious forms-of-life as cultural and sociobiological experimentations. Remarks on Peter Sloterdijk's idea of immunology and ascetology as meta-paradigmatic disciplines</i>
Hans Geir Aasmundsen, <i>Communicating Religion and Politics</i>
Shahul Ameen, <i>"Piety-Civic": Shaping of Islamism in South India</i>

17:15-17:30 Break
17:30-19:00 Ex Oriente Lux I
Tatiana G., Skorokhogova, <i>Phenomena of Religious Consciousness in Genesis of Neo-Vedantism: Understanding in Study of the Bengal Renaissance Philosophical Thought</i>
Anna M. Maćkowiak, <i>Commodifying Balinese Mystical Heritage: Tari Kecak</i>
Maciej St. Zięba, <i>Neo-Confucians Understanding Sages - reflection on mind and language</i>

Tuesday, 8th November 2016	
9:30 Registration	
Parallel sessions	
9:45-11:15 Ancient Mystery Cults and Healing Rituals	9:45-11:15 Ex Oriente Lux II
Theodora S.F. Jim, <i>Ancient Mystery Cults and 'Salvation'</i>	Małgorzata Religa, <i>The Ancient Buddha - the God of the Fourth Way?</i>
Artur Rodziewicz, <i>Last Orphics from the Kurdish mountains? Orphic elements in the Yezidi religious hymns and the Red Wednesday festival</i>	Artur Przybysławski, <i>Buddhism as transformation of consciousness. Cognitive perspective</i>
Krzysztof Łapiński, <i>Therapeutic dimension of dreams in ancient Greece: the cult of Asclepius and Hippocratic medicine</i>	Ewa Paśnik-Tułowicka, <i>Antemortem Meditations. Death preparations in Taoism and Yungdrung Bon Tradition</i>
11:15-11:30 Coffee break	
11:30-13:00 Keynote lecture	
Ralph W. Hood, Jr., <i>Death and Near Death Experience from Serpent Bites in Religious Settings: A Jamesian Perspective</i>	
13:00-14:00 Lunch break	
Parallel sessions	
14:00-15:30 Modern Transformations Of Religious Practice And Theology	14:00-15:30 Philosophical Aspects Of Cognitive Studies Of Religion
Shoshana Ronen, <i>"Blessed Thou Lord for not being made a woman" versus "Blessed Thou Lord for being made as I am": From exclusivism to inclusivism in Jewish prayers</i>	Wacław Romer, <i>The methodology of comparative mysticism studies: the case of perennialism</i>
Joanna Malita-Król, <i>Meeting Gods in the circle - British Traditional Witchcraft as a modern mystery cult</i>	Giuseppina Paola Viscardi, <i>Understanding to explain. Shifting ontologies and meaning-making processes: categorization, explanation, and meta-representations in the study of religions</i>
Stanisław Obirek, <i>Evolution vs Theology, or Theology of Evolution</i>	Juraj Franek, <i>Cognitive Science of Religion, Ontological Commitment and Evolutionary Debunking Arguments</i>

15:30-16:00 Coffee break	
Parallel sessions	
16:00-18:30 Ancient Texts and Religion	16:00-18:00 Ex Oriente Lux III
Jerzy Krawiec, <i>Religious philology</i>	Kamil Nowak, <i>The Concept of Gnosis as a Factor in Understanding Religion on the Example of Buddhism in Modern Taiwan</i>
Zbigniew Nerczuk, <i>Protagoras' lost treatise "On the gods"</i>	Ruzana Pskhu, <i>The Problem of Interpretation of the Sufi Texts of Niffary</i>
Andrew J. Korzeniewski, <i>The Growth of Venus</i>	Ołena Łucyszyna, <i>Classical Sāṃkhya on the Relationship between the Vedic Revelation (śruti) and Its Own Doctrine</i>
Filip Doroszewski, Dariusz Karłowicz, <i>The Penthean Leaders: Dionysus and the Fall of the Roman Republic in Plutarch's Lives.</i>	Hanna Urbańska, <i>The Twilight Language of Svānubhava Gīti by Nārāyaṇa Guru</i>
Sonia Kamińska, <i>Alexander of Aphrodisias and his "mystical" interpretation of Aristotle's nous poietikos and Deity</i>	
20:00 Conference dinner	

Wednesday, 9th November 2016
9:30 Registration
9:45-11:15 Early and Medieval Christianity
Jan Kozłowski, <i>Christian Martyr as a Hyperthanatic Philosopher and Mystes and the Victory of Christianity in the Late Antiquity</i>
Elena Sol Jiménez, <i>Christian Gnosticism: Against Institutionalizing the Divine</i>
Piotr Czarnecki, <i>Did the Catholic polemicists invent Cathar dualism? Discussion with the foundations of deconstructionist interpretation of Catharism</i>
11:15-11:30 Coffee break
11:30-13:00 Keynote lecture
Joanna Jurewicz, <i>Conceptual Blending and Mystic Experience</i>
13:00-14:00 Lunch
14:00-15:30 Evolution And Cognition
Konrad Szocik, <i>Evolutionary approach to the study of religion: Religion and religious beliefs as an adaptation</i>
Konrad Talmont-Kamiński, <i>Evolutionism 50 years after Theories of Primitive Religion</i>
Andrzej Szyjewski, <i>Kurpany's anomaly – a contribution to the theory of hybridization</i>
15:30-15:45 Coffee break

15:45-18:05 Semiotic and Cognitive Aspects of 'Civic Religion' and its Margins
Eleonora Colangelo, <i>Hiera anathekein. Notes about the Epiklesis Panathenaic Regulation between Semiotic Iconology and Hymnology</i>
Jakub Filonik, <i>A cognitive reading of 'civic religion': can metaphors reveal something about Athenians' thinking and beliefs?</i>
Vichi Ciocani, <i>Votive offerings and the language of sincerity in Greek religion</i>
Sara Chiarini, <i>The Thesaurus Defixionum Magdeburgensis (TheDeMa) as a Tool for Cross-Linguistic Analyses of Ancient Curses. Preliminary Results of a Systematic Study of the Relationship Between Formulacity and Individualization in the Corpus of Ancient defixiones</i>
18:05-18:20 Break
18:20-19:00 Gods, Demons And Rituals – The Issue Of Understanding Religious Metaphor
Monika Nowakowska, <i>When gods are nothing but names – a case of a ritual syntax</i>
Matylda Ciołkosz, <i>Switching Bodies: Understanding through Enaction in Comparative Study of Religions</i>
19:00 Closing of the conference