

Tickets are now available for the 'Winter festivals and traditions' conference at Oxford University to be held on Saturday 25 March. Seating is limited and tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

<http://www.wegotickets.com/event/392174>

## **'Winter Festivals and Traditions' Conference**

Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology

Oxford University

9.15-9.45- Registration (Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided)- *Make sure to bring your tickets with you when registering*

9.45-10.00 - Opening remarks: Dr Ann Wand, Oxford University

10.00-11.15 – Panel I: Festivals through history

Chair: Johana Musalkova, Oxford University

Presenters:

**Dr Brigid Burke, Montclair State University (USA)**

The Lenaia: The winter festival of Dionysus in the context of Greek beliefs about death and the afterlife

**Dr Joy Fraser, George Mason University (USA)**

"Some fiends disguised as *mummers*": The Isaac Mercer murder case and the politics of sectarianism in nineteenth century Newfoundland

**Dr Richard Irvine, Cambridge University (UK)**

Following the bear: the revival of East Anglian Straw Bear traditions

11.15-11.30- Break

11.30-12.30 – Keynote speaker

Convenor: Dr Ann Wand, Oxford University

**Dr Cesare Poppi, La Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana  
(Switzerland)**

Sex and the Afterweb: rethinking tradition and cultural continuity

12.30-13.30 - Lunch (Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided)

13.30-14.45 - Panel II: Krampus and Christmas

Chair: Dr Ann Wand, Oxford University

Presenters:

**Gertraud Seiser and Dr Matthäus Rest, University of Vienna and University of Munich  
(Austria and Germany)**

Wild and beautiful: the Krampus in Salzburg

**Amber Dorko Stopper, co-founder of Parade of Spirits, Liberty Lands (USA)**

Spectres and spectra: building self-sustaining folklore and neurodiversity inclusion into processional arts

**Lucinda Murphy, Durham University (UK)**

The nostalgia of Christmas worship: a resource for re-collection, re-flection and re-newal

14.45-15.15 = Coffee and tea break (biscuits included)

15.15-16.30- Panel III: Carnival, museums and department stores

Chair: Dr Nicolette Makovicky, Oxford University

**Prof. Adrian Franklin, University of Tasmania (Australia)**

Where 'art meets life': the making of Australia's most successful mid-winter festival [Dark MOFO] in Hobart, Tasmania

**Dr Gareth Hamilton and Dita Vinovska, University of Latvia**

Losing 'track' of inverted time and space: the 'Crazy Days' in and outside a Finnish-owned department store in Riga

**Dr Giovanni Kezich, Museo degli Usi e Costumi della Gente Trentina (Italy)**

Carnival king of Europe: European winter masquerades in ethnographic perspective

16.30-16.45 – Break

16.45-17.45- Panel IV: Food and animals in festivals

Chair: Robin Smith, Oxford University

**Dr Francesco Della Costa, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Be'er Sheva (Israel)**

The venerable pig: ritual food sharing within a traditional festival in Abruzzo, Italy

**Pawel Sendyka, Jagiellonian University (Poland)**

The *bacas* and the priests: how the old adversaries came together to revive and reinterpret tradition

17.45-18.00- Closing remarks: Dr Robert Parkin, Oxford University