

1st International Conference on Contemporary Esotericism

Accepted Papers

- Bakarlaz, Pawel. Jagiellonian University, Poland – **The Concepts of the Self in Chaos Magic**
- Bakker, Justine. University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands – **The Black Esoteric Milieu: Black Religion and the Study of (Western) Esotericism**
- Baroni, Francesco. Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Storici, Italy – **Idealism and Magic in 20th Century Italy (1910-1940): How Italian Scholars Discovered Western Esotericism**
- Bogdan, Henrik. University of Gothenburg, Sweden – **Kenneth Grant and the Re-Enchantment of the Occult**
- Brach, Jean-Pierre. Ecole pratique Hautes Etudes, France – **Psychic Disciplines: the Magnetizer as Magician**
- Burroughs, Brady. KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden – **Meditations on Lesbians Who Meditate on Lesvos: On the Role of Spirituality in the Negotiation of Space, Community Building and the Inhabitation of Place**
- Butler, Alison. Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada – **Dion Fortune's Group Mind and the Intersection of Occultism and Psychology**
- Cavaglion, Gabriel. Ashkelon Academic College, Israel – **The Anti-Cult Societal Reaction in Israel**
- Chaitow, Sasha. University of Essex, UK – **Neomythology and Mythopoeia: The Esoteric Landscape of Modern Greece**
- Davies, Erik. Rice University, USA – **The Tripartite Glimmer: Philip K. Dick and the Exegesis**
- Duchemin, Peter. Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada – **Comics, Cinema, and the Esotericism of Alejandro Jodorowsky**
- Duggan, Colin. University College Cork, Ireland – **Chaos and the Zine Scene**
- Duppils, Sara. Åbo Akademi University, Finland – **Neospiritism: A Unified Concept of a Contemporary Multifaceted Belief in Spirits**
- Faxneld, Per. Stockholm University, Sweden – **Secret Lineages and De Facto Satanists: Anton LaVey's Use of Esoteric Tradition**
- Futerman, Joseph L. The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, USA – **Societies of Silence in an Open Source World: A Phenomenological Investigation of Secrecy in Contemporary Esoteric Groups**

Gaitanidis, Ioannis. Kokugakuin University, Japan – **Aspects of Contemporary Western Esotericism in Japan: A Study of the Circles of the Researchers of Truth in Tokyo**

Gearin, Alexander. University of Queensland, Australia – **Altering “Altered States of Consciousness” in Theory and Approach**

Giudice, Christian. University of Exeter, UK – **Occupy and Occultism: The Horus Maat Lodge, Astral Magic and the Emancipation of the 99%**

Greer, Christian. University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands – **“Bob was a Futurist and I am a Luddite”: Intersections of Esoteric Anarchism and Anarchist Esotericism Between Robert Anton Wilson and Peter Lamborn Wilson**

Hale, Amy. University of Maryland, USA – **The Branding and Marketing of the New Right in Pagan and Esoteric Communities**

Hannigan, Jessica. University College Cork, Ireland – **A Sinner Unaware: An Examination of Practices That Lie on the Periphery of the Occult in Ireland Today**

Harari, Yuval. Ben-Gurion University, Israel – **A Black Demoness, Angels and a Curse: On a Modern Magic Clay Pot from the Sea of Galilee**

Harrington, Melissa. Independent Researcher – **A Discussion of the Effects of Developing the Academic Study of Esotericism, with Particular Reference to Pagan Studies.**

Hedenborg-White, Manon. Stockholm University, Sweden – **Towards a Theoretical Framework for the Study of Gender and Contemporary Esotericism**

Hegner, Victoria. Georg-August-Universität, Germany – **“I am a Hippo”: Vulnerability as a Category and Method in Studying Contemporary Western Esotericism**

Huss, Boaz. Ben-Gurion University, Israel – **The New Age in Person: Sufi Sam's road from the Theosophical Society to the Dances of Universal Peace**

Kadary, Yoed. Ben-Gurion University, Israel – **The Return of the Nephilim: The Ancient Myth of the Fallen Angels and Contemporary Theory of Ancient Astronaut**

Karlsson, Thomas. Stockholm University, Sweden – **Modern Grimoires and Talismanic Books: The Role of Books as Fetishes and Counter-Cultural Valuables in the Digital Age**

Karlsson-Weimann, Carl. Uppsala University, Sweden – **Is Black and Death Metal Esoteric in Itself?**

Kenney, James Scott. Memorial University, Canada – **Freemasons Today: Thematic Claims of Life Changes since Becoming a Mason**

Kingsepp, Eva. Stockholm University, Sweden – **The Power of the Black Sun: (Oc)cultural Perspectives on SS Esotericism**

Kwantes, Gemma. University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands – **Bnei Baruch vs. “Mainstream” Jewish Religiosity**

Laufenberg, George. Princeton University, USA – **The Metaphysics of Licensure: Clinical Boundaries and Sacred Teachings in US College Mental Health Care**

Lieberman-Avital, Lital. Ben-Gurion University, Israel – **“Healing by Salt”: Traditional Feminine Magical Practice in a New and Renewing Environment**

Linde, Fabian. Stockholm University, Sweden – **The Occult Roots of Duginism: Political Esotericism in the Context of Weimar Russia**

Magus, Simon. University of Exeter, UK – **Austin Osman Spare and the Conquest of the Imaginal: Magic, Madness, Phenomenology and the Esoteric**

Marlow, Michael. Stockholm University, Sweden – **Interviewing Contemporary Mystics: Non-Ordinary Methods for Non-Ordinary Informants.**

Mondal, Alauddin. Assam University, India – **Esotericism in Sufism and its Impacts on the Bauls of Bengal**

Otto, Berndt-Christian. Universität Erfurt, Germany – **Chaos Semantics: “Magical” Meanings in the 20th and 21st Century**

Petersen, Jesper Aa. Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway – **Bracketing Beelzebub: Satanism Studies and/as Boundary Work**

Podolecka-Niewdana, Agnieszka. University of Warsaw, Poland – **South African New Age as a Conglomerate of Western and African Philosophies**

Popescu, Lelia. Centre for Euroasiatic and Afroasiatic Studies, Romania – **[Al]Chemia and [Dei Un] Gnost: A New Energy Perspective on Esoterica**

Radermacher, Daniel. University of Münster, Germany – **Aspects of Contemporary Esotericism: The Environmental Movement, Eco-Spirituality and Consumer Culture**

Ramstedt, Tommy. Åbo Akademi University, Finland – **Nationalism and Interest in National Heritage within the Alternative Spiritual Milieu in Finland**

Reiser, Daniel. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel – **Mesmerism and Late Hassidism**

Robertson, Venetia Laura Delano. University of Sydney, Australia – **The Self as “Other”: Non-Human Ontologies in Online Communities**

Rostad, Aslak. Independent Researcher, Norway – **Contemporary Fraternalism in Norway as Moral Elitism**

Santos Silva, Francesco. Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal – **Jorge Ben Jor and Raul Seixas: Two Brazilian Esotericist pop-musicians in the 1970s**

Senholt, Jacob C. University of Aarhus, Denmark – **Right Wing Heretics: Esoteric Discourse and Structure in the Identity Politics of the Pagan European Right**

Sieg, George. University of New Mexico, Valencia, USA – **Left, Right, and Sinister: The Challenge of Terminological Dyslexia**

Sudhölter, Judith. University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands – **The Entheogenic Experience of Dutch Santo Daime Members: Construction and Deconstruction of Esoteric Belief Systems in Lived Religion**

Tilton, Hereward. University of Exeter, UK – **Discord and Desecration at Esoteric Glastonbury: The Long Shadows of the English Reformation**

Woodman, Justin. Goldsmiths College, University of London, UK – **The MiBs and the Migo: Lovecraftian Paranormalism, Esoteric Ufology and Ultraterrestrial Demonologies**