Horizons of Shamanism: A Triangular Approach

One-Day Centennial Workshop November 8th, 2013

The study of ecstatic practices and conceptions of the soul in the intersection of historiography and ethnography has distinguished our department’s contribution to the field of History of Religions. On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the History of Religions at Stockholm University, three leading scholars have been invited to dwell upon the current status of shamanic practices and belief systems, both as ‘etic’ scholarly categories and as foci of spiritual revitalization among the indigenous peoples of post-Soviet Siberia.

“Shamans Emerging from Repression in Siberia: Lighting Rods of Hope and Fear” Majorie Mandelstam Balzer, Research Professor of Anthropology at Georgetown University

“Contextualising the study of shamanism in antiquity” Jan Bremmer, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at the University of Groningen and Visiting Professor at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich

“Travelling in Spirit, from Friuli to Siberia” Carlo Ginzburg, Professor Emeritus of History at the UCLA and Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa