



Materiality of Religion in Central and Eastern Europe

International workshop

(ONLINE event)

University of Szeged, Department of
Religious Studies

24-25th September 2021

PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE

24th September (Friday)

- 10.00-10.10. Opening and greetings (dr. Csaba Szabó, dr. Eugen Ciurtin)
- **I. Session: The body as material agent** (chair: Ágnes Gresz)
- 10.10-10.30. Gábor Klaniczay (Central European University): A Hungarian Stigmatic in the 20th Century. Erzsébet Galgóczy and Her International Models
- 10.30-10.50. Jérôme Seeburger (Universität der Bundeswehr): The Materiality of the Silent Gaze. An Analysis of the Performance of Braco
- 10.50-11.10. Anca Şincan (Gheorghe Sincai Institute of the Romanian Academy): The afterlife of Bishop Evloghie Oţa's dead body and its disputed ownership
- 11.10-11.30. **Virtual coffee break**
- 11.30-11.50. Patricia Rodrigues de Souza (Pontifical Catholic University of Sao Paulo): Researcher's body as research tools
- 11.50-12.10. Vladimir Ivanovici (University of Vienna): From performance to reification: living bodies in late antique religions
- 12.10-12.30. **Discussion**
- 12.30-14.00. **Virtual lunchtime**

II. Session. Materiality of religion in micro-spaces (chair: dr. Csaba Szabó)

- 14.00-14.20. Sara Kuehn (University of Vienna): Material Traces of Sufism in Ottoman Hungary
- 14.20-14.40. Ágnes Ivett Oszkó (Hungarian Museum of Architecture and Monument Protection Documentation Center) – Dóra Pataricza (Szeged Jewish Community): The sacred space of the Szeged New Synagogue
- 14.40-15.00. Natalia Dushakova (Russian Presidential Academy for National Economy and Public Administration): The Material World and Everyday Religiosity of a Migrant: Objects in Migration Memories of Old Believers from Romania
- 15.00-15.20. Discussion
- 15.20-15.40. **Virtual coffee break**
- 15.40-16.00. Dragoş Şamşudean (Babes-Bolyai University): Online Platforms as Chapels: Explaining Priests' Attitudes Towards Prayer Online
- 16.00-16.20. Vedran Obućina (University of Regensburg): Online religion: experience of an old-Catholic priest
- 16.20-16.40. Dushakova Irina (Research University Higher School of Economics Moscow): Acting Objects in Narratives about Rybnitsa Rebbe
- 16.40-17.00. **Discussion**

17.00-17.30 (CET)

Keynote lecture

prof. David Morgan
(Duke University)

**Artifice and Materiality
in the Production of
Sacred Events**



- **25th September (Saturday)**

III. Session: materiality of meso-spaces (chair: prof. Dr. András Máté-Tóth)

- 10.00-10.20. Alka Starac (Archaeological Museum of Istria): Shrines of the domus in the quarter of St. Theodore in Pula
- 10.20-10.40. Olha Stasiuk (Central European University): Habitus and Forced Monasticism in Registers of the Apostolic Penitentiary for Central Europe (1431-1503)
- 10.40-11.00. Letitia Cosnean Nistor (Vasile Pârvan Institute of Archaeology): The architecture of noble chapels in the Post-Reformation Transylvania
- 11.00-11.20. **Discussion**
- 11.20-11.40. **Virtual coffee break**

IV. Session: objects and their impact in macro-spaces (chair: dr. Eugen Ciurtin)

- 11.40-12.00. Ágnes Gresz (University of Pécs): The perfect place for religious behavior
- 12.00-12.20. Natalia Zawiejska and Anna Marta Maćkowiak (Institute for the Study of Religion, Jagiellonian University): Religious urban materialities in Kraków, Poland: tradition, transgression, resilience
- 12.20-13.00. Tõnno Jonuks (Estonian Literary Museum): Materiality of contemporary paganism - deposits at sacred natural sites in Estonia
- 13.00-13.20. **Discussion**
- 13.20-14.20. **Virtual lunchtime**
- 14.20-14.40. Eglė Aleknaitė (Vytautas Magnus University): His fire altar is impressive: changing sacred sites and ritual objects in contemporary Lithuanian Paganism
- 14.40-15.00. Attila Miklovicz (University of Pécs): Ideal Org Budapest The Scientology Hub of East-Central Europe
- 15.00-15.20. Csaba Szabó (University of Szeged): Space sacralisation and the agency of Roman objects in the Danubian provinces
- 15.20-15.40. Eugen Ciurtin (Institute of History of Religions, Romanian Academy): Material Mahāyāna on the Move from Mongolia to Moldavia: the 13th century Prajñāpāramitā manuscript entombed in Conțești (county of Dorohoi)
- 15.40-16.00. **Discussion**
- 16.00-16.20. **Virtual coffee break**

16.20-16.50 (CET)

Keynote Lecture

prof. James Kapalo
(University College Cork)

**Materiality and the Formation of the
Underground: Secret Police Archives and
the “Really Real” in the Study of Religion
under Communism**



V. Session: archaeoethanatology and materiality of death (chair: dr. Csaba Szabó)

- 1700-17.20. Judit Kis-Halas (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia): Angelic Presence in the Cemeteries: The Intersection of Angel Cult and the Material Culture of Commemoration
- 17.20-17.40. Martin Klapetek (University of South Bohemia): The Central Cemetery in Vienna: Past and Present of Muslims Areas
- 17.40-18.15. **Discussion and concluding remarks**

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