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Venue:

Sala Bobrzyńskiego and Sala Kazimierza Wielkiego, Collegium Maius
ul. Jagiellońska 15, Kraków

All sessions on Monday and Wednesday take place in Sala Bobrzyńskiego (Bobrzyński Hall), the parallel sessions are divided into Sala Bobrzyńskiego and Sala Kazimierza Wielkiego (Kazimierz Wielki Hall) – conf. the programme for details.

| Monday, 7th November 2016 |
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| 9:30 Registration |
| 10:00 Welcome |
| 10:15-11:15 Netherworlds in Ancient Worlds (chair: Jan N. Bremmer) |
| Maciej Münnich, <i>The Concept of Netherworld in the Post-Exilic Biblical Wisdom Circles</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 (chair: Theodora S.F. Jim) |
| Jan N. Bremmer, <i>Descents to the Underworld from Gilgamesh to Christian Late Antiquity</i> |
| 13:00-14:00 Lunch break (The Chimera salad bar) |

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| 14:00-15:00 Functions Of Morality In The Religious Domain (chair: Andrzej Szyjewski) |
| Tinu Ruparell, <i>A Symmetrical Basis for Meta-ethical Sensitivities and its Religious Technologization</i> |
| Katarzyna Bajka, <i>The Uncanny Valley – an evolution of a theory</i> |
| 15:00-15:15 Coffee break |
| 15:15-15:45 Religion In Contemporary World (chair: Stanisław Obirek) |
| 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> |
| 15:45-16:45 Gods, Demons And Rituals – The Issue Of Understanding Religious Metaphor (chair: Joanna Jurewicz) |
| 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> |
| 16:45-17:00 Break |
| 17:00-18:00 Ex Oriente Lux I (chair: Matylda Ciołkosz) |
| 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 | |
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| 9:30 Registration | |
| Parallel sessions | |
| Sala Bobrzyńskiego | Sala Kazimierza Wielkiego |
| 9:45-11:15 Ancient Mystery Cults and Healing Rituals (chair: Krzysztof Bielawski) | 9:45-11:15 Ex Oriente Lux II (chair: Maciej St. Zięba) |
| 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 (chair: Dominika Motak) | |
| 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 (The Chimera salad bar) | |

| Parallel sessions | |
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| Sala Bobrzyńskiego | Sala Kazimierza Wielkiego |
| 14:00-15:30 Modern Transformations Of Religious Practice And Theology (chair: Dominika Motak) | 14:00-15:30 Philosophical Aspects Of Cognitive Studies Of Religion (chair: Konrad Talmont-Kaminski) |
| 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> | Giuseppina Paola Viscardi, <i>Understanding to explain. Shifting ontologies and meaning-making processes: categorization, explanation, and meta-representations in the study of religions</i> |
| Joanna Malita-Król, <i>Meeting Gods in the circle – British Traditional Witchcraft as a modern mystery cult</i> | Juraj Franek, <i>Cognitive Science of Religion, Ontological Commitment and Evolutionary Debunking Arguments</i> |
| Stanisław Obirek, <i>Evolution vs Theology, or Theology of Evolution</i> | |
| 15:30-16:00 Coffee break | |
| Parallel sessions | |
| Sala Bobrzyńskiego | Sala Kazimierza Wielkiego |
| 16:00-18:30 Ancient Texts and Religion (chair: Maciej Münnich) | 16:00-18:30 Ex Oriente Lux III (chair: Artur Przybysławski) |
| Bartłomiej Bednarek, <i>Philology of killing, religion of eating. Cleaning the Burkert's table</i> | Kamil Nowak, <i>Understanding Buddhism in Modern Taiwan through the Concept of Gnosis</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> | Tatiana G. Skorokhodova, <i>Phenomena of Religious Consciousness in Genesis of Neo-Vedantism: Understanding in Study of the Bengal Renaissance Philosophical Thought</i> |
| 20:00 Conference dinner (Plac Nowy 1) | |

| Wednesday, 9th November 2016 |
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| 9:30 Registration |
| 9:45-11:15 Early and Medieval Christianity (chair: Filip Doroszewski) |
| 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 polemists invent Cathar dualism? Discussion with the foundations of deconstructionist interpretation of Catharism</i> |

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| 11:15-11:30 Coffee break |
| 11:30-13:00 Keynote lecture (chair: Robert Czyżykowski) |
| Joanna Jurewicz, <i>Conceptual Blending and Mystic Experience</i> |
| 13:00-14:00 Lunch (The Chimera salad bar) |
| 14:00-16:00 Evolution And Cognition (chair: Ralph W. Hood, Jr) |
| 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> |
| Wacław Romer, <i>The methodology of comparative mysticism studies: the case of perennialism</i> |
| 16:00-16:15 Coffee break |
| 16:15-18:15 Semiotic and Cognitive Aspects of 'Civic Religion' and its Margins (chair: Lech Trzcionkowski) |
| 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> |
| 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> |
| 18:15 Closing of the conference |