

SACRIFICE, ORDEAL, DIVINATION

International conference

at the Pécs Committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pécs, Hungary
(Magyar Tudományos Akadémia PAB Székház, 7624 Pécs, Jurisics u. 44.)

Friday 12th–Sunday 14th December, 2014



Organisers:

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

19:00–21:00 Registration

19:00–21:00 Dinner

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00–10:00 Registration, coffee

10:00–10:30 Opening of the conference

10:30–13:00 Session 1. (Chair: Vilmos Voigt, Budapest)

Tóth, Anna Judit (Budapest): *The low-prestige forms of divination in ancient Greece*

Csepregi, Ildikó (Budapest): *What people brought to the sanctuary?*

Tuczay, Christa (Vienna): *Scrying: From antique hydromancy to crystal-gazing*

Klaniczay, Gábor (Budapest): *Sacrifice in medieval Christendom*

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–18:30 Session 2. (Chair: Mirjam Mencej, Ljubljana)

Spät, Eszter (Budapest): *Inter-faith practices of beseeching the supernatural in Northern Iraq*

Minniyakhmetova, Tatiana (Innsbruck, Austria): *Sacrifices and sacrificing: Functions and their motives.*

Dyekiss, Virág (Budapest): *“This child is not my part – says Mother Water.” Human sacrifice in the folklore of the Siberian Nganasans*

Coffee break

Neagota, Bogdan (Cluj-Napoca, Romania): *The Healing Gurban at the Rudars from Vâlcea region (Romania). Anthropological and historical-religious aspects*

A film to be presented:

Bogdan Neagota (Cluj-Napoca), Ileana Benga (Cluj-Napoca), Adela Ambrușan and Vasile Mathe (Cluj-Napoca): *The Healing Gurban / Gurbanul de vindecare at the Rudars from Vâlcea (România).*

19:00 Dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00–12:30 Session 4. (Chair: Gábor Vargyas, Pécs)

Bever, Edward (Old Westbury, NY, USA): *Scrying and the “sieve and shears”*: Sociocultural roles and neurophysiological bases of traditional divinatory techniques

Sawden, Kari (Newfoundland, Canada): *Reading the body: Intersections of divination, body and gender*

Rivière, Janine (Toronto): *Dream divination in early modern England*

Coffee break

Tausiet, María (Madrid): *Love renounced & clairvoyance. From religious motif to popular culture and cinema*

Gyimesi, Julia (Budapest): *Divination in Hungarian spiritualism*

12:30–13:30 Lunch

13:30–18:30 Session 5 (Chair: Gábor Klaniczay, Budapest)

Wiśniewski, Robert (Warsaw): *Pagans, Jews, Christians and the sacred book divination in late antiquity*

Voigt, Vilmos (Budapest): *A book of ordeal (between 1208 and 1235) in Hungary*

Peti, Lehel (Cluj-Napoca, Romania): *Leadership authority, divination and the messages of the Holy Spirit in a Moldavian Pentecostal network*

Coffee break

Gyöngyössi, Orsolya (Szeged, Hungary): *From sacrificial practice to practical solutions. Parish priests in times of dangers threatening the community*

Györfy, Eszter (Pécs, Hungary): *Soul sacrifice. The devil as familiar spirit in the Ghimeş region (Romania)*

Stojanovič, Lidija (Skopje): *Interpretation of ritual feast in the Balkan folk songs*

Hnaraki, Maria (Philadelphia, USA): *To sacrifice or not to sacrifice? Super heroes and walled-up women performed*

19:00 Dinner

20:30: Film program

María Tausiet will present one or two films she will be talking about in her paper: *I married a witch* (1942), *Bell, book and candle* (1958).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30–13:30 Session 6. (Chair: Mara Tausiet, Madrid)

Benga, Ileana (Cluj-Napoca, Romania): *Divinatory practices within Romanian ethnographic areas: availability, trustworthiness and great expectations*

Kis-Halas, Judit (Pecs, Hungary): *“It has been written into your piece of wax”. A divinatory healing ritual in South West Hungary and Northern Croatia*

Coffee break

Warner, Elizabeth (Durham, UK): *The role of food offerings in communicating with and propitiating the dead in contemporary rural North Russia*

Komaromi, Tunde (Pecs, Hungary): *Fasting as a sacrifice in different ethnic and religious contexts (Nicula, Transylvania)*

Petrovic, Sonja (Belgrade): *Sin and sacrifice in the contemporary folklore in Serbia*

9:00–13:30 Session 7. (Elnok: Keszeg Vilmos, Kolozsvar)

Czegenyi Dora (Kolozsvar): *„Meger egy miset?” Egyhazi ritusok es magikus szoksgyakorlatok a romaniai magyarsag koreben*

Fabian Gabriella (Szeged): *Az engesztelo aldozat megnyilvanulasi formai a szekelyfoldi romai katolikus kozsesegekben*

Iancu Laura (Budapest): *Az isteni itelet es a bunhodes formai*

Coffee break

Olah Janos (Budapest): *Egy “Szefer lekah tov” induktiv divinacioiobol*

Tomcsanyi Laszlo (Budapest): *A divinacio 21. szazadi paradigmai*

Keszeg Vilmos (Kolozsvar) *Istenitelet a mindennapi eletben*

13:30–14:30 Lunch

14:30–16:30 Session 8. (Chair: Edward Bever, Old Westbury, USA)

Mencej, Mirjam (Ljubljana): *Fortune-tellers as counter-witches in Eastern Slovenia*

Pocs, Eva (Pecs, Hungary): *Divination and ordeal within witchcraft – forms and functions*

Seo, Luka (Zagreb): *For lust, wealth and immortality. Divination in 19th century Istria*

Galic-Kakkonen, Gordana – Vrbat, Maja (Split, Croatia): *The Witch from Grich – witchcraft, witch trials and popular literature*

16:30 Closing of the conference

Coffee break

Walk in the city and/or visiting a museum

19:30 Dinner

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30–14:00 Excursion in County Baranya; lunch in a village restaurant