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November 15 - 17



Conference Center
Forschungscampus
Waischenfeld, Germany

Link for virtual attendance:

<https://fau.zoom.us/j/63672581746>

NOV. 15

- 17:00 - 18:00 Welcome and
Introduction
Dr. Raquel Romberg
- 18:30 - 19:30 Keynote Lecturer
Prof. Paul C. Johnson
(University of Michigan)

Nov.16

Panel 1 9:00 – 11:00

Embodied Nature as Source and Resource

Chair: Dr. Stefanie Burkhardt * Discussant: Dr. Knut Graw

Re-inventing the "Natural Body":

Performative Practices of Russian Alternative Health Communities

Dr. Anna Ozhiganova (CAS-E Visiting Fellow, Erlangen)

Dreaming with Forest Spirits and President Obama:

Rethinking Indigenous Land Rights Claims Beyond 'Local' Traditions

Dr. Ivan Tacey (University of Plymouth)

Embodying Jah Creation:

The Powers of Nature in the Rastafari Movement

Dr. Anna Waldstein (University of Kent)

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Panel 2 11:30 – 13:30

"Margins, Circulations, and Boundaries"

Chair: Dr. Maryam Abbasi * Discussant: PD Dr. Bernd-Christian Otto

**The Margins of Indigenous Recognition and the Paradoxes of
Pan-Indigenous Authentication: Examples from Colombia**

Prof. Dr. Ernst Halbmayer (Philipps-University Marburg)

**The "Esoteric Distinction" as a Claim to Authenticity and Authority: Case Studies
from South and East Asia**

PD Dr. Julian Strube (University of Vienna)

The Hand, the Book, and the Words:

Types of Charm-Therapists in Modern Israel

Prof. Yuval Harari (Ben Gurion University)

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Panel 3 16:00 – 18:00
“Portability and Presence”

Chair: Prof. Dr. Birgit Menzel * Discussant: Dr. Lina Aschenbrenner

Frictionless Religions?

Portability and the Ecological and Digital Turns in Afro-Brazilian Religions

Dr. Giovanna Capponi (University of Roehampton)

European Korean Shamans and the Portability of National Heritage

Dr. Liora Sarfati (Tel Aviv University)

Materials and Vectors of “Spiritual Power”:

Islamic Renewal and Social Media in Urban Mali

Prof. Dr. Dorothea E. Schulz (University of Münster)

Nov. 17

Panel 4 9:00 – 11:00
“Spatiotemporal Origins Recovered and Remade”

Chair: Dr. Raquel Romberg * Discussant: Prof. Dr. Dominik Müller

**Authenticating Spiritism in Vietnamese Caodai Communities: Homeland Repression
and Diasporic Revelations**

Prof. Janet Alison Hoskins (University of Southern California)

**A Magical Space, An Enchanted Temporality: Esoteric Practices, Legitimacy
and Authenticity in the Sintra Mountain**

Dr. Clara Saraiva (University of Lisbon)

**Re-Territorialization through Bodily Practices: The Making of Diasporas
through Movement (Dance), Ritual and Spatiotemporal Convergences**

Prof. Ann R. David (University of Roehampton)

Nov. 17

Panel 5 11:00 – 13:30

“Science as Legitimizing and Delegitimizing Means”

Chair: Prof. Dr. Michael Lackner * Discussant: Prof. Dr. Andreas Nehring

The ‘Paradox of Astrology’: A Chimera of European Hegemonic Thinking

Prof. Dr. Kocku von Stuckrad (University of Groningen)

Blogging Esoteric Knowledge: The Case of a YouTube Diviner

Dr. Stéphanie Homola (CNRS/Institut Français de Recherche sur l’Asie de l’Est, Paris)

Dream Interpretation, Divination, and Scientific Credibility

Prof. Olav Hammer (University of Southern Denmark, Odense)



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