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Alternative Rationalities and
Esoteric Practices from a Global Perspective

LECTURE SERIES

WINTER SEMESTER 2025/26

Tuesdays | 6.15–7.45 pm

Seminar room, Hartmannstr. 14, Building D1, Erlangen

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OCTOBER 14, 2025	Dr. Philine Lewek Esotericism and Christianity within the New Right in Germany and Austria	DECEMBER 02, 2025	Prof. Jens Schlieter Panpsychism and the Power of the Mind: Esoteric Views of Consciousness and Reality in Mahāyāna Buddhism and the West
OCTOBER 21, 2025	Dr. Ezster Spät Frauds, Subaltern Rebels, or Sources of Batinî Knowledge: Yezidi Seers in Post-Saddam Iraq	DECEMBER 09, 2025	Dr. Mike Cifone Elusive Remainder: Jacques Vallée and the UFO Enigma
OCTOBER 28, 2025	Dr. Jeremy Stollow Picturing Aura: A Visual Biography	DECEMBER 16, 2025	Dr. Dominique Hertzner The Book of Changes (Yijing) in Chinese Medicine: Exploring "Pluralist Rationalities" of Divination and Chinese Medicine
NOVEMBER 04, 2025	Dr. Knut Graw Ritual Praxis Inside Out: Tracing Emic-etic continuities in Mandinka divination	JANUARY 13, 2026	Prof. Birgit Menzel Healing in Soviet-American New Age Diplomacy: A TTouch Method
NOVEMBER 11, 2025	Dr. Nestor Manichkin Collective Memory and the Tradition of Sacred Pilgrimages in the Shamanic Environment of Modern Kyrgyzstan	JANUARY 20, 2026	Prof. Carole Cusack Bodily Sensation and Esoteric Transformation: Praxis in the Gurdjieff Work
NOVEMBER 18, 2025	Prof. Robert André Lafleur Mountains of Discourse: History, Ethnography, and the Cosmology of China's Sacred Mountains	JANUARY 27, 2026	Prof. Paul Johnson Art, Presence, Sacrifice: The Death and Rebirth of the Cleveland "Thinker"
NOVEMBER 25, 2025	Dr. Alexander Stark Numbers and Healing: Exploring the Minangkabau Traditional Medical System	FEBRUARY 03, 2026	Dr. Monika Hirmer Kuṇḍalinī in Cross-Cultural Context: Transmissions from South Asia to the West



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