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IN EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE
OVER THE CENTURIES

Foundation Colloquium of
CEENASWE
(The Central and Eastern European Network
for the Academic Study of Western Esotericism)

Budapest, July 4-5, 2014

Venue

Central European University
Budapest, Nádor u. 9.
Gellner Room

All interested persons are welcome!
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PROGRAM

July 4, Friday

09:30    Registration
09:45    Opening (GYÖRGY E. SZÖNYI and MATTHIAS RIEDL on behalf of the CRS at CEU)
10:00–11:00 Keynote lecture
MATTHIAS RIEDL (Associate Professor, Central European University, Budapest)
Intelligentia spiritualis – On the Nature and History of Apocalyptic Knowledge
11:00–11:30 Coffee Break
11:30–13:00 Session 1 [3 papers]
MÁRTON SZENTPÉTERI
(Associate Professor, Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design, Budapest)
Johann Alsted in Transylvania: The Millenarian Reformation of Philosophy
RÓBERT PÉTER
(Senior Assistant Professor, Department of English Studies, University of Szeged)
Esotericism, Freemasonry and Enlightenment in Hungary, 1780-1795
YURI STOYANOV
(FRAS, Department of the Near and Middle East School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)
Confluences of Western Esotericism and Neo-Gnosticism in Modern Eastern Orthodox Contexts
13:00–14:30 Lunch Break
14:30–16:00 Session 2 [3 papers]
KAROLINA MARIA KOTKOWSKA
(PhD Candidate, Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilizations, Faculty of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, Cracow)
The Impact of Esoteric Ideas on Polish Intellectual Elites in Early 20th Century: the Example of ‘Chimera’ Journal’s Environment
SPYROS PETRITAKIS
(PhD Candidate in Art History, University of Crete, currently researching in Berlin)
The late religious work of Nikolaus Gysis (1842-1901) under the light of the
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theosophical doctrine in Munich and Athens in the 1890s. Ideological
presuppositions and realizations

SÁNDOR FÖLDVÁRI
(Research Fellow and Lecturer, Debrecen University)
Chiromancy as Substitute Religion for the Middle Class in the Interwar
Budapest (Capital of Hungary) – The Case of Gy. Majthényi

16:00–16:30 Coffee Break

16:30–18:30 Session 3 [4 papers]

RONIT MEROZ
(The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies, Tel-Aviv University)
The Binitarian Roots of European Kabbalah

JOHN M. MACMURPHY
(RMA student, University of Amsterdam)
The Birth of Christian Kabbalah

ANDREA GONDOS
(University of Pennsylvania)
Demonic Powers and the Biblical Commandments: Yissachar Baer’s “Yesh
Sakhar”

KATRE KOPPEL
( MA student, Department of Ethnology, University of Tartu)
“I was absolutely speechless because I had seen this man I was a child in my
dreams, I thought.” – Representations of spiritual master. The example of the
Source Breathwork community

19:30–21:00 Reception-buffet in Central Bistro & Restaurant

July 5, Saturday

09:30–11:00 Session 4 [3 papers]

MICHAL FLOREK
( MA Student, Institute for the Study of Religion, Faculty of Philosophy, Jagiellonian
University, Cracow)
The Analysis of the Figure of st. Wilgefortis as the Example of the Usage of the
Entheogens in the Christian Medieval Tradition
NADEŽDA ELEZOVIĆ
(Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Rijeka)
Occultism and Spirituality in Eastern European Contemporary Art

MALGORZATA ALICJA DULSKA
(PhD Candidate, Institute for the Study of Religions, Faculty of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, Cracow)
The Vision of Spiritual Words in Agnieszka Pilchowa’s Writings

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 Session 5 [3 papers]

RAFAŁ T. PRINKE
(Associate Professor, Eugeniusz Piasecki University, Poznań)
Dr. Bogdan Edward Jastrzębski (1860-1923) – an early member and the last Praemonstrator of the Golden Dawn

MICHELE OLZI
(MA, University of Milano)
From Russia with Love, a Case of Russian Culture and Immigration in Western Esotericism: Maria de Naglowska (1883-1936.)

GYÖRGY E. SZÖNYI
(Professor, Central European University, Budapest and University of Szeged)
The Lure Of The Occult. Esoteric Themes In Two Modern Hungarian Novels: Antal Szerb, “The Pendragon Legend” (1934) and Mária Szepes, “The Red Lion” (1947)

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–16:00 Session 6 [3 papers]

NEMANJA RADULOVIĆ
(Assistant Professor, Department of Serbian Literature and South Slavic Literatures, Belgrade)
Neopaganism in Serbia

NOEL PUTNIK
(PhD candidate, Central European University, Budapest)
Dr. Wolf And The “Ancient Roots”: Neoshamanism In Contemporary Serbia
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RÉKA SZILÁRDI
(Asistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Szeged)

Questions of Ethno-Nationalism: Identity Match in Contemporary Hungarian Paganism

16:00–16:30 Coffee Break

16:30–18:00 Conclusions and the official foundation of CEENASWE, a "Members' Meeting"

19:30 An optional dinner in the restaurant Oliva (1065 Budapest, Lázár u. 1.)
http://olivaetterem.com/kapcsolat/
If you can join, please, notify the conference assistant, Francesco LaRocca at<br><La-Rocca_Francesco@ceu-budapest.edu>

Il Museo Cospiano (from the catalogue of the Collection, Bologna, 1677).
Repr:http://www.a-website.org/mnemosyne/arrange/pages/6wunder.html