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WEBINAR

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PROGRAMME

OCTOBER 24 (FRIDAY)

09:30–09:50 GREETINGS, **LUIGI MIRAGLIA**
(ACCADEMIA VIVARIUM NOVUM)

09:50–10:00 - Opening Remarks
MARIANNA FERRARA & MAŁGORZATA SACHA

10:00–10:20 - Keynote Speaker
RAFFAELE TORELLA (SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY
OF ROME)
Ritual as Knowledge, Knowledge as Ritual

10:20–10:30 Discussion

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

**11:00–12:00 - SESSION 1: Shame, Guilt, and
Cognitive Structures**
CHAIR: **MARIANNA FERRARA**

11:00–11:20 **ELŻBIETA PRZYBYŁ-SADOWSKA**
(JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY OF KRAKÓW)
Community – Guilt, Punishment, Forgiveness:
On Practices of Coping with Negative
Emotions in Christian Monastic Communities

11:20–11:40 **EDUARD IRICINSCHI** (UNIVERSITY
OF ERFURT)
Shame and Classification: Ritualized
Confession Among the Western and Eastern
Manichaeans

11:40–12:00 **ANETA CZERNATOWICZ-
KUKUCZKA** (JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY OF
KRAKÓW)
The Social Brain in Ritual Action: Cognitive and
Affective Routes to Collective Identity

12:00–12:30 Discussion

12:30–14:30 - Lunch Break

**14:30–15:30 - SESSION 2: Contempt, Disgust
and Ritual Violence**
CHAIR: **JOANNA MALITA-KRÓL**

14:30–14:50 **IGOR SPANÒ** (UNIVERSITY OF
PALERMO)
Contempt and Hierarchies in Vedic Rituals

14:50–15:10: **MASSIMO GIUSEPPETTI**
(UNIVERSITY OF ROMA TRE)
Sacrifice and Emotion in Ancient Greek
Religion: Ritual Violence and Literary Mediation

15:10–15:30 **DARIO CELLAMARE** (UNIVERSITY
OF PADUA)
Disgust and Authority: Animal Sacrifice in the
Late Roman Empire

15:30–16:00 Discussion

OCTOBER 25 (SATURDAY)

**09:30–10:30 - SESSION 3: Anxiety and Ritual
Creativity**
CHAIR: **LINDA ZAMPOL D'ORTIA**

09:30–09:50 **MAŁGORZATA SACHA**
(JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY OF KRAKÓW)
Anxiety and Ritual: The Uncanny in the *kula
sādhana*

09:50–10:10 **ANDRZEJ SZYJEWSKI**
(JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY OF KRAKÓW)
Hair and Foreskin. Symbolic Equivalency in
Aboriginal Initiation Rituals

10:10–10:30 **JOANNA MALITA-KRÓL**
(JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY OF KRAKÓW)
When Gods Enter the Circle: Mystical
Encounters in Contemporary Pagan Rituals

10:30–11:00 Discussion

11:00–11:20 Coffee Break

**11:20–12:20 - SESSION 4: Tragic Emotion,
Reparation, and Aesthetic Forms**

CHAIR: **MASSIMO GIUSEPPETTI**

11:20–11:40 FRANCESCA SCROFANI
(UNIVERSITY OF AIX-MARSEILLE)

*Choros and Chara: Rite and Joy in Plato's
Laws*

11:40–12:00 ALESSANDRA FILANNINO
INDELICATO (INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR)

*The Path(os) of the Mended: Hermeneutics of
Skēnē and Sparagmos, and the Resentment of
the Righteous in Ancient Greek Tragedies*

12:00–12:20 FEDERICA ZIGARELLI (SAPIENZA
UNIVERSITY OF ROME)

*Jealousy and Identity: Building the Divine and
Civic Community in the Greek Poleis*

12:20–12:50 Discussion

12:50–14:30 Lunch Break

**14:30–15:30 - SESSION 5: Emotion and the
Political Imaginary of Rituals**

CHAIR: **ELŻBIETA PRZYBYŁ-SADOWSKA**

14:30–14:50 ALESSANDRO SAGGIORO
(SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME)

*Nostalgia and Memory: Mythmaking through
Epics and Divination in Ancient Rome*

14:50–15:10 MARIANNA FERRARA (SAPIENZA
UNIVERSITY OF ROME)

Hate, War, and Yóga in the R̥gveda

15:10–15:30 MACIEJ CZEREMSKI
(JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY OF KRAKÓW)

*The Long Shadow of Candomblé: Ritual
Dimensions of Contemporary Capoeira*

15:30–16:00 Discussion

OCTOBER 26 (SUNDAY)

**10:00–11:20 - SESSION 6: The Power of
Positive Emotions**

CHAIR: **MAŁGORZATA SACHA**

10:00–10:20 GIULIANO GIUSTARINI
(INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR)

*From Joy to Joy: The Aesthetic of the Unmade
in Pāli Buddhist Poetry*

10:20–10:40 MARA MATTA (SAPIENZA
UNIVERSITY OF ROME)

*Rituals of Hope and Rituals of Love Against
Practices of Shame and Fear*

10:40–11:00 PIERLUIGI LANFRANCHI
(UNIVERSITY OF AIX-MARSEILLE)

*Time for Joy: Rituals as Occasions for Festive
Emotions in Late Antiquity*

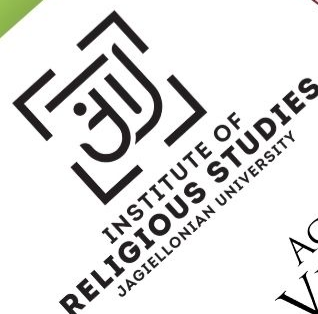
11:00–11:20 LINDA ZAMPOL D'ORTIA
(CA' FOSCARI UNIVERSITY OF VENICE)

*Consolation and Strategic Networking: Jesuit
Yearnings for a Global Community*

11:20–12:00 Discussion

12:00–12:10 Conference conclusion

12:10–14:00 Lunch



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