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WEBINAR

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PROGRAMME

OCTOBER 24 (FRIDAY)

09:30–09:50 GREETINGS, **LUIGI MIRAGLIA**
(ACADEMIA 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 *Yoga* in the *Rgveda*

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 MATTÀ** (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

