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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

*Transreligious Practices beyond the dogma:
Wellbeing, Healing and Crisis in Southern Europe.*

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DAY 1,
THURSDAY, 3rd of OCTOBER 2024

- 9h15 - 10h00 Registration
- 10h00 - 10h15 Welcome Speeches
- 10h15 - 10h30 Opening Speech, Diana Riboli, on behalf of the Organizing Committee
- 10h30 - 11h30 Keynote Lecture: **'Intricate Trajectories in the Transreligious Landscape'**
Terhi Utriainen, University of Helsinki
- 11h30 - 11h50 Coffee Break

Session I:
WELL-BEING LANDSCAPES OF RELIGION, SPIRITUALITY, NATURE AND THE SACRED

Chair: Nicolas Boissière

- 11h50 - 12h10 ***Sacred Healing: Contemporary Pagans Transreligious Approaches to Healing and Well-Being in Portugal.***
Joana Martins, CRIA NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST
- 12h10 - 12h30 ***Spiritual practices within the Cycladic backdrop: mapping modern yoga and wellness industry in Greece.***
Violetta Koutsoukou, Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
- 12h30 - 12h50 ***Sustainable Religion, Spirituality and Healing: Re-Inhabiting Sacred Landscapes in southern Europe.***
Eugenia Roussou, CRIA-Iscte / IN2PAST
- 12h50 - 13h05 Discussion
- 13h05 - 14h30 Lunch Break

Session II:

TRANSRELIGIOUS MATERIALITIES, SENSORIALITIES AND COSMOLOGIES

Chair: Diana Espírito Santo

- 14h30 - 14h50 ***The magical world of 'transreligiosity' in northern Greece: popular rituals as acts of decolonial pilgrimage pray, sensorial, embodied and material cosmo-ontology.***
Fotini Tsibiridou, University of Macedonia
- 14h50 - 15h10 ***Spiritual assemblages in a transreligious world: The case of hip-hop.***
Natalia Koutsougera, Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
- 15h10 - 15h30 ***The Worship of Dr Sousa Martins: Spirituality and Health in Portugal.***
Emily Pierini, Sapienza University of Rome
- 15h30 - 15h50 ***Umbanda in times of crisis: impacts of the covid-19 pandemic on Umbandists in Portugal.***
Janainna Pereira, Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS)
- 15h50 - 16h10 Discussion
- 16h10 - 16h25 Coffee Break

Session III:

COMMUNITY, TRADITION, INNOVATION

Chair: Diana Riboli

- 16h25 - 16h45 ***Transreligiosity and Religious Revitalization in Modern Greece: Creating Community on the Margins.***
Evgenia Fotiou, University of Crete
- 16h45 - 17h05 ***After the Buddha: Tradition, Authenticity and Innovation in Italian Buddhism.***
Matteo Di Placido, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin and Stefania Palmisano, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society, University of Turin
- 17h05 - 17h25 ***Between Biomedicine, Psychology, the Qu'ran and Magic: Remedies for Mental Suffering among Minority Women in Rhodope,***
Eleni Mavroeidi, Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences.
- 17h25 - 17h45 ***Hare Krishna for Everyone: Plurality in ISKCON Lisbon Temple.***
Caio César Busani, Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon
- 17h45 - 18h05 Discussion

END OF DAY 1.

DAY 2
FRIDAY, 4th of OCTOBER 2024

Session IV:
RITUALISM, MYSTICISM AND THE SECULAR

Chair: Anastasios Panagiotopoulos

- 09h45 - 10h05 ***Contemporary Spirituality in Catholic Italy: Nature, Well-Being, and Mystery.***
Stefania Palmisano, University of Turin
- 10h05 - 10h25 ***Attending to the demand for spirituality in post-secular Catholicism. Dialogues at the religious-spiritual frontiers.***
Luis Muñoz Villalón, University of Seville
- 10h25 - 10h45 ***Ritual elements of Benzimentos in Portugal.***
Natasha Martins, ReSpell, CRIA-Iscte / IN2PAST
- 10h45 - 11h00 Discussion
- 11h00 - 11h15 Coffee Break

Session V:
TECHNIQUES OF HEALTH, HEALING AND WELL-BEING

Chair: Emily Pierini

- 11h15 - 11h35 ***Is the use of unconventional therapies in the field of mental health and disability in France a sign of a crisis in the health system or is it the cause of the crisis in the health system itself?***
Denise Lombardi, GSRL – EPHE
- 11h35 - 11h55 ***Constellations of familiarity, unfamiliar revelations: transreligious techniques between wellbeing and crisis.***
Anastasios Panagiotopoulos, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Seville
- 11h55 - 12h15 ***The Inner Journeys to Health: Spiritual Approaches to haleness among Tenerife's Hinduists and Truth Seekers.***
Mario Martín Páez, Universidad Complutense de Madrid / Universidad de La Laguna
- 12h15 - 12h30 Discussion
- 12h30 - 14h00 Lunch Break

Session VI:

**TRANSRELIGIOSITY AND CRISIS BEYOND SOUTHERN EUROPE:
COMPARATIVE APPROACHES OF THEORY AND ETHNOGRAPHY**

Chair: Terhi Utriainen

- 14h00 - 14h20 ***Native American' medical centers in Israel - the formation of religious-spirituality and Native American therapy in Israel.***
Idan Edut, University of Haifa
- 14h20 - 14h40 ***Healing in a Contemporary Pagan Tradition: The Case of Druidry in Quebec (Canada).***
Nicolas Boissière, University of Quebec
- 14h40 - 15h00 ***'May Our Hearts Rise Up in Prayer': Responses of Russian-Speaking Immigrant Israeli Reform Congregations to the Russo-Ukrainian War.***
Elazar Ben-Lulu, Ariel University
- 15h00 - 15h20 ***Spiritual Wellbeing and Universal Wellbeing Concepts - a discussion.***
Lidia Guzy, University College Cork
- 15h20 - 15h40 ***Rethinking religion outside of the conceptual boundaries of anthropology: a disciplinary crisis.***
Diana Espirito Santo, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- 15h40 - 16h05 Discussion
- 16h05 - 16h30 Coffee Break

Session VII

VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF REPELL

- 16h30 – 17h30 Display of Ethnographic Videos by ReSpell team members
- 17h30 – 18h00 Final Discussion and Closing Remarks