

ReSpell.

Religion, Spirituality, Well-being

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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

3-4
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2024

Panteion University of Social and
Political Sciences,
Department of Social Anthropology

📍 136, Syngrou Avenue, 17671,
Athens, Greece

Amphitheater Sakis Karagiorgas II,
New Building (2nd Floor)

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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: Eugenia Roussou

11h55 - 12h15	<i>Sacred Healing: Contemporary Pagans Transreligious Approaches to Healing and Well-Being in Portugal.</i> Joana Martins, CRIA NOVA FCSH / IN2PAST
12h15 - 12h35	<i>Sustainable Religion, Spirituality and Healing: Re-Inhabiting Sacred Landscapes in southern Europe.</i> Eugenia Roussou, CRIA-Iscte / IN2PAST
12h35 - 12h50	Discussion
12h50 - 14h20	Lunch Break

Session II:
TRANSRELIGIOUS MATERIALITIES, SENSORIALITIES AND COSMOLOGIES

Chair: Diana Espírito Santo

14h30 - 14h50	<i>The magical world of 'transreligiosity' in northern Greece: popular rituals as acts of decolonial pilgrimage pray, sensorial, embodied and material cosmology.</i> Fotini Tsibiridou, University of Macedonia
14h50 - 15h10	<i>Spiritual assemblages in a transreligious world: The case of hip-hop.</i> Natalia Koutsougera, Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences
15h10 - 15h30	<i>Umbanda in times of crisis: impacts of the covid-19 pandemic on Umbandists in Portugal.</i> Janainna Pereira, Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS)
15h30 - 15h50	Discussion
15h50 - 16h20	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 - 18h10 Discussion

DAY 2
FRIDAY, 4th of OCTOBER 2024

Session IV:
RITUALISM, MYSTICISM AND THE SECULAR

Chair: Anastasios Panagiotopoulos

- 10h00 - 10h20 ***Attending to the demand for spirituality in post-secular Catholicism. Dialogues at the religious-spiritual frontiers.***
Luis Muñoz Villalón, University of Seville
- 10h20 - 10h40 **Ritual elements of Benzimentos in Portugal.**
Natasha Martins, ReSpell, CRIA-Iscte / IN2PAST
- 10h40 - 10h55 Discussion
- 10h55 - 11h10 Coffee Break

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

Chair: Joana Martins

- 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 (EMERGIA grant holder, ref.no.: EMC21-00043, Investigacion e Innovacion de la Junta de Andalucia)
- 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 - 12h35 Discussion
- 12h35 - 14h00 Lunch Break

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

Chair: Terhi Utriainen

- 14h10 - 14h30 ***Native American' medical centers in Israel - the formation of religious-spirituality and Native American therapy in Israel.***
Idan Edut, University of Haifa
- 14h30 - 14h50 ***'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
- 14h50 - 15h10 ***Spiritual Wellbeing and Universal Wellbeing Concepts - a discussion.***
Lidia Guzy, University College Cork
- 15h10 - 15h30 ***Rethinking religion outside of the conceptual boundaries of anthropology: a disciplinary crisis.***
Diana Espirito Santo, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- 15h30 - 15h55 Discussion
- 15h55 - 16h25 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