

International Conference ‘Sacred Places. Sacredness – Open to Dialogue or Closed to Changes?’

Gdansk (Poland), 13-14 October 2022

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* **On-line presentations**

Day 1 (Gdansk Town Hall, Długa 46/47 St., 80-831 Gdańsk)

The official inauguration 9.00-9.20

Opening Lecture

Sacred Places: Landscape and Architecture

David Warburton (Northeast Normal University Changchun, China) 9.20-10.00

First Session (Sacred Time, Space and Money in Mesopotamia)

Traveling the Mesopotamian Spaceways: Time and Space and an Ancient City

Piotr Michalowski (University of Michigan, USA) 10.00-10.25

Continuity and Change of a Sacred Space: The Example of Enlil’s Temple at Nippur

Bernhard Schneider 10.25-10.50

Can Accounting Be Sacred? The Case of Mesopotamian Temples

Michael Kozuh (Auburn University, USA) 10.50-11.15

Economic Decisions Taken in Mesopotamian Sacred Spaces, still Shaping the Present?

Amer K. Hirmis 11.15-11.40

I Coffee break 11.40-12.00

Second Session (Mediterranean Construction of Sanctity)

Prehistoric Temples of Malta and Ancient Near Eastern Sanctuaries (IX-mid IVth Millennia

BC). Some Notes on Comparative Approaches

Vladimir Sazonov (Tartu University, Estonia) 12.00-12.25

The Construction and Deconstruction of the Temple at Tel Arad (Israel)

Zeev Herzog (Tel Aviv University, Israel) 12.25-12.50

An Intercultural Sacred Space from the Early Bronze Age Judean Desert

Samuel Atkins and Uri Davidovich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel) 12.50-13.15

Third Session (In Search for Traces of Sacredness)

A Ruined Temple and a Juniper Garden: the Sacred Setting of the Divine Love Lyrics

Rocia Da Riva (Universitat of Barcelona, Spain) 13.20-13.45

Assyrian Influence on Alexander's Royal Court Ceremonial proskynesis

Kateryna Baulina (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine) 13.45-14.10

The herem in the Favela

Karolina Zaremba (Europäische Universitaet Viadrina & Universidade Federal Fluminense, Germany) 14.10-14.35

II Coffee Break 14.35-14.50

Fourth Session (Hellenic Sacred Phenomena)

Agalma and Hierá Hodói in Samos and Didyma

Sławomir Michał Bobola (Jagiellonian University, Poland) 14.50-15.15

The Importance of Setting: Was Wilderness and Ground a Sacred Area for the Ancient Greeks?

Bogdan Burliga (University of Gdansk, Poland) 15.15-15.40

How to Destroy and Restore Holiness

Sebastian Fink and Noah Kröll (Innsbruck University, Austria) 15.40-16.05

Day 2 (The Faculty of Social Sciences UG, Bażyńskiego 4 St., 80-952 Gdańsk)

Opening lecture

Holy Places – Philosophical Contexts

Jerzy Kojkoł (Akademia Marynarki Wojennej, Gdynia, Poland) 9.00-9.35

Fifth Session (Difficult Questions and even more Difficult Answers...) part I

From Shared Muslim-Jewish Holy Sites and Feasts to Exclusivity Claims, the Case of Jerusalem

Menachem Klein (Bar Ilan University, Israel) 9.35-10.00

Sacred Places at the Crossroads of Cultures - the Case of Polish Tatars

Karolina Radłowska (Białystok University, Poland) 10.00-10.25

Basque Sacred Places

Katarzyna Mirgos (University of Gdańsk, Poland) 10.25-10.50

I Coffee Break 10.50-11.05

Sixth Session (Sacred in Culture, Language and Healing)

The Sacred and Sacred Places in Lakota Sioux Culture

Friedrich Pöhl (Innsbruck University, Austria) 11.05-11.30

Semantic and Etymology of Proto-Slavic Lexemes of Sacredness and its Continuation in Polish Folk Rituals

Mikołaj Jarmakowski (University of Gdańsk, Poland) 11.30-11.55

Sacredness in Healing and Magical Rituals of the Whispers (szeptuchy) from Podlasie. Case Study

Krzysztof Ulanowski (University of Gdańsk, Poland) 11.55-12.20

Seventh session (Magic Related to Past and Contemporary Rites, Ceremonies and Places)

Neopagan Sacred Place? The Image of Krakus Mound in the Narratives of Contemporary Pagans of Kraków

Joanna Malita-Król (Jagiellonian University, Poland) 12.25-12.50

Religious Meaning of the Roadside Death Memorials in Poland

Justyna Przybylska (University of Gdańsk, Poland) 12.50-13.15

The Body of the Deceased as a Place of Profane-Sacred Negotiations. The Context of Kashubian Funeral Rituals

Aleksandra Kurowska-Susdorf (Akademia Marynarki Wojennej, Gdynia, Poland) 13.15-13.40

II Coffee Break 13.40-13.55

Eighth Session (Difficult Questions and even more Difficult Answers...) part II

Developing Equal Respect & Protection: The Behavior of Local Community Visiting Non-Muslim Sacred Places in Pakistan

Suhail Khan (Anhui University, P.R. China) 13.55-14.20

Decolonial Travel in South Asia: the Categorical Imperative of Sacredness

Avishek Ray (The National Institute of Technology Silchar, India) 14.20-14.55