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Religion in Past and Present: Conceptualisations, theories, methods

Winter term 2014 / 2015, Mondays 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
MPI, small seminar room

Introduction

13.10.2014 **Chris Hann, Andreas Pečar, François Bertemes**
IMPRS ANARCHIE: Religion and Ritual – The general approach

History

20.10.2014 **Michael Müller**
Reading: MacIntyre, Alistair. 1983. After virtue: A Study in Moral Theory (extracts). In: Kelvin Night (ed.). 1998. *The MacIntyre Reader*. Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 69–101.

27.10.2014 **Stefan Pfeiffer**
Reading: Trampedach, Kai. 2013. Between Hellenistic Monarchy and Jewish Theocracy: the contested legitimacy of Hasmonean rule. In: Nino Luraghi (ed.). *The Splendors and Miseries of Ruling Alone: encounters with monarchy from archaic Greece to the hellenistic mediterranean*, Stuttgart: Steiner, pp. 231–259.

3.11.2014 **Chris Hann**
Who are the Greek Catholics?
Reading: Hann, Chris. 2005. The Limits of Galician Syncretism: pluralism, multiculturalism and the two Catholicisms. In: Chris Hann and Paul Robert Magocsi (eds.), *Galicia: a multicultural land*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press, pp. 210–37.

10.11.2014 **Peter Burschel**
Humboldt University Berlin

The Invention of Purity

Anthropology

17.11.2014 **Andreas Pečar**
Reading: Zemon Davies, Natalie. 1973. The Rites of Violence: religious riot in 16th century France, *Past and Present* 59, pp. 151–191.

24.11.2014 **Kirsten Endres**
Approaching Research on Ritual
Reading: Nye, Malory. 2003. *Religion. The basics*. London: Routledge, pp. 125–148 ; Kapferer, Bruce. 2006. Dynamics. In: Jens Kreinath, Jan Snoek and Michael Strausberg (eds.), *Theorizing Rituals: issues, topics, approaches, concepts*, Leiden/ Boston: Brill, pp. 507–522.

01.12.2014 **Lale Yalçın-Heckmann**
Religion and Materiality
Readings: Ortner, Sherry B. 1973. On Key Symbols, *American Anthropologist*, New Series, Vol. 75, No. 5, pp. 1338–1346; Miller, Daniel. 2005. Materiality: an introduction. In: Daniel Miller (ed.), *Materiality*, Durham: Duke University Press, 1–50.
Further suggestion: Rowlands, Michael. 2005. A Materialist Approach to Materiality. In: Daniel Miller (ed.), *Materiality*. Durham: Duke University Press, 72–87.

08.12.2014 **Ursula Rao,**
University of Leipzig

Reading: Rao, Ursula. 2002. How to Prove Divinities? Experiencing and Defending Divine Agency in a Modern Indian Space, *Religion*, Volume 32, Issue 1, January 2002, pp. 3–11.

Archaeology

15.12.2014

François Bertemes

Reading: Verhoeven, Marc. 2011 The Many Dimensions of Ritual. In: Timothy Insoll (ed.), *The Archaeology of Ritual and Religion*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 115–132; Colin Renfrew/ Paul Bahn. 2012. *Archaeology: theories, methods and practice*. London: Thames and Hudson, pp. 388–394.

12.01.2015

Jan Breder

Reading: Burkert, Walter. 2011. The Meaning and Function of the Temple in Classical Greece. In: Eveline Krummen (ed.), Walter Burkert. *Kleine Schriften VI. Mythica, Ritualia, Religiosa 3. Kulte und Feste*, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, pp. 177–195.

19.01.2015

Gundula Mehnert

Reading: Burkert, Walter. 2011. The Problem of Ritual Killing. In: Fritz Graf (ed.), Walter Burkert. *Kleine Schriften VI. Mythica, Ritualia, Religiosa 2*, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, pp. 23–49.

26.01.2015

Timothy Darvill

University of Bournemouth

Beyond Stonehenge: prehistoric ceremonial centres in the Old and New worlds

Reading suggestion: Timothy Darvill. 2006. *Stonehenge: the bibliography of a landscape*. Stroud: Tempus.

02.02.2015

Final discussion and conclusions