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**Community, Ritual and the Power of Memory:
Past, Present and Future**

Multidisciplinary Workshop | 22–24 March 2023

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Community, Ritual and the Power of Memory: Past, Present and Future

Rituals have long been a well-established part of several disciplines such as religious studies, sociology, history, and archaeology, to name but a few. Following Catherine Bell, we define ritual as a form of referential and social activity deeply rooted in cultural frameworks. Rituals are always situated in a specific social context and thus have a specific function for that very social context. The aim of this workshop is to look at the construction of a feeling of (shared) memory within a group, and at the same time how rituals can subsequently change and transform themselves through this practice. In order to obtain a comprehensive view, various case studies will be presented, not only from different disciplines, but also from completely different historical periods, from antiquity to modernity. In this multidisciplinary framework, various approaches and theories will be put up for discussion that make it possible to look at the phenomenon of 'memory construction' within rituals.

Important questions of this workshop are: In which rituals is a 'shared memory' created? Which structural elements of such rituals are designed to create a 'shared memory'? Do such rituals create social cohesion through evoking a sense of 'shared memory'? How do rituals create social cohesion by generating 'shared memory'? Do art and literature use such rituals to evoke certain 'answers' from their recipients?

Programme

Wednesday, 22 March

15:00–15:30 | Welcome and Introduction

Keynote

15:30–17:00 | Kinga Povedák

Keynote

17:00–17:15 | Coffee Break

Panel 1 | Chair: Veronika Kolomaznik

17:15–18:45 | Sára Heidl

„Healing, Accompanying, Gentle-Strong Women at Everness”: Female Role at a Contemporary Festival

17:15–18:45 | Ramón Soneira Martínez

The Power of Relational Tradition. Ecological Memory in The Athenian Rite of The Arrhephoria

17:15–18:45 | Yuri Fraccaroli

Dissident Memories: Performing LGBT+ History From a Community Archive

Thursday, 23 March

Panel 2 | Chair: Elena Malagoli

9–10:30 | Emma Weiher

Memory and Communal Identity in Asian American Immigrant Storytelling

9–10:30 | Clemens Wurzinger

Soleo Spargere Lacte Palem: The Parilia, the Beginnings of Rome, and Its Use in Literature

9–10:30 | Sofia Bianchi Mancini

Divine Ownership as Cultural Memory: Its Perception and Transformation in Latin Poetry

Keynote

11:00–12:30 | Christina Williamson

12:30–14:00 | Lunch

Panel 3 | Chair: Clemens Wurzinger

14:00–15:30 | Rafael Barroso Romero

The Ritual and the Infrastructure of the Self: Some Case Studies of Roman Funerals

14:00–15:30 | Giulia Pedrucci

The Arrhephoria from the Archaic to the Hellenistic Period: Some Reflections on the Maternal Training for Greek Maidens and the Role of Athena

14:00–15:30 | Marcus Döller

Meaningless Rituals—Negativity in Memory

15:30–16:00 | Coffee Break

Panel 4 | Chair: Matthias Scholler

16:00–17:30 | Alina Zeller

Customs and Traditions: German-American Trachtenvereine and the (Ritualistic) Practices

16:00–17:30 | Elena Malagoli

In Front of the Gods: Ritual Strategies in Late Bronze Age Treaties

16:00–17:30 | Marios Kamenou

God and Communities in the Hellenistic Period

18:00–20:00 | Dinner

Friday, 24 March

Panel 5 | Chair: Sará Heidl

9:00–11:00 | Manuel Moser

Rituals to Humanize the Post-Human Infrastructure of Road Cargo Logistics

9:00–11:00 | Matthias Scholler

Imagined Community and Imperial Crisis: The Epigraphic Habit and the Impact of Political Upheaval

9:00–11:00 | Gregor Diez

fides in Community and Interstate Relationships

9:00–11:00 | Konrad Pfeffel

Fear of the North

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–12:30 | Final Discussion