

# **Western Esotericism and Its Scholars**

A Research Seminar by Students in the Master Program  
“Western Esotericism” of the University of Amsterdam

Time: Tuesday 27 January 2015

Location: Oudemanhuispoort 4-6, Amsterdam  
room C 3.17

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| 10.00-10.30 | John Wise<br>Mormons and Masons:<br>A Study in Ritual Appropriation   |
| 10.30-11.00 | Jack Bakker<br>Evangelicals and Magicians:<br>Same Exercise, Different Intent                                     |
|             | COFFEE BREAK  |
| 11.30-12.00 | Giorgia van Raalte<br>The Distortion and Appropriation of the Feminine<br>in the Study of Mysticism               |
| 12.00-12.30 | José Vieira Leitao<br>Academic Perspectives on the Portuguese<br>Book of St. Cyprian                              |
| 12.30-13.00 | David Sterkenburg<br>From Mount Horeb to Parnassus: A Short<br>Historiography of the Mountain of the Rosicrucians |
|             | LUNCH BREAK   |
| 14.00-14.30 | Daniel Miller<br>The Limits of Esotericism  |
| 14.30-15.00 | Greg Hester<br>Imaginary Worlds and the Disenchanted<br>Enchantment of Modernity                                  |
| 15.00-15.30 | Kateryna Zorya<br>Tolkien-based Religion in Post-Soviet Territory   |
|             | TEA BREAK   |
| 16.00-16.30 | Patrick Everitt<br>Turn on, Tune in, Drop out:  |

Entheogenic Esotericism in Theory and Practice

16.30-17.00

Joslyn Richardson  
Measuring the Meditative Self:  
The Cognitive Science of Altered States of  
Consciousness

17.00-17.30

Jake Winchester  
Antipodes of the Mind:  
The Systematic Study of Alterations of  
Consciousness