

A1

Consciousness and Communication with Non-Humans in Contemporary Esotericism

(Egil Asprem)

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| Susannah Crockford | “It’s All Something We Made Up”: Communication with Channelled Entities in the Goddess Game |
| Kennet Granholm | Exploring Autoethnographic Approaches in the Study of Esotericism and Altered States of Consciousness |
| Jenny Butler | “Away with the Fairies”: Intersections of Contemporary Paganism and Traditional Irish Culture |
| Denise Lombardi | Communication with Totemic Animals During Neo-Shamanic Rituals |

A2

Christian Kabbalah during the Early Modern Period: a Quest for “Extra-Natural” Knowledge?

(Flavia Buzzetta & Anna Maria Vilenò)

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| Tiziano Anzuini | Mystical Experiences and Kabbalistic Wisdom in Jacques Gaffarel’s Works |
| Flavia Buzzetta | Vision of God and Kabbalistic Practical Knowledge in Jean Thénault (1480-1542) |
| Margherita Mantovani | Water of Life and Biblical Hermeneutics in Paulus Riccius (d. 1541) |
| Anna Maria Vilenò | “Reconcile the Irreconcilable”: Knorr von Rosenroth’s Mystico-Philological Project |

A3

Consciousness in Islamic Esotericism: From Physiognomy to Psychology

(Mark Sedgwick)

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| Liana Saif | Islamic Physiognomy as a Science of Intuition |
| Dilek Sarmis | Bringing together Sufi Conceptions of Consciousness and Western Transpersonal Psychology: Beyond-Ego and Contemporary Islamic Psychology in Turkey |
| Francesco Piraino | Understanding Dreams: Sufism and Psychoanalysis in Milan |

Mark Sedgwick Sufism, Personality and Consciousness in the Enneagram

A4

Mesmerism and Somnambulism

Pia van Gelder Odylic Scintillations, Sensitives and Instrumental Women

Anne Jeanson Magnetic Somnambulism: The Baron Dupotet de Sennevoy (1796-1881)

Andreas Kilcher Electro-Psychology and Phreno-Magnetism:
The Scientification of Animal Magnetism in the 19th century

Dell J. Rose The Sacred Synapse: Swedenborg's Theological Neurology

A5

Paracelsianism

Lindsey Drury A Cosmic Dance of Miraculous Forgery: The St Vitus Dance, Imagination, and the Sidereal Body

Giorgiana Hedesan Visions and Supreme Knowledge in the Writings of Jan Baptist Van Helmont (1579-1644)

Thomas Willard The Rosicrucian Theory of Consciousness in Thomas Vaughan's *Lumen de Lumine* (1651)

Peter J. Forshaw Meditation and Alchemy in the Works of Gérard Dorn (c. 1530-1584)

A6

Theatre and Music

Beth Abbate Colors of the Celestial City: Esoteric and Cognitive Aspects of Messiaen's Synesthetic Consciousness

Bryan Brown Tracing Esoteric Connections in the Theatre Laboratory

Emma Graveson Enacting Cruelty: Audience Reception as Collective Transformation

Sólveig Guðmundsdóttir Divine Madness: Reality and Consciousness in Günter Brus's *Zerreiβprobe*

B1

Psychedelic South Asia: Indian Spirituality and the Discourse on Altered States of Consciousness

Panel 1

(Karl Baier & Mriganka Mukhopadhyay)

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| Matthew Clark | The Use of Ayahuasca Analogues in Ancient Vedic and Zoroastrian Rituals |
| Julian Strube | From Mesmerism to Tantrik Occultism: Contested Paths to Higher States of Consciousness |
| Mriganka Mukhopadhyay | Can Drugs Bring Wisdom? Indian Theosophists' Perceptions of Human Consciousness and the Use of Psychedelics |
| Keith E. Cantú | The Buddhist <i>Skandhas</i> and Ceremonial Intoxication in the Works of Aleister Crowley |

B2

Modernity and Mind Power

(Allison P. Coudert)

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| Aaron French | Conceptual Parallels in Theosophy and Transhumanism |
| Della E. Champion | Desert Power, Occult Power, Mind Power: Paul Atredies' Strategies of Ascent in Frank Herbert's <i>Dune</i> |
| Allison P. Coudert | The Power of Positive Thinking |
| Paul Ivey | Revelation as Discovery: "The Fall" and the Rise of Mary Baker Eddy |

B3

Transformations of Consciousness in Russian New Age 1

(Birgit Menzel)

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| Birgit Menzel | Cultic Milieus and ASCs in Late Soviet and Post-Soviet New Age |
| Alexander Panchenko | Invisible Partners: Channeling in Soviet and Post-Soviet New Age |
| Julia Andreeva | Energy, Information and Spiritual Messages in Russian Intentional Communities |

Anna Tessmann Post-Soviet Visionaries and Astrology: Specialist Types and Prognose Models

B4

Judaism and Sufism

Eyad Abuali Diagnostic Oneirology in Kubrawi Sufism: The Development of Sufi Dream Theory in the 12th and 13th Centuries

Jonatan M. Benarroch The Mystery of Lilies: Visionary Mystical Ascent in the *Zohar*

John MacMurphy Theurgy, Purification, Magic and Exorcism: The Kabbalistic Yichudim Meditations

B5

Film and Media

Fryderyk Kwiatkowski Altered States of Hollywood: A Few Remarks about the Representations of *Gnosis* in American Cinema

Lila Moore & Marianna Ruah-Midbar Shapiro The Emergent Contemporary Movement of Spiritual Cinema and Media: Explorations in Mind/Body Alternations

Guido Nerger Structures of Social Alteration: Magic, Media, and (Mass)Manipulation

Brian Ogren Kabbalah and Film: Cinematic Visions, Narrative Voices, and Altered States

B6

Healers and Conservatives

Ahmad Bostani Henry Corbin's Esotericism and the Political: A Critical Assessment

Dimitry Okropiridze A New Esotericist With a Global Following: Jordan B. Peterson's Conservative Spirituality and its Ties to Western Esotericism

Francisco Santos Silva

Sousa Martins: The Cult of the Academic Medical Doctor who Became a Spiritist Saint in Catholic Portugal

Ionuț-Daniel Băncilă

The Esoteric Reception of the *Philokalia's* Mysticism: Altered States of Consciousness in a different Key

C1

Approaching Consciousness and Extraordinary Experience in the Late-Antique Mediterranean 1

(Nicholas Banner)

Nicholas Banner	Interpreting Platonist Narratives of Cosmic Ascent
Christian H. Bull	Teaching and Extraordinary Experiences in Hermetism
Korshi Dosoo	Anubis at the Table: The Construction of Encounter with the Divine in Roman Egypt
Naomi Janowitz	The Semiotics Ideologies of Late Antique Ascent: Arguments about Efficacy

C2

Postwar Psychedelic Culture

(Erik Davis & J. Christian Greer)

Erik Davis	The Wizard of High Weirdness: Robert Anton Wilson's Psychedelic Theurgy
Christopher Partridge	UFOs and the Psychedelic Experience
J. Christian Greer	"Don't Forget New Age Rhymes with Sewage": The Lunatic Fringe of 1980s Esotericism
Graham St John	The Spirit Gland and Psychedelic Occulture

C3

Climbing the Cosmic Ladder: Consciousness and Evolution in the Theosophical Movement and its Reception

(Yves Mühlematter)

Joscelyn Godwin	Beyond the Cosmic Ladder, according to Julius Evola and Paul Brunton
Yves Mühlematter	"Expand the Consciousness of God": The Purpose of Human Evolution as Presented in Annie Besant's Writings
Tim Rudbøg	Alice A. Bailey and the Coming Altered State of World Consciousness
Jens Schlieter	"No Religion" and "Beyond Belief"? The Epistemic Innocence of Theosophy's Higher Consciousness

C4

The Visionary Renaissance

- Jean-Pierre Brach Christian Kabbalah as Divine and Human Knowledge
- Allegra Baggio Corradi Visions of Hell: The Life of the Imagination after Death in Niccolò Leonico Tomeo
- Antonio Dall'Igna Intellectual Vision and Altered States in Giordano Bruno
- Joyce Pijnenburg From Lyre to Lamp: Marsilio Ficino's continued influence on Giordano Bruno

C5

Literature and Esotericism

- Andrea Gondos Mirrors of the Self: The Monstrous and the Divine in Maria Szepes's *The Red Lion*
- Karolina Maria Hess & Margorzata Alicja Dulaska Nightmares, Lethargy, and Wandering in the Afterlife: Visions of the Mysteries of Life and Death in Agnieszka Pilchowa's novel *Zmora*
- Alan Piper Hidden in Plain Sight: Psychoactive Drug States in Two Novels of the 1920s
- Aren Roukema Scientists and Psychonauts: Empiricism and Experience in A.P. Sinnett's *Karma: A Novel*

C6

Russian Consciousness

- Jafe Arnold *Marazm: Alterations of Consciousness and Radical Metaphysics in the Soviet Yuzhinsky Circle*
- Konstantin Burmistrov Mystical Vision and its Evaluation in the Russian Freemasonry of the late 18th/early 19th Centuries
- Angelika Schmitt The Hermetic Symbolism of Andrei Bely's Philosophy of Culture
- Pavel Nosachev Possession in Modern Russian Orthodoxy: Between Cultural Performance and Mental Disorder

D1

Panel:
**Accessing Contemporary Esoteric Techniques
for Altering Consciousness**
(Egil Asprem)

Susannah Crockford
Kennet Granholm
Jenny Butler
Denise Lombardi
Markus Davidsen

D2

Visions, Voices, and Voids:
Aleister Crowley and the Transformation of Consciousness
(Manon Hedenborg White)

Henrik Bogdan	Alterations of Consciousness and Aleister Crowley's Concept of Initiation
Olivia Cejvan	Pedagogics of Transformation: The Initiatory Enskillment of Charles Stansfield Jones
Manon Hedenborg White	The Beast in the Wilderness: The Erotic Destruction of Individual Consciousness in Aleister Crowley's Crossing of the Abyss
Johan Nilsson	Fill me the Cup of the Poppy Circean! Opium Literature and the Sacralisation of Intoxicants in Turn of the Century Occultism

D3

Off the Beaten Path:
An Alternative History of Visions and Visionary Texts
(Sonu Shamdasani)

Tommaso Priviero	Dante's Visionary Realism: For a History of the Esoteric Reading of Dante's Commedia
Dangwei Zhou	The Translation and Spread of The Secret of the Golden Flower
Christopher Wagner	The Tetrad and the Tree: Revelations of the 'Self' Archetype in the Works of C.G. Jung
Jelena Martinovic	Creativity and the Occult

D4

Christian Theosophy

- Mauricio Oviedo How to Have a Spiritual Rebirth? The Visual Motif of the Heart at the Centre of Practicing Jakob Böhme's Teachings
- David W. Wood *Signatura rerum*: The Parallel Epiphanies of Goethe and Jacob Böhme
- Sarah Green The Visionary Experiences of John Pordage
- György E. Szönyi Visions, Voices, Altered States in the Shadow of the English Revolution: The Heterodoxy of John Pordage, the Visions of Samuel Pordage and the Enochian Walks of Jane Lead

D5

Psychical Research

- Jens Schlieter Experiments with Experience: Spiritual Practice as Scientific Experimentation
- Júlia Gyimesi Altered States of Consciousness in the Light of Hungarian Metapsychical Research
- Samuel Glauber-Zimra Hasidism, Psychical Research, and the Occult: The Case of Hillel Zeitlin
- Süleyman Mertcan Orhan Bedri Ruhselman and his "Neo-Spiritism": The Formation of Spiritism in the Early Years of Modern Turkey

D6

Occult Visions

- Riikka Ala-Hakula Austin Osman Spare's Contribution to the Tradition of Magical Monograms
- Julie Chajes Blavatsky's Vedanta: A Case Study in Cultural Entanglement
- Muriel Pecastaing-Bossière "There is No More Mystery and Glamour in Examining the After-Death State with the Astral Vision, than in Examining the Tyrol with the Physical": Annie Besant and Clairvoyance.
- Matti Rautaniemi Visions, Spirit Guides and Channeling in the History of Yoga in Finland

E1

“How to Know Higher Knowledge” Anthroposophical Perspectives Concerning the Nature, Development, And Expression of Meditatively Enhanced Consciousness (Christian Clement)

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| Terje Sparby | The Trappings of “Imagination”: Meditation and Visual Experiences in Rudolf Steiner’s Anthroposophy |
| Andreas Neider | Thought-Free Perception and Bare Awareness as a “Path to Higher Knowledge”: Rudolf Steiner’s Conception of “Inspiration” in Relation to Buddhist Non-Thought |
| Jost Schieren | From Enlightenment to “Intuition”: Rudolf Steiner’s Conception of Thinking as a Spiritual Experience |
| Christoph Hueck | Of Causes and Idols: Aristotelian and Baconian Readings of Rudolf Steiner’s Theory of “Higher Knowledge” |

E2

Gnosis in Ancient Gnosticism and Hermetism (Wouter J. Hanegraaff)

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| Anna van den Kerchove | <i>Gnosis</i> and Revelation in the Hermetica |
| Elsa G. Simonetti | The Role of “Light” in the Hermetic Writings |
| April D. DeConick | Sociology of Gnosis |
| Wouter J. Hanegraaff | Gnosis after Babel: Direct Noetic Experience in the Hermetica |

E3

Dreams, Death and Wine: Varieties of Altered States in Hasidism (Elke Morlok)

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| Elke Morlok | Wine Fueled Revelry? On the Function of Alcohol in Hasidism |
| Elly Moseson | Fantasy, Reality and the Cultivation of Lucid Dreaming in Early Hasidism |
| Gadi Sagiv | Hasidic Masters Interpret their Dreams |
| Uriel Gellman | Speaking to the Dead in Hasidism |

E4

Gurdjieff plus

- Carole Cusack Everyday Enlightenment? Physical Labour, Food and Drink as Teaching Methods
- Christian Giudice “The Struggle of the Magicians”: Gurdjieff’s Sacred Dances and Higher States of Consciousness
- Damien Karbovnik How to Rationalize the Esoteric ? Jacques Bergier and the “Telepathy with the Infinite”
- Léo Bernard Jacques Demarquette (1888-1969): Mysticism within the Academy

E5

Magic and Divination

- Lauri Ockenström *Vis imaginativa*: Are There Altered States in Medieval Image Magic?
- Sarah Ortega Bonam Efficiens Animam: Reevaluating the Supernatural Encounters in the *Liber Vaccae/Kitāb al-Nawāmīs*
- Alexandra Nagel Chiromancy and its Visionary Basics
- Bernd-Christian Otto Experiences Deemed “Magic” in Modern “Magick”

E6

Crowley plus

- Thomas van Breda “Don’t Believe Me!”: Re-evaluating the Importance of Altered States in the Life and Works of Aleister Crowley
- Patrick Everitt Magick, Strange Drugs, and Draughts of Wizard Wine: Examining Aleister Crowley’s Ceremonial Use of Peyote to produce Spiritual vision, Ecstasy, and Insight
- Jesper Aagaard Petersen “I believe in As Much as Possible”: Visions of Crowley in Early 1970s Danish Counterculture
- Michele Olzi Altered States and Telepathy: The Strange Experiences and Life of Emilio Servadio (1904-1995)

F1

Indian Spirituality and the Discourse on Altered States of Consciousness 2 (Karl Baier & Mriganka Mukhopadhyay)

Marleen Thaler	Timothy Leary's Psychedelic Orientalism
Lucian Wong	Kṛṣṇa in the Sky with Diamonds: Vaiṣṇavism and the Psychedelic Movement
Tancredi Marrone	Alien visions in Kathmandu. Grant Morrison on Drugs, Magic and South Asian Spirituality
Karl Baier	The Return of Hippie Advaita? Martin W. Ball's Concept of Radical Non-duality

F2

Altered States in Islamic Esotericism (Mark Sedgwick)

Keith Edward Cantú	The Role of Herbal Intoxication in Bengali Fakiri Sādhana
Luca Patrizi	"And the Cupbearer is nowhere to be seen!": The Nature of the Intoxicating Beverage in Sufi Medieval Literature
Cüneyd Yildirim	Visions and Vampires in 19 th -century Sufism
Michael Asbury	Subtle Centers of Consciousness: The Laṭā'if in Naqshbandi Sufism

F3

Female Sexual Mystics and Magicians at the Turn of the Twentieth Century: Ecstatic Sex and Altered Consciousness in the writings of Alice Bunker Stockham and Dion Fortune (Cathy Gutierrez)

Christa Shusko	Consciousness-Altering Sex, Sex Altering Consciousness: Alice Bunker Stockham's <i>The Lover's World</i>
Daniel Joslyn	The Many Lives of Alice Bunker Stockham's Sexual Mysticism
Anne Parker	Erotic Psychologies of Magical Operation in Dion Fortune's Novels and Other Works
Georgia van Raalte	Dion Fortune's Initiatory Fiction

F4

American Spirits

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| Nell Champoux | 4-E Cognition and the New Motor: Thinking Through a 19 th -century Spiritualist God-Machine |
| Clara Contreras Ameduri | “Voice on Voice, Power on Power”: Trance Poets and the Paradox of Female Authorship in American Spiritualist Literature |
| Elizabeth Lowry | Guided by Voices: Trance Texts, Visions of Summerland, and the Rhetorical Legacy of Cora L.V. Richmond and Elizabeth Stuart Phelps |
| Madeline Duntley | Ascensionist “Transmissionaries”: The Spiritual Encounter and Entity Revelations of Esoteric Cascadia |

F5

More than Fantasy

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| M.E. Warlick | Leonora Carrington: Parlor Games |
| Cavan McLaughlin | Tulpamancy: Psychospiritual Technology, “Self-Willed Therapeutic Schizophrenia” or a “Community of Imaginary-Friend Hobbyists”? |
| Stephanie Shea | Alter-Human Identities and the Imaginary: Experiencing Consciousness as a Plural System |
| Kateryna Zorya | Keeping out of Meatspace: Post-Soviet Practitioner Views on States of Consciousness |

F6

Alchemy

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| Tom Fischer | Notre-Dame de Paris: A Place of Visions and Revelations for Alchemists |
| Magdalena Luszczynska | Dreams, Visions, and Alchemical Knowledge in Michael Sendivogius’s writings |
| David Sterkenburg | Alchemical Visionaries: Dreams and Visions in Early Modern Alchemy |

Mike A. Zuber

The First Class Train, the Electric Telegraph, and the Alchemist: A Victorian Exchange on Differing Paths to Illumination

G1

Approaching Consciousness and Extraordinary Experience in the Late-Antique Mediterranean 2

(Nicholas Banner)

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| Rebecca Lesses | Visionary Religious Experience in the Hekhalot Literature |
| Paul M. Pasquesi | The Experience and Practice of Altered States of Consciousness in Late Antique Syro-Mesopotamia |
| Yang Gao | The <i>ἀνοδος</i> of <i>Corpus Hermeticum</i> |
| Andrea Franchetto | The Physical Concreteness of Visionary Experiences in the Greek Magical Papyri |

G2

Occultism, Bodies and Altered States

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| Malin Fitger | The Concept of Subtle Anatomy in Western Esotericism and its Influence on Contemporary Yoga and Meditation: Examples of Experiences and Theoretical Approaches |
| Boaz Huss | The Great Initiate and the Royal Sensitive: Visions, Automatic Writing and Altered States in the Cosmic Movement of Max Theon and Mary Ware |
| Aaron French | Max Weber and Monte Verità: Experiments with Alternate States |

G3

Consciousness in Muslim Spiritism and Related Literature

(Mark Sedgwick)

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| Marwa Elshakry | Seancing the Self and the Communal Conscious: Science and Spiritism in Early 20th Century Egypt |
| Alexandre Toumarkine | Spiritism and Freudianism in Turkey |
| Laurent Mignon | Spiritism and Literature: The Case of Enis Behi. Koryürek (1891-1949) |
| Rasoul Namazi | Heretic Demons and Muslim Drunks: Esoteric Devices in Leo Strauss' Reading of the Arabian Nights |

G4

Anthroposophy

- Aurélie Choné Western Esotericism and the Phenomenology of Consciousness: Rudolf Steiner's Practical Contributions to the Development of Higher Levels of Consciousness
- Olav Hammer Altered States of Consciousness and Charismatic Authority: The Case of Judith von Halle
- Karen Swartz Management Matters: Discursive Strategies and the Question of Authority in a Post-Steiner Anthroposophical Society
- Peter Olsson A Paradisian State of Mind: Theosophical Visions in Fin de Siècle Sweden

G5

Art and Literature

- Sasha Chaitow Tales of Transformation: Platonic Idealism, Intellect, and Initiation in Péladan
- Caroline Levander What Cannot be Expressed in Words: Conveying Visions in Altered States of Consciousness through Art
- Hedvig Martin-Ahlén Hilma af Klint and the Visionary Experience
- Amy Hale Penetrating Hidden Worlds: Ithell Colquhoun's Extra Dimensional Portals

G6

Faeries and Pagans

- Per Faxneld Faeries, Occultism, and Artistic Visionary States of Consciousness
- Friedemann Rimbach Sator Esoteric Fairy Faith: The Theosophical Background of Walter Y. Evans-Wentz's *The Fairy Faith in Celtic Countries*
- Jake Winchester Seeress of the Second Sight: The Celtic Otherworld and Visionary Consciousness in 17th-Century Scotland
- Fredrik Gregorius Witch Blood and Myth of the European Pagan Mind: Concepts of Race In Early Wiccan Literature

H1

Visions, Voices and Altered States in Scotland in the Long Nineteenth Century

(Christine Ferguson)

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| Elsa Richardson | “They have not our thoughts of weight and measure”:
Second Sight, History and Subjectivity |
| Michelle Foot | Psychical Engagements with Scotland’s Romantic
Landscape in the Nineteenth Century |
| Sally-Anne Huxtable | “The Drama of the Soul”: Neoplatonism and Art as Henosis
in the Work of Phoebe Anna Traquair |
| Tanya Cheadle | “Like Sexual Intercourse, only Infinitely More So’: Conjugal
Marriage, Divine Transcendence and the Glasgow Disciples
of the Brotherhood of the New Life |

H2

Magic and Kabbalah in Early Modern Italy

(Boaz Huss & Gerold Necker)

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| Vladislav Slepoy | The voices in the “Voice”: Voices, demons and supernatural
beings in R. Moshe Zacuto’s <i>Qol ha-ReMeZ</i> |
| Maximilian de Molière | Ask the Rabbi: Altered states of mind in the correspondence
of R. Moses Zacuto |
| Gerold Necker | Streaming Magic: Aspects of the Soul in Moshe Zacuto’s
Kabbalah |
| Yuval Harari | Ritual Practices of Dream Divination in Zacuto's Book of
Secrets |

H3

Transformations of Consciousness in Russian New Age 2

(Birgit Menzel)

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| Sergey Shtyrkov | Ritual Feast and Transpersonal Experience: Ossetian
Religious Traditionalists in Search of Legitimization of
Their Revivalist Projects |
| Romina Heim | Mystical Anarchism and Transformations of Consciousness
in 20th-Century Russia |

Andrei Tiukhtiaev Channeling in New Age Pilgrimage: Narratives, Materiality and Social Control

Svetlana Tambovtseva "VseyaSvetnaya Gramota": Post-Soviet Exercise in Russian Kabbalah

H4

Panel:
Should we drop the "Western" from Western Esotericism?
(Julian Strube)

Egil Aspren
Henrik Bogdan
Wouter J. Hanegraaff
Marco Pasi
Liana Saif
Julian Strube

H5

The American Counterculture

Nicholas Collins Albion's Return: The Blakean Visions of Allen Ginsberg and Kenneth Patchen

Tommy Cowan Archontic States of Consciousness in 20th-century Neuroshamanism

Avinoam Stillman "Better Than Schnapps": Psychedelic Research and Neo-Kabbalah in America

Luke Walker From the "Blake vision" to "Plutonian Ode": Allen Ginsberg as Student of Western Esotericism

H6

Literature and Esotericism

Kahn Faassen Lifting the Veil: Weird Fiction and Ecstatic Encounters

Kurosh Amoui Reading the Aleph in Isfahan: the Esoteric and the Islamicate in Works of Jorge Luis Borges

Giuliano D'Amico Shamanism, Magic and Altered States in Håkan Sandell's Poetry

Fabio Mendia The Transcendental Unity Experience in Fernando Pessoa's Poems