UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences



Arcane Worlds: New Frontiers in the Study of Esotericism

Summer Programme: 7 - 25 July 2024

The goal of this course is to dive deeper into the study of esotericism. In this three-week summer course, hosted on site at the University of Amsterdam, you will study with some of the most respected academics in the fields of esotericism, alchemy, gnosticism, art and occultism, conspiracy theories, the New Age, and psychedelic culture. During classes, students will make use of primary sources, as well as secondary literature that clarify the way in which esoteric ideas have circulated and continue to circulate in both mainstream culture and more marginal contexts. In addition to in class discussion, Arcane Worlds also includes a number of field trips to the esoteric sites around Amsterdam. This programme is offered in cooperation with the Centre for the History of Hermetic Philosophy and Related Currents, the world's leading institute for academic research and teaching in the field of (western) esotericism.

Classes will be led by the program directors, J. Christian Greer and Marco Pasi, along with the assistant program director, Brennan Kettelle. Special guest lecturers will include Wouter Hanegraaff, Peter Forshaw, Dylan Burns, and more!

Application Deadline: 15 March

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