

**DOCTORAL CONFERENCE**

**CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST**

***Enchantments, Disenchantments, Re-enchantments:  
Religion, State, and Society throughout History***

**CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST**

**29 JUNE – 1 JULY 2017**

**PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY, 29 JUNE – DAY 1**

**14:00 – 16:00 / REGISTRATION FOR ADVANCED REGISTRANTS**

Organizer: Martin Pjecha

Location: **CEU Residence, Lobby Area**

**16:00 / Leaving Residence for CEU Campus**

**16:00 – 17:00 / REGISTRATION FOR BASIC REGISTRANTS**

Organizer: Stefano Xocato

Location: **CEU Reception Desk, Nador utca 15**

**17:30 – 19:00 / OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

- Keynote Address: Guy Stroumsa (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Location: **CEU, Nador utca 15, Auditorium B**

**19:00 – 20:00 / WELCOME RECEPTION**

Location: **CEU, N15/2nd floor, Marsbéli Cafeteria**

**20:00 / INFORMAL DINNER**

Location: **Ankert, Paulay Ede utca 33**

**FRIDAY, 30 JUNE – DAY 2**

**9:00 – 11:00 / SESSION I / PANEL 1: PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON SECULARISM AND  
DISENCHANTMENT**

Chaired by: Guy Stroumsa (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Panel Speakers:

- *We Trust in God – or rather not? Ancient and Modern Views on Religion and Secularism*  
Rogier Van der Wal (VNG International the Hague)
- *Revenge on Initial Disillusionment: A Philosophical Inquiry Into the Charm of Disenchantment*  
Herbert De Vriese (University of Antwerp)
- *Disenchantment, Enchantment and Enlightened Modernity*  
Guy Vanheeswijck (University of Antwerp)
- *Why Be an Atheist Catholic? Stanisław Brzozowski's Marxist Anthropocentrism: Between Dis- and Re-enchantment*  
Aleksandra Konarzewska (University Of Tübingen)

Location: **CEU, N15/Quantum Room 101**

**9:00 – 10:30 / SESSION I / PANEL 2: NATIONAL AWAKENINGS BETWEEN THE SACRED AND PROFANE**

Chaired by: Vilius Kubekas (CEU)

Panel Speakers:

- *Re-Sacralizing Modern Greek Nationalism: The Deification and Cult of the Modern Greek Nation in Greek Romanticism*  
Nektaria Klapaki (University of Washington)
- *Old Exemplars for New Ideals: Medieval Sainly Rulers in Serbian Romantic Literature*  
Stefan Trajković Filipović (University of Giessen)
- *From a Nation to a Religion: The Transformation of Jewish Orthodox Self-determination in the Age of Magyarization (1867 – 1914)*  
Yoav Sorek (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Location: **CEU, N15/Room 106**

**11:00 – 11:30 / COFFEE BREAK**

Location: **CEU, N15/2nd floor, Marsbéli Cafeteria**

**11:30 – 13:30 / SESSION 2/PANEL 1: RELIGION AND RATIONALITY IN THE ISLAMIC GOLDEN AGE**

Chaired by: Tijana Krstić (CEU)

Panel Speakers:

- *Critical Approaches to Religions: the Cases of al-Rāzi and al-Maʿarrī*  
Sona Grigoryan (CEU)
- *Islamic Secular Politics before the Secular? Ḥazm as Defining Concept of Empiricism-based Statecraft*  
Stephan Tölke (University of Münster)
- *The Rationality Re-invented: The Graeco-Arabic Translation Movement in Myth and History*  
Dunja Rašić (Free University of Berlin)
- *Confessionalization and Social-Disciplining in the Early Modern Ottoman Colleges*  
Muhammed Seyyit Şen (University of California, Davis)

Location: **CEU, N15/Quantum Room 101**

**11:30 – 13:30 / SESSION 2/PANEL 2: MODERN POLITICAL RELIGIONS**

Chaired by: Vilius Kubekas (CEU)

Panel Speakers:

- *Apocalyptic Trends in Contemporary Politics*  
Stella Marega (University of Trieste)
- *Italian Fascism and German Nazism: Political Religions or Religious Politics?*  
Blasco Sciarrino (CEU)
- *The Religious Character of Legal Positivism*  
Laura Gheorghiu (University of Graz)
- *Rethinking of the Modern State: In Theory and Practice*  
Nicholas Gjørvad (Free University of Berlin)

Location: **CEU, N15/Room 106**

**13:30 – 14:30 / BUFFET LUNCH**

Location: **CEU, N15/2nd floor, Marsbéli Cafeteria**

**14:30 – 15:30 / CEU TOUR**

Location: Meeting point: **CEU Nador utca 15, entrance**

Guide: Recruitment office

**15:30 – 17:00 / SESSION 3/PANEL 1: LEARNING THE SECULAR NATION IN CROSS-RELIGIOUS CONTEXTS**

Chaired by: Michael Miller (CEU)

Panel Speakers:

- *Scouting and the Role of Religion: the Dutch Debate in the 20th Century*  
Kristian Mennen (Free University of Berlin)
- *Russia in the Caucasus: Test of Loyalty, Identity Crisis and the Place of Religion*  
Turkay Gasimova (European University Institute)
- *Islamic Higher Education and State Secularism in Post-Soviet Central Asia: A Comparative Case Study of how Islam-Related Higher Education Institutions Emerge and Evolve in Political Secular Environment*  
Jalil Rouslan (University of Kentucky)

Location: **CEU, N15/Quantum Room 101**

**15:30 – 16:30 / SESSION 3/PANEL 2: ENCHANTMENT AND EMPIRE IN ANCIENT ROMAN CULTS**

Chaired by: Guy Stroumsa (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Panel Speakers:

- *The Cult of Mithras and the Imperial Power of Rome*  
Nirvana Silnović (CEU)
- *The Roman Imperial Cult on the Territory of the Republic of Macedonia*  
Anita Vasilkova-Midoska (National Museum-Veles, Republic of Macedonia)

Location: **CEU, N15/Room 106**

**16:30 – 17:30 / LATE AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK**

Location: **CEU, N15/2nd floor, Marsbéli Cafeteria**

**17:30 – 19:30 / RELIGIOUS LANDMARKS IN DOWNTOWN BUDAPEST TOUR**

Meeting point: **CEU Nador utca 15 entrance**

Guide: Carsten Wilke

**20:00 / INFORMAL DINNER AND DRINKS DOWNTOWN**

Location: **Koleves, Kazinczy utca 41**

SATURDAY, 1 JULY – DAY 3

**9:00 – 10:30 / SESSION I / PANEL 1: USES AND ABUSES OF THE SACRED IN SOUTH ASIA**

Chaired by: Csaba Dezső (ELTE)

Panel Speakers:

- *Blasphemy, Law, and Violence in Pakistan*  
Menaal Safi Munshey (University of Cambridge)
- *Enchanted Humanitarianism: Religious Volunteering in a Shelter for the Dying and Destitute in Calcutta*  
Egor Novikov (CEU)
- *Gods on the Screen: Religion, Politics and the Moving Image in India*  
Julia Szivak (CEU)

Location: **CEU, N15/Quantum Room 101**

**9:00 – 10:30 / SESSION I / PANEL 2: REMEMBERING HOLY SAINTS AND DIVINE RULERS IN HELLENISTIC AND MEDIEVAL TRADITIONS**

Chaired by: Martin Pjecha (CEU)

Panel Speakers:

- *The Deification of Alexander the Great*  
Cristina García (Complutense University of Madrid and Autonomous University of Madrid)
- *Constantine the Great: A Mythical Ruler of Slavs*  
Natalia Naumow (University of Padua and Ca' Foscari University of Venice)
- *The Cult of Symeon the New Theologian as a Political Problem: Clashes of Secular and Ecclesiastical Groups in Constantinople of the XI Century*  
Uliana Boyarintseva (CEU)

Location: **CEU, N15/Room 106**

**10:30 – 11:00 / COFFEE BREAK**

Location: **CEU, N15/2nd floor, Marsbéli Cafeteria**

**11:00 – 13:00 / SESSION 2/PANEL 1: RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE: MAINTAINING AND CHALLENGING AUTHORITY**

Chaired by: Carsten L. Wilke (CEU)

Panel Speakers:

- *Rebellion and Resistance: Vodou and the Constructions of Political Theologies*  
Marek Iwaniak (CEU)
- *Costa Rica: Advances and Retreats in the Process of Secularization (1884-2015)*  
Jerry Espinoza (University of Costa Rica)
- *Anti-Genderism in Postcommunist Regimes: A New Alliance of Religion and State*  
Katalin Fabian (Lafayette College Easton)
- *We Have Never Been Disenchanted: Secular Modes of “the Desire of the Transcendent”*  
Ekaterina Nemenko (Ural Federal University)

Location: **CEU, N15/Quantum Room 101**

**11:00 – 12:30 / SESSION 2/PANEL 2: ANCIENT GREECE: MAGIC AND DIVINE POLITICS**

Chaired by: István Perczel (CEU)

Panel Speakers:

- *Knowledge, Divination, Corruption: An Analysis of Divine (Mis)guidance in Sophocles*  
Corneliu Clop (University of Bucharest)
- *Animal Magic in Pliny the Elder’s Historia Naturalis*  
Andrea Salayová (Masaryk University)
- *Genealogy and Authority: The Divine Provenance of Noble Men in Greek Epic Poetry*  
Katarzyna Kostecka (University of Warsaw)

Location: **CEU, N15/Room 106**

**13:00 – 14:00 / LUNCH**

Location: **CEU, N15/2nd floor, Marsbéli Cafeteria**

**14:00 – 15:00 / CEU AND VICINITY (MEMORIALS IN SZABDADSAG TER) TOUR**

Meeting point: **CEU Nador utca 15 entrance**  
Guide: Carsten L. Wilke

**15:00 – 17:00 / SESSION 3/PANEL 1: EARLY MODERN INTELLECTUALS AND ELITES: NEGOTIATING THE SACRED AND THE SECULAR**

Chaired by: Martin Pjecha (CEU)

Panel Speakers:

- *Reconstructing the Supernatural? Medical Argumentation in Anti-Superstition Writings of 18th-century Vienna*  
Adam Mezes (CEU)
- *The Role of the Religion in the University Reforms in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century: the Case of Salamanca and Coimbra (1771-1772)*  
Carlos Alves (University of Lisbon)
- *Portuguese Bishops in Lands of Foreign Authority: The Bishops of Macao and the Local Authorities – a Clash of Powers? (1576-1623)*  
Kevin Carreira Soares (University of Lisbon)
- *The Disciplining of the Sacred: Perspectives from the Early Eighteenth Century Italian ‘Republic of Letters’*  
Nicholas Mithen (European University Institute)

Location: **CEU, N15/Quantum Room 101**

**15:00 – 16:30 / SESSION 3/PANEL 2: CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS: MODERN CONTACTS AND PERCEPTIONS**

Chaired by: Vlad Naumescu (CEU)

Panel Speakers:

- *Is Islam an American Religion? Muslims in the American Public Sphere*  
Valentina Cantori (CEU)
- *Nodes of Piety and Politics: Coptic Youth Struggle for Existence*  
Mina Ibrahim (University of Giessen)
- *Olfactory Aesthetics and Social Affordances: The Case of the Rum Orthodox in Beirut*  
Roxana Maria Aras (University of Michigan)

Location: **CEU, N15/Room 106**

**17:30 – 19:00 / CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

- Closing Keynote: Gábor Klaniczay (CEU)

Location: **CEU, Nador utca 15, Auditorium B**

**19:00 – 20:00 / CLOSING RECEPTION**

Location: **CEU, N15/2nd floor, Marsbéli Cafeteria**

**20:00 / INFORMAL DINNER**

Location: **ÖtKert, Zrínyi utca 4**