

# Wellbeing, Harm, and Religion

## Conference program

### Thursday - September 9

- **Registration** 12:00-15:00
- **Opening ceremony and opening keynote lecture** 16:00-18:00
  - **Andrea de Antoni** (Kyoto University): Spirits in the Material World: An Anthropology of Religious Healing, Affective Affordances, and Affective Technologies
- **Free city walking tour** 18:30

### Friday - September 10

- **Positive religious practice and wellbeing** 9:00-10:45
  - **Giuseppe Paternicò** (University of Padua): "A merry heart does good like a medicine: but a broken spirit dries the bones." (Proverbs 17:22). A biographical interpretation of joy: Luther case within the Rhymes by Giosuè Carducci
  - **Dominika Šimlová** (Charles University): Sabbath-keeping and Its Positive Effects on Mental Health, Wellbeing and Spirituality
  - **Wietske Merison** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): Healing of the Heart: The Role of Qur'ān Recitation in Spiritual Care

#### Coffee break

- **Religion and wellbeing in contemporary Central Europe** 11:00-12:45
  - **Silvia Boschetti** (Charles University), **Robin Kopecký** (Charles University), **Lenka Příplatová** (Czech Academy of Sciences): Effect of being religious on wellbeing in a predominantly atheist country: Explorative study on wellbeing, fitness, physical and mental health
  - **Michalina Trochimowicz** (University of Białystok): "Alternative medicine" on the religious borderland
  - **Attila Miklovicz** (Central European University): "Feel my finger" - Ritual "Assists" in Scientology

#### Lunch break

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- **Ritualized harm as a means of gaining benefits 14:00-15:45**
  - **Hossein Ghazizadeh** (University of Teheran): Interaction with the body in Shiite ritual literature; a case study of Ashura rituals
  - **Giorgio Scalici** (NOVA University of Lisbon): "They are playing": Controlled violence in Wana funerals, Indonesia
  - **Madhuvanti Mukherjee** (Vidyasagar University): Documenting Perceptions of and Views toward Ritual Uvulectomy Procedures in the Islamic Hausa Communities of Nigeria

### Coffee break

- **Keynote lecture 16:00-17:40**
  - **Radek Kundt** (Masaryk University): Effects of extreme ritual on physiological and psychological health
- **Social evening with dinner 18:30 @ Limbo - Jaselská 200/17**

## Saturday - September 11

- **Cultural constructions of wellbeing and harm 9:00-11:15**
  - **Peter Ondreička** (Charles University): Healing or hurting?: The interpretation of the use of exorcism as a remedy in the second half of 19th century by contemporary media
  - **Daniela Calvo** (Rio de Janeiro State University): Wellbeing and affliction in Candomblé
  - **Pawel Chyc** (Adam Mickiewicz University; University of Białystok): Embodied harm and wellbeing. Body and shamanism in Amazonia
  - **Nicola Pantić** (Central European University): The Healing Grace: Thaumaturgical Healing and Ottoman Sunnism in the Early Modern Period (cca. 1500s-1800s)

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- **Health and historical transformations of religion 11:30-12:45**
  - **Anestis Karasaridis** (Masaryk University): The Antonine Plague in Rome: Designing a Comparative Model of Different Pathogens
  - **Shahin Machinchery** (University of Erfurt): Nattumawlid as the way of healing across eastern Mediterranean and Indian Ocean.

### Lunch break

- **Intersections of religious and secular in wellbeing and harm 14:00-15:45**
  - **Klaudia Komar** (University of Białystok): Secularisation and the Cultural Context of Spiritual Practices
  - **Heba Omar Muhammad Abdulwahid** (Ain Shams University): Religious terrorism and performance art! A study in the neuroscience of religion and performance
  - **Jerry Espinoza-Rivera** (University of Costa Rica): Freud's Judaism and the Aim of Psychoanalysis

### Coffee break

- **Closing keynote lecture and closing ceremony 16:00-18:00**
  - **Michal Pagis** (Bar-Ilan University): Re-enchanting Therapy
- **Free excursion to a beer brewery 18:30**

**Looking forward to see you all!**

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