



**The Ritual Year Working Group
13th Biennial Conference**

7-9 NOVEMBER 2018



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Host Institution

Institute of Sociology, Romanian Academy

Partner Institutions

The “Constantin Brăiloiu” Institute of Ethnography and Folklore, Romanian Academy

Institute for South-East European Studies, Romanian Academy

The National Museum of the Romanian Peasant

Location

The House of the Romanian Academy (Casa Academiei)

Calea 13 Septembrie nr.13

Sector 5, 050711 Bucharest

Conference Organizer

Irina Stahl

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Irina Sedakova, Laurent Sébastien Fournier, Irina Stahl, Tatiana Minniyakhmetova, Mare Kõiva, Juri Fikfak, Tobias Boos, Aigars Lielbārdis (The Ritual Year Working Group, SIEF) and Fabio Mugnaini (SIEF Board)

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Conference webpage

www.siefhome.org/wg/ry/events/bucharest.shtml

CITY RITUALS

**13th Biennial Conference
of
The Ritual Year Working Group (SIEF)**

7-9 November 2018, Bucharest, Romania

Location of Conference Rooms

Room A – Main Conference Hall, S1 floor (underground floor 1)

Room B – Luxembourg Room, P floor (ground floor)

Room C – Pierre Werner Room, P floor (ground floor)

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

DAY 1

*7 November
2018*

08:30 - 09:30 – Registration
09:30 - 10:00 – Welcome and Opening Remarks – Room A
10:00 - 11:30 – Key Note Speakers – Room A
11:30 - 12:00 – Coffee Break – Room A
12:00 - 13:00 – Panel Session 1. Room A, B and C
13:00 - 14:30 – Lunch Break – Room A
14:30 - 16:00 – Panel Session 2. Room A, B and C
16:00 - 16:30 – Coffee Break – Room A
16:30 - 18:00 – Panel Session 3
18:00 - Dinner (on your own)

DAY 2

*8 November
2018*

08:00 - 08:30 – Registration
08:30 - 10:00 – Panel Session 4. Room A, B and C
10:00 - 10:30 – Coffee Break – Room A
10:30 - 12:00 – Panel Session 5. Room A, B and C
12:00 - 13:00 – Panel Session 6. Room A, B and C
13:00 - 14:30 – Lunch – Room A. Room A, B and C
14.30 - 15.00 – Special Panel. Room A
15:00 - 19:00 – City Tour
19:00 - Festive dinner at Hanu' lui Manuc (Strada Franceză nr.62-64, Bucharest 030106)

DAY 3

*9 November
2018*

08:00 – Meet for St.Nektarios' pilgrimage. Location to be communicated.
08:30 - 12.30 – Radu Vodă monastery and St. Nektarios feast (walking tour).
13:00 - 14:30 – Lunch – Room A
14:30 - 16:00 – Panel Session 7. Room A, B and C
16:00 - 16:30 – Coffee Break – Room A
16:30 - 18:00 – Special Panel Session, Movies. Room A
19:00 - 19:30 – Meeting of the Ritual Year Working Group. Room A
19.30 - 20.00 – Closing ceremony. Room A

DAY 4

*10 November
2018*

7.30 – Optional excursion. Location to be communicated.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1

7 November
2018

08:30 - 09:30 – *Registration*

09:30 - 10:00 – *Welcome and Opening Remarks – Room A*

Irina Stahl, Conference Organizer, Secretary, The Ritual Year Working Group (SIEF), Institute of Sociology, Romanian Academy.

10:00 - 11:30 – *Key Note Speakers – Room A*

Irina Sedakova, Chair, The Ritual Year Working Group (SIEF), Institute for Slavic Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Celebration of Name Days in Russia and Bulgaria: Meaning, Forms and Values.

Sabina Cornelia Ispas, Member of the Romanian Academy, Director of The “Constantin Brăiloiu” Institute of Ethnography and Folklore, Romanian Academy.
Processions and Religious Celebrations in the City: New Trends and Terminology.

Laurent Sébastien Fournier, Co-Chair, The Ritual Year Working Group (SIEF), IDEMEC UMR 7307 CNRS-Aix-Marseille-Université (France)

City Rituals in the 'Long Durée': Permanence and Change.

11:30 - 12:00 – *Coffee Break – Room A*

12:00 - 13:00

– ***Panel Session 1.***

Panel 1.A, Room A. *Christmas Rituals in the City*
(Chair: Tatiana Minniyakhmetova)

Natalia Golant (Russia)

Vlachian Christmas in Vienna.

Rodica Stan (The Netherlands)

Sinterklaas in The Netherlands - Between Tradition and Actuality.

Panel 1.B, Room B. *Rituals of Body Modification*
(Chair: Mare Kõiva)

Alexander Novik (Russia)

Male Circumcision: A Custom among Urban and Rural Populations of the Western Balkans.

Federica Manfredi (Portugal)

New Practices and Ancient Roots. The Rise of European Body Suspension in a Comparative Perspective.

Panel 1.C, Room C. *Festivals and the Urban Space*
(Chair: Ana Iuga)

Meglana Zlatkova (Bulgaria)

Sensory Mapping the Public Urban Spaces in the Performance of Rituals in Bulgarian Towns and Cities.

Alexandra Bitusikova (Slovakia)

The Role of Urban Festivals in City Making and Marketing.

13:00 - 14:30

– ***Lunch Break – Room A***

14:30 - 16:00

– ***Panel Session 2.***

Panel 2.A, Room A. *The Ritual Year of the Family, Family Rituals*

(Chair: Irina Sedakova)

Akivilè Motuzaitè (Finland)

Strategies in Negotiating Cultural Forms of Festivals Within Urban Mixed Families from the Foreign Woman's Perspective.

Adina Hulubaş (Romania)

*Childbirth Customs from Moldavia in a Changed Scenery:
Migrants and their Cultural Demeanour.*

Tatiana Minniyakhmetova (Austria)

*Ritual Calendar of Children: A Rite as a New
Anthropological Construction in Non-Traditional
Conditions.*

Rasa Paukštytė – Šaknienė (Lithuania)

The Problem of Family Festival in Soviet Lithuania.

**Panel 2.B, Room B. Documenting Old and New Rituals
Within the Ritual Year**

(Chair: Mare Kõiva)

~~**Ioana Gabriela Duicu (Romania) and Eugen Cătălin
Păunescu (Romania)**~~

~~*Dès Grand Carême à l'Ascension du Seigneur.*~~

Digne Ūdre (Latvia)

*Contemporary Calendar: Virtual Ethnography as a
Research Method for a Ritual Year.*

Marlene Hugoson (Sweden)

*Folk Knowledge in an Urban World New Paths of
Transmittance.*

Laura Jiga Iliescu (Romania)

*Urbanisation of the "Archaic": Turning a Ritual into a
Legend through Ethnographic and Journalistic
Strategies.*

Panel 2.C, Room C. Folk Orthodoxy and the Ritual Year

(Chair: Irina Stahl)

~~**Elena Uzeneva (Russia)**~~

~~*Ritual Year of the Russian Old Believers in Poland:
Keeping Tradition.*~~

Ksenia Klimova (Russia)

*Folk Orthodoxy in Contemporary Greek City Culture: The
Case of "Fanouropita".*

Vihra Baeva (Bulgaria)

Local Cults in the City: Idiosyncratic Holy Places, Relics and Rituals in the Bulgarian Capital.

Ekaterina Anastasova (Bulgaria)

“Cyprian’s Prayer” in the Church “St. Nedelia” in Sofia.

16:00 - 16:30 – *Coffee Break – Room A*

16:30 - 18:00 – *Panel Session 3*

Panel 3.A, Room A. *Female Rituals in the City*

(Chair: Ekaterina Anastassova)

Alexandra Dugushina (Russia)

Female Urban Rituals: The Case of the City of Ulcinj (Montenegro).

Dace Bula (Latvia)

Gendered Cities: Experiencing International Women’s Day in Baltic Urban Space.

Maria Vasekha (Russia) and Elena Fursova (Russia)

Moscow Public Baths: Women Urban Rituals.

Panel 3.B, Room B. *Neo-pagan Rituals in Relation with the Ritual Year*

(Chair: Irina Sedakova)

Dalia Senvaitytė (Lithuania)

Feasts of Native Faith Pagan Groups in Lithuania.

Ana Stefanova (Bulgaria)

Fire-Dancing Near Varna, Bulgaria.

Aigars Lielbārdis (Latvia)

Healers in City Environment of Contemporary Latvia.

Panel 3.C, Room C. *The Ritual Year in a Comparative Perspective*

(Chair: Tobias Boos)

~~**Helena Ruotsala (Finland)**~~

~~*How to Celebrate Festivals in a Twin-City? New Year Celebration as an Example.*~~

DAY 1

16:30 - 18:00

Leonidas Tsiantis (Greece) and Milica Jovanović (Serbia)

Urban Festive Behaviours. Similarities and Differences between Two Urban Cities.

Jurij Fikfak (Slovenia)

Carnival Rituals between Local and Global, Rural and Urban.

18:00 – *Dinner* (on your own)

DAY 2

8 November
2018

08:00 - 08:30 – Registration

08:30 - 10:00 – Panel Session 4.

Panel 4.A, Room A. *Politics of Rituals and Religious Celebrations*
(Chair: Jurij Fikfak)

Daniela Salvucci (Italy)

Ritual Practices in Urban and Extra-Urban Spaces: The Festival of the Virgin in Catamarca, Argentina.

Lina Gergova (Bulgaria)

St. George's Day as Town Holiday in Bulgaria.

Jonas Mardosa (Lithuania)

Feast of the Three Kings (Epiphany) in Post-Soviet Vilnius.

~~**Ciprian Tudor (Romania)**~~

November 30, Feast of St. Andrew's: Between Popular Rituals, Religious Ritual and Political Re-Symbolisation.

Panel 4.B, Room B. *Memorials and Rituals of Commemoration in the City*
(Chair: Jack Santino)

Lucyna Przybylska (Poland)

Seasonality of Artifacts Left at Memorial Crosses. The Case Study of Gdynia, Poland.

Irina Stahl (Romania)

Sudden Death Memorials in Bucharest: Funerary Rituals in the City.

Skaidrė Urbonienė (Lithuania)

Memorializing Historical Events in the Urban Space: Temporary Memorials, Monuments, Rituals.

DAY 2

08:30 - 10:00

**Panel 4.C, Room C. *Urban Festivals and Identity*
(Chair: Laurent S. Fournier)**

Tobias Boos (Italy)

*The Palio of Siena as 'Deep Play': Agonistic
Neighbourhoods, Territory, and Temporal
Appropriations.*

Fabio Mugnaini (Italy)

*Re-Enacting the Past, Moulding Identities for the Future:
Urban Festivals, Heritage and Identitarian Policies.*

**Mare Kõiva (Estonia) and Andres Kuperjanos
(Estonia)**

*Tartu City festivals: Expressing the Ethnic and Historic
Connections.*

**Milana Černelić (Croatia) and Marijeta Rajković Iveta
(Croatia)**

*Dužijanca - City Festival in Subotica Existing Over One
Hundred Years: Continuity and Transformations.*

10:00 - 10:30

– *Coffee Break – Room A*

10:30 - 12:00

– *Panel Session 5.*

**Panel 5.A, Room A. *Grounds for Creating Festivals*
(Chair: Alfonsina Bellio)**

Žilvytis Šaknys (Lithuania)

*The Creation of a National Holiday in Lithuania: The
Aspect of Seasonality.*

Cozette Griffin-Kremer (France)

Tradition in a City Fête: From Invention to Innovation.

Svetlana Korolyova (Russia)

*Victory Day in Komi-Permyak village. Contemporary
Official Commemoration and Traditional Family
Practices.*

10:30 - 12:00

Panel 5.B, Room B. *Funeral Rituals. Cemeteries and the City*

(Chair: Irina Stahl)

Nebi Bardhoshi (Albania)

Day of the Many: Exploring Changes on the Meaning of Afterlife.

Florența Popescu-Simion (Romania) and Mihaela Nubert-Chețan (Romania)

Prayer Letters to the Graves. Practices in an Urban Catholic Cemetery.

Vito Carrassi (Italy)

The Resurrecturis: Reviving an Old Ritual (and a Traditional Belief) in the Public Space of a Cemetery.

Panel 5.C, Room C. *Masked Rituals in the City*

(Chair: Marlene Hugoson)

Arunas Vaicekauskas (Lithuania)

Shrovetide in the Urban Space: Masquerade vs. Agricultural Rites.

Ioana Repciuc (Romania)

The Great Urban Intrusion: Changes and Challenges of Traditional Mummung.

Anamaria Iuga (Romania) and Georgiana Vlahbei (Romania)

Masked Rituals at the Outskirts of Bucharest.

12:00 - 13:00

– **Panel Session 6.**

Panel 6.A, Room A. *Rituals of Affiliation and Belonging*

(Chair: Aigars Lielbārdis)

Corina Iosif (Romania)

Honour and Shame in the Oaş Country: Murder as an Intra-Communal Bond.

~~**Cătălin Berescu (Romania)**~~

Identity in Times of Forced Displacement.

DAY 2

12:00 - 13:00

**Panel 6.B, Room B. Post-Conflict Commemoration Rituals
(Chair: Žilvytis Šaknis)**

~~**Justyna Szymanska (Poland)**~~

Celebration and Engagement. Old and New Rituals in a Post-Conflict Town.

Karine Michel (France)

Commemorations of Genocide in France and Germany: Affirmation of Legitimacy.

**Panel 6.C, Room C. New Rituals and Cultural Diversity
(Chair: Evy Johanne Håland)**

~~**Sandrine Teixido (France)**~~

Inscrire la Diversité Culturelle de Mulhouse dans l'Agenda Culturel.

Alfonsina Bellio (France)

Coexistences: Pratiques Interreligieuses à Paris.

13:00 - 14:30

– *Lunch – Room A.*

14.30 - 15.00

– *Special Panel. Room A. An Introduction to St. Nektarios (celebration on 9 November).*

Evy Johanne Håland (Norway)

The Festival Dedicated to Agios Nektarios in his Monastery on the Island of Aegina, Greece.

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19:00

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14:30 - 16:00 – *Panel Session 7.*

Panel 7.A, Room A. *New City Festivals*
(Chair: Skaidrē Urbonienē)

Terry Gunnell (Iceland)

Ritualising Reykjavík: Developments in Iceland 2000-2018.

Rita Treija (Latvia)

Calendric Customs: Latvian Perceptions of Inceptions.

Victoria Legkikh (Austria)

Russian St.Valentine day: The feast of SS. princes Peter and Fevronia.

Panel 7.B, Room B. *Rituals of Protest*
(Chair: Laurent S. Fournier)

Jack Santino (U.S.A.)

Rituals of Grievance, Carnivals of Grief.

Lavinia Frâncu (Romania)

The Power of Music: Street Protests in Bucharest 2017.

Anna Berza (Romania)

The Identity-Building Ritual of Bicyclist Marches in Bucharest.

Ghislaine Gallenga (France)

Aporie ou Performativité? Les Rituels dans les Institutions Urbaines.

DAY 3

14:30 - 16:00

**Panel 7.C, Room C. *Transformation of Festivals*
(Chair: Corina Iosif)**

Maria Bernadette Abrera (Philippines)

Ritual and Conflict in a Maytime Festival: Turning Pilgrims into Tourists.

~~**Rowena Bailon (Philippines)**~~

Translacion: Implications in City Administration.

Honey Libertine Achanzar-Labor (Philippines)

Philippine Urban Rituals Amidst Calendar Change.

16:00 - 16:30

– *Coffee Break – Room A*

16:30 - 18:00

– *Special Panel Session, Room A. Movies.*

Intangible Cultural Heritage Practices: a Compilation of

Seven Short Films. – 70 min. The “Constantin Brăiloiu” Institute of Ethnography and Folklore, Romanian Academy, Romania.

Transhumance: An Archaic Hypostasis of Sheepherding. A

Documentary Film (2014-2015) - 24 min. Produced by Lucian David, The “Constantin Brăiloiu” Institute of Ethnography and Folklore, Romanian Academy, Romania.

19:00 - 19:30

– *Meeting of the Ritual Year Working Group. Room A*

19.30 - 20.00

– *Closing Ceremony. Room A*

DAY 4

10 November

2018

7.30

– *Optional excursion. Location to be communicated.*



Société Internationale d'Ethnologie et de Folklore The Ritual Year Working Group

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Based on the general topic of ritual activities, customs and festive celebrations throughout the yearly calendric cycle, the SIEF working group on The Ritual Year was established on 29 April 2004, at the 8th SIEF congress in Marseille.

Initiated by Dr. Emily Lyle, the inaugural meeting was held on 11 July 2004, in the Conference Room of the Department of Celtic and Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh.

Since, the working group has organized thirteen conferences and published eleven volumes in its collection, "The Ritual Year Working Group's Yearbook" ISSN 2228-1347, ISBN (paper) 978-9949-544-54-7.

Many conferences, projects and publications have been the direct result of the working group, which has, over the years, maintained warm, personal friendships among its members.

In the past three years, the working group has tried to share its accomplishments by creating the virtual Ritual Year Newsletter, a virtual library and an active webpage.

The Ritual Year Working Group welcomes new members and invites them to contact us.

Email: ritualyear@siefhome.org

Web page: www.siefhome.org/wg/ry/index.shtml

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