The Ritual Year Working Group
13th Biennial Conference

7-9 NOVEMBER 2018

City Rituals
13th International Conference of SIEF’s Ritual Year Working Group
Bucharest • Romania

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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

Scientific Committee
Irina Sedakova, Laurent Sébastien Fournier, Irina Stahl, Tatiana Minniyakhmetova, Mare Kõiva, Jurij 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

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7 November 2018

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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.


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
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)  

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

Meglena 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)

Akvilë Motuzaitė (Finland)  
*Strategies in Negotiating Cultural Forms of Festivals Within Urban Mixed Families from the Foreign Woman's Perspective.*
Adina Hulubas (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: Marc Köiva)

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.
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| 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)

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.
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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)**  

**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 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)**  
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)

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 Repeciu (Romania)
*The Great Urban Intrusion: Changes and Challenges of Traditional Mummimg.*

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 Liebārdis)

Corina Iosif (Romania)
*Honour and Shame in the Oaș Country: Murder as an Intra-Communal Bond.*

Cătălin Berescu (Romania)
*Identity in Times of Forced Displacement.*
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)

*Sandra 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.

15:00 - 19:00 – *City Tour*

19:00 – *Festive dinner at Hanu’ lui Manuc* (Strada Franceză nr.62-64, Bucharest 030106)
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08:00 – *Meet for St.Nektarios’ pilgrimage*. Location to be communicated.

08:30 - 12:30 – *Rađu Vodja monastery and St. Nektarios feast* (walking tour).

13:00 - 14:30 – *Lunch – Room A*

14:30 - 16:00 – *Panel Session 7.*

Panel 7.A, Room A. *New City Festivals*  
(Chair: Skaidrė Urbonienė)

Terry Gunnell (Iceland)  

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)  

Anna Berza (Romania)  
*The Identity-Building Ritual of Bicyclist Marches in Bucharest.*

Ghislaine Gallenga (France)  
*Aporie ou Performativité? Les Rituels dans les Institutions Urbaines.*
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 Achantzar-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 Brâiioiu” 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*

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**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

Board:
Honorary Chair: Emily Lyle (UK)
Chairs: Irina Sedakova (Russia) and Laurent S. Fournier (France)
Secretary: Irina Stahl (Romania)
Former Chair: Terry Gunnel (Iceland)

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.

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