









S W E D I S H COLLEGIUM for advanced study

Symposium

<mark>Indo-Eu</mark>ropean Afterlife

With this symposium, we wish to shed some light on the notion of death and afterlife among early Indo-European populations. Ritual funeral practices have left obvious traces in the archaeological record and are described in great detail in several early IE texts. The challenge of this symposium is to identify a possible common background for these notions and practices. Are these parallels merely examples of analogical significance or can we uncover some unique unifying cultural traits? The aim of this symposium is to create an interface between different disciplines gathering data from various sources – archaeological as well as textual – in order to build up a common basic vocabulary of poetic expressions, mythological concepts and ritual activities involving mourning and preparing the diseased for the afterlife.

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PROGRAMME
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Thursday, 30 March 2023

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09:45 - 10:00 Welcome to SCAS (MIKAEL ADOLPHSON)
               Introductory Remarks (JENNY LARSSON)
               Chair: JENNY LARSSON
               MICHAEL JANDA: The God of the Night Sky as Guide to the Afterlife
10:00 - 10:30
               BIRGIT OLSEN: Tied to the Underworld
10:30 - 11:00
               Coffee/tea
11:00 - 11:30
               Chair: BIRGIT OLSEN
               JAN BREMMER: Varieties of Eschatology in Ancient Greece
11:30 - 12:00
               PETER JACKSON ROVA: Transforming the Laudandus, Performing the Afterlife
12:00 - 12:30
               Lunch break
12:30 - 13:30
               Chair: TERJE ØSTIGÅRD
               ANDERS KALIFF: Fragmented Bones – Grinding and Crushing the Dead in Funerals
13:30 - 14:00
               LAURA MASSETTI: Through Fire, through Poetry: Fashioning Immortality in Greece and Ancient India
14:00 - 14:30
               RICCARDO GINEVRA: The Love Life of the Dead: Norse Valkyries from an Indo-European Perspective
14:30 - 15:00
               Coffee/tea
15:00 - 15:30
               Chair: RICCARDO GINEVRA
               JULIA STURM: Beneath the Cloudy Darkness: Weather and Indo-European Underworlds
15:30 - 16:00
               ANDERS JØRGENSEN: Ritual Mourning in Indo-European
16:00 - 16:30
               TERJE ØSTIGÅRD: Håga, Burnt Bones and Fire Rituals
16:30 - 17:00
               MARTIN SCHWARTZ: The Gathas: Perspectives (and Some Retrospectives) on the Afterlife (on Zoom)
17:00 - 17:30
17:30 - 18:30
               Reception
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Venue: the Thunberg Lecture Hall, SCAS, Linneanum, Thunbergsvägen 2, Uppsala, and via Zoom Webinar: https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/68722076732

The symposium will be followed by a reception.

Pre-registration is required for the physical event by 23 March 2023 at the latest: http://www.swedishcollegium.se/Registrations/lamp_registration.html

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