

***Perspectives on Contemporary Legend***

International Society for Contemporary Legend Research

38<sup>th</sup> International Conference

Tarragona, Spain (online)

Monday, June 28 – Friday, July 2, 2021

***Program***

Presentations will be 20 minutes with an additional 10 minutes for discussion.

The conference will take place between **16.00 and circa 20.00 hours CEST** (Central European Summer Time). On a global timetable this means sessions will start:

- US/Canada West coast: 07.00
- US/Canada East coast: 10.00
- UK: 15.00
- Central Europe: 16.00
- Russia (Moscow time): 17.00
- Asia (Taipei, Taiwan time): 22.00

**Monday, June 28**

16.00 – 16.15 Welcome Speech

**Panel 1 | Chair: Emili SAMPER**

16.15 – 16.45 David CLARKE: The Future of Things Past: Folklore and Legend Studies in Post-Brexit Britain

16.45 – 17.15 Andrew ROBINSON: Covid Customs in Britain 2020-2021

17.15 – 17.45 Diane A. RODGERS: Contemporary Folklore, Contemporary Media

17.45 – 18.00 *Break***Panel 2 | Chair: Andrew ROBINSON**

18.00 – 18.30 Jeanmarie ROUHIER-WILLOUGHBY: Anti-Semitism in Contemporary Russian Legendry

18.30 – 20.00 [Executive Council Meeting]

**Tuesday, June 29****Panel 3 | Chair: David CLARKE**16.00 – 16.30 Julien GIRY: "... No dad, it was not *Mein Kampf!* It was Minecraft!!!" On a Digital Quid Pro Quo about a Generational Misunderstanding, or When a Hoax Becomes Viral in the Context of Fake News

16.30 – 17.00 Sandy HOBBS: The Origins of ISCLR: A Memoire

17.00 – 17.30 Aphrodite-Lidia NOUNANAK &amp; Rea KAKAMPOURA: Greek Contemporary Legends on the Internet

17.30 – 17.45 *Break***Panel 4 | Chair: Diane A. RODGERS**

17.45 – 18.15 Elizabeth TUCKER: The Girl Who Hid: Campus Rumors and Legends of the Spring of 2020

18.15 – 18.45 Patricia SAWIN &amp; Jack SANTINO: Memes and Magic Marker: A Sharpie Complex for Trumpian Times

18.45 – 19.00 *Break***Panel 5 | Chair: Jeanmarie ROUHIER-WILLOUGHBY**

19.00 – 19.30 Benjamin RADFORD: Confronting Plandemic: From Book Publicity Stunt To Public Health Nightmare

19.30 – 20.00 Patricia A. TURNER: Politically Irrelevant or Politically Pertinent? How the 2016 U. S. Presidential Election Outcome Was Driven by Narratives of Race and Religion

### Wednesday, June 30

#### Panel 6 | Chair: Petr JANEČEK

16.00 – 16.30 Daria RADCHENKO: Saint Corona and an oil cross: flows of vernacular narratives on COVID-19 among Russian Orthodox believers

16.30 – 17.00 Anna KIRZYUK: Behind the pandemic: Covid-dissidents in search of the truth and agency

17.00 – 17.15 *Break*

#### Panel 7 | Chair: Eda KALMRE

17.15 – 17.45 Elena YUGAI & Irina BOGATYREVA: To Behave Like a Poet: Actual Patterns in Artistic and Non-Artistic Communities of Moscow

17.45 – 18.15 Olga LEVITSKI: On the typology of urban legends related to cultural entomology

18.15 – 18.45 Tom MOULD: The Folk Fight Back: Anti-legends and Counter-memes in the Fight Against Poverty

18.45 – 19.00 *Break*

#### Panel 8 | Chair: Daniel COMPORA

19.00 – 19.30 Daniel PERETTI: The Legend-Ritual Complex of Santa Claus

19.30 – 20.00 David J. PUGLIA: Creating a Monster: How Legends Like Goatman are Made

### Thursday, July 1

#### Panel 9 | Chair: Sandy HOBBS

16.00 – 16.30 Henrik OLINDER: Rumors During Unclear Situations

16.30 – 17.00 Marta PAVELKOVÁ: Experiencing the Supernatural in the World of Original Pokemon Series

17.00 – 17.30 Jan POHUNEK: Rübezahls Kin: Current Faces of Genii Locorum in Folklore and Folklorism

17.30 – 17.45 *Break*

## Panel 10 | Chair: Julien GIRY

- 17.45 – 18.15 Gunnella THORGEIRSDOTTIR: Amabie to the rescue, how a 174 year old monster came to protect against Covid-19
- 18.15 – 18.45 Daisy AHLSTONE: Giving Life to Legends: The Material Practice of Ostensive Behavior
- 18.45 – 19.15 Sarah BIRNS & Teo ROGERS: “We Trace This Nile Through Human Thought”: Deconstructing Alternative Beliefs Concerning Ancient Egyptian Monuments
- 19.15 – 19.30 *Break*

## Panel 11 | Chair: Theo MEDER

- 19.30 – 20.00 Ian BRODIE: (Fake) News and Legend: Lessons from an Interdisciplinary Seminar
- 20.00 – 20.30 Daniel COMPORA: The End is Near: Domsday Conspiracy Theories and Apocalyptic Paranoia
- 20.30 – 21.00 Gail DE VOS: White Raven

**Friday, July 2**

## Panel 12 | Chair: Elena YUGAI

- 16.00 – 16.30 Petr JANEČEK: “The Tragic Mistake” as Contemporary Legend? Current Versions of Traditional Narrative in Oral, Popular and Elite Culture of Central and Eastern Europe
- 16.30 – 17.00 Aurore VAN DE WINKEL: Notre Dame is Burning. And Rumors and Conspiracy Theories are Blazing
- 17.00 – 17.15 *Break*

## Panel 13 | Chair: Ian BRODIE

- 17.15 – 17.45 Eda KALMRE: The Phenomenon of Apparent Death in History, Literature and Folklore
- 17.45 – 18.15 Theo MEDER: The Nigerian Scam 2.0. How an Improved Online Scam Trick Made an Unsuspecting Dutch Man Over 20.000 Euros Poorer
- 18.15 – 18.30 Conference Closing
- 18.30 – 18.45 *Break*

- 18.45 – 20.30 Annual General Meeting

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