

**The 5th Colloquium
of the Central and Eastern European Network for the Academic
Study of Western Esotericism (CEENASWE)**

CALL FOR PAPERS AND CHAPTERS

CONTINUITIES AND RUPTURES Esotericism and Science in Central and Eastern Europe from the Middle Ages to the Present

**Jagiellonian University
Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilizations
Kraków, Poland
October 11-12th, 2024**

This year, CEENASWE celebrates its 10th anniversary. On this occasion, we invite scholars to the Jagiellonian University in Krakow for the 5th Colloquium of the Network.

The history of Central and Eastern Europe is marked by political conflicts, territorial transformations, and the shifting of variously defined borders. Situated between the East and the West, it serves as both a kind of center and periphery, a region of diversity where languages and cultures intertwine. The period from the Middle Ages to the present is characterized—both in material culture and in the history of ideas—by a wealth of tradition inherited through generations on one hand, and by sudden and numerous ruptures on the other. At this year's conference, we will specifically focus on the continuity and disruptions in ideas related to the intersection of esotericism and science—from protosciences to contemporary parapsychology—in the region of Central and Eastern Europe, along with all its conditions. The Organizing Committee invites all interested scholars of various disciplines to share their research during our colloquium and/or in the planned volume.

The conference will take place at the building on Grodzka 52 Street, located between the heart of the historical Old Town in Krakow and the Wawel Royal Castle. The Jagiellonian University is the oldest higher education institution in Poland and one of the oldest in Europe. It was founded in 1364 by King Casimir the Great, so in 2024, it celebrates its 660th anniversary. One of the alumni of the Academy was Nicolaus Copernicus.

During the conference, we will offer walks around the historical sites of the city filled with esoteric-related narratives: astrologers and alchemists at the university, the Dragon, John Dee's experiments in the city, the mysteries of the Jewish district (Kazimierz), or the world-renowned Chakra of Wawel Hill, among others.

The deadline for conference proposals is September 10th, 2024. Acceptance notifications will be sent within one week.

Conference Organizing Team is Dr. Karolina Maria Kotkowska (Jagiellonian University), Dr. Pavel Horák (Czech Academy of Sciences, University of Vienna), and Małgorzata Alicja Biały (Jagiellonian University).

Conference Scientific Committee consists of the Central Committee of the CEENASWE led by professor György E. Szönyi.

Conference publication

After the conference we plan to publish a consistent volume about intersections of Esotericism and Science in Central and Eastern Europe, so everyone who wish to participate in publication (together with conference participation or publication only), should send a proposal (title, short abstract) via email until September 10th, 2024. The final manuscripts should be around 40 000 characters with spaces, written in English. The editors of the volume will be Dr. Pavel Horák and Dr. Karolina Maria Kotkowska.

The deadline for the full chapters is November 30th, 2024.

Please note us clearly if your abstract is for the conference, the chapter, or for both.

Please send your proposed contribution to pavel.horak@univie.ac.at and karolina.kotkowska@uj.edu.pl

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