

**“Ritual, Conflict and Consensus:
Comparing case studies in Asia and Europe”**

An Anthropological Atelier
by
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April 15th – 18th 2010
House of Slovak Writers, Budmerice Castle, Slovakia

Program:

April 15th, 4:30 p.m. arrival in Budmerice

April 15th 2010 Thursday: OPENING SESSION

5:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Andre Gingrich (Vienna) – Gabriela Kiliánová (Bratislava): Welcome and introduction into the workshop

5:15 – 5:45 coffee break

5:45 p.m. short guided tour in the castle

6:15 – 7:00 p.m.

Documentary film “*Slovakia*” Director Pavol Barabáš, 2003, 12 minutes.
Introduction: Gabriela Kiliánová (Bratislava)

7:30 p.m. dinner

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April 16th 2010 Friday: KEYNOTE AND SESSIONS I, II

9:30 – 10:30

Chair: Andre Gingrich (Vienna)

Key note lecture

Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka (Bielefeld): Belonging in today’s reflective globality: F(r)ictions, frames and fragments in ritual communication

10:30 – 11:00 coffee break

11:00 – 12:30

Chair: Tatiana Bužeková (Bratislava)

Session I: Cognitive mechanisms and ritual behaviour

Andre Gingrich (Vienna): Hawtah and Hima: Ritual sites and borderline transitions in the highlands of south-western Arabia

Eva-Maria Knoll (Vienna): Medical Tourism: Reflections on the fusion of two powerful rituals in a complex world

12:30 – 2:30 p.m. lunch break

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Chair: Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka (Bielefeld)

Tatiana Bužeková (Bratislava): Cognitive Aspects of Transmission of Neo-Shamanistic Beliefs: Exegetic Reflection in Neo-Shamanistic Rituals

Session II. Ritual as means of social reproduction

Michaela Ferencová (Bratislava): Ritualised practices and social reproduction: Outline of theories and possible research problems

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. coffee break

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. promenade in the park, promenade in the village

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Film screening: Documentary film.

7:30 p.m. dinner

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April 17th 2010 Saturday: SESSIONS II, III and CONCLUSION

9:30 – 11:00

Chair: Christian Jahoda (Vienna)

Gebhard Fartacek (Vienna): Local Sanctuaries, Pilgrimage and Ethnic Heterogeneity in Syria

Helmut Lukas (Vienna): Comparing of Rituals in Continental Southeast Asia

11:00 – 11:30 coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 p.m.

Chair: Michaela Ferencová (Bratislava)

Session III. Conflict and consensus dimensions of rituals during the political, economic, social and ideological transition of society

Christian Jahoda (Vienna): Rituals between conflict and consensus: Case studies of village festivals from Western Tibet

Nina Lang (Vienna): Ritual objects between conflict and consensus: Dealing with sacred artefacts in Mongolia

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. lunch break

3:00 – 3:45

Chair: Michaela Ferencová (Bratislava)

Gabriela Kiliánová (Bratislava): Funeral in transition period: between consensus and conflict

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. short break

4:00 – 5:00

Chair: Eva-Maria Knoll (Vienna)

Concluding Session

Brain storming: possible international projects on Ritual, Conflict, and Consensus

5:00 – 5:30 coffee break

5:30

Chair: Eva-Maria Knoll (Vienna)

Conclusion of the workshop: Andre Gingrich (Vienna) – Gabriela Kiliánová (Bratislava)

7:30 p.m. dinner

April 18th 2010 Sunday

Morning

Departure for Bratislava