

Conference at the IEG Mainz, April 25-27, 2024

Dark Green Religion in Europe: History and Impacts, Dangers and Prospects



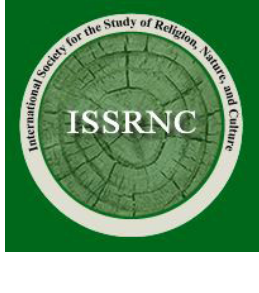

Conference Programme

(all times CET)

Thursday, April 25

From 1230	Arrival and small Lunch at the IEG
1330 – 1350	Welcome and Introduction Bernhard Gissibl, Kate Rigby, Bron Taylor
1350 – 1400	Small Break
1400 – 1545	Panel 1: Situating Dark Green Religion in Europe: Conceptual Perspectives Chair: Henning Jürgens (IEG Mainz) Kocku von Stuckrad (University of Groningen) Dark Green Sciences: Planetary Knowledge and Institutional Change Michael York (Bath Spa University) The Development of Earth Spirituality in Europe Yael Dansac (Université Libre de Bruxelles) What makes it sacred? Sacralization as Ritual and Relationality
1545 – 1615	Coffee Break
1615 – 1800	Panel 2: Situating Dark Green Religion in Europe II: Historical Perspectives Chair: Nicole Reinhardt (IEG Mainz) Ran Segev (Universität Hamburg) Eco-spirituality in the Age of Enlightenment: Revising John Oswald's Cry of Nature (1791) Joana van de Löcht (Universität Freiburg)/Niels Penke (Universität Siegen) Between Pantheistic Perception of Nature and the emergence of Ghost stories – On (Super)Natural Entities in German Low Mountains Whitney Bauman (Florida University Miami) The Promises and Perils of Scientific Romanticisms
1800 – 1830	Break
1830 – 2000	Siv Ellen Kraft (Arctic University of Norway) Dark Green Religion – afterlife modes: Examples from Sàpmi
2000	Dinner (Tables reserved at the Weinstube Roter Kopf, Rotekopfgasse 4, https://www.rotkopf.de/)

Friday, April 26

0830 – 1015	Panel 3: The Greening of Religions in Germany Chair: Claartje Ille (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz) Maria Schubert (Ruhr-Universität Bochum) Dark Green Catholicism and the Environmental Movement in West Germany 1970s-1980s Simon Wiesgickl (Universität Erlangen) The Ecumenical Process for Peace, Justice, and Integrity of Creation (1983) and the greening of Protestant religion in Germany Carrie B. Dohe (MESH Universität zu Köln) Dark Green Religion or Humanizing Nature? An Exploration of the Significance of Values Expression in the Religions for Biological Diversity Project in Germany.
1015 – 1045	Coffee Break
1045 – 1215	Panel 4: Spiritualizing Movements Chair: Andreas Jünger (IEG Mainz/Rachel Carson Center München) Maria Nita (The Open University Milton Keynes) Extinction Rebellion in Britain: The Christian roots of a new green spiritual awakening Noémie Moutel (Université de Angers) From Françoise d'Eaubonne to the Soulèvements de la Terre: an ecofeminist perspective on the influence of dark green religion on French contemporary environmental movements
1215 – 1315	Lunch at the IEG (sponsored by the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture ISSRNC and the Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture JSRNC)  
1315 – 1500	Panel 5: Nature Spiritualities in Popular Culture Chair: Carrie B. Dohe (MESH Universität zu Köln) Devin Zuber (Graduate Theological Union Berkeley) Dark Green Abstractions: Painting Nature Spirituality in Hilma af Klint's Art Jane Skjoldli (Western Norway University of Applied Sciences Bergen) Geomythic borealism in popular culture Helene Heuser (Universität Gießen) Zoom in zoom out – ecospirituality in the European mainstream of popular music
1500 – 1530	Coffee Break
1530 – 1700	Panel 6 (Virtual): Transatlantic Perspectives Chair: Bron Taylor (University of Florida, Gainesville) Çağdaş Dedeoğlu (Yorkville University) Beyond Dichotomies: Understanding Proenvironmental Behaviour in Turkey Giovanna Parmigiani (University of Harvard) “Dark Green Conspirator?” Conspiracism and Dark Green Religion in Southern Italy
1700 – 1730	Break
1730 – 1930	Conference Dinner (Zum grünen Kakadu, Gutenbergplatz 7, https://www.zumgruenenkakadu-mainz.de/)
2000 – 2130	Bron Taylor (University of Florida, Gainesville) Dark Green Museums? How curators fuse art, science, and nature spirituality in the cause of conservation (Naturhistorisches Museum Mainz, Reichklarstr. 1, Mainz)

Saturday, April 27

0830 – 1015	Panel 7: Sacralizing Spaces Chair: Kate Rigby (MESH Universität zu Köln) Jon Mathieu (Universität Luzern) How sacred are the Alps? Adrian J. Howkins (University of Bristol) Beautiful (Sacred) and Relatively Wild: Religious Influences on the Origins of British National Parks Jacob Wiebel (University of Durham) Desacralising African spaces through wildlife conservation: from European “dark green religion” to secularised protected areas in the global south
1015 – 1045	Coffee Break
1045 – 1230	Panel 8: Whither Dark Green Religion? Problems and Potentials Chair: Bernhard Gissibl (IEG Mainz) Julia Iteel (Université de Fribourg) Ecotherapies in Francophone Europe Nathaniel J. Barron (University of Birmingham) European Ecofascism as „Dark Green Thinking“: Dangers and Affordances Timothy Stacey (University of Utrecht) Going Public with Dark Green Religion: Overcoming the liberal split
1230 – 1330	Small Lunch
1330 – 1415	Final Discussion