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Advanced Research Symposium "The Efficacy of Rituals — On the Semiotics of Worship in Religion and Beyond"

Thursday, September 8, 2011

9:30-10:00 Introduction
Kristian Bankov, New Bulgarian University, Massimo Leone and
Ugo Volli, University of Torino

SYMPOSIUM I: *Worship and Textuality* (chair: Massimo Leone)

10:00 Vincent Crapanzano (CUNY - The City University of New York):
Textual Self-Author-ization

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:15-12:15 Michael Silverstein (The University of Chicago): **The Eucharistic
Chiastic Trope in American “Civil Religion”: Ritual
Interdiscursivity and the Production of Cultural Intertexts**

12:15-13:15 Marcel Danesi (University of Toronto): **The Role of Symbolism in the Constitution of Teenage Gangs**

SYMPOSIUM II: *Worship and Influence* (chair: Kristian Bankov)

15:30-16:30 Eric Landowski (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris): **Shikatanagai**

16:30-16:45 *Coffee break*

16:45-17:45 Ugo Volli (University of Torino): **Is Prayer an Attempt to Influence? — The Case of Jewish tfilà**

17:45-18:45 Mony Almalech (New Bulgarian University): **What does Psalm Mean in Hebrew?**

18:45-19:15 Discussion

19:15 *Dinner*

20:15 Concert of Jewish Songs by Eva Volizer

Friday, September 9, 2011

SEMINAR I: *The Language of Ritual* (chair: Roland Posner)

10:00-11:00 Marcel Danesi (University of Toronto): **The Role of Irony in Teenage Ritualistic Talk**

11:00-12:00 Michael Silverstein (The University of Chicago): **Metasemiotic Hypertrophy and Dynamic Figuration: Why Ritual Works (When It Does)**

12:00-12:15 *Coffee break*

12:15-13:15 Vincent Crapanzano (The City University of New York): **Contortions of Forgiveness and Revenge among the Harkis**

13:15 *Lunch*

SYMPOSIUM III: *Worship and Emotions* (chair: Ugo Volli)

15:30-16:30 Roland Posner (Technische Universität Berlin): **Coping with Anxiety: A Syntactic Approach**

16:30-17:30 Ruggero Eugeni (Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan): **Feeling Together. Cinema and Practices of Sociability in the Post Media Condition**

17:30-17:45 *Coffee break*

17:45-18:45 Cristina Demaria and Anna Maria Lorusso (University of Bologna): **Liturgies of Memory. When Remembering Becomes Denunciation: the Case of *Las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo***

18:45-19:15 Discussion

19:15 *Dinner*

Saturday, September 10, 2011

SYMPOSIUM IV: *The Transformations of Worship* (chair: Marcel Danesi)

10:00-11:00 György E. Szönyi (University of Szeged / Central European University, Budapest): **From the Hieroglyphic Monad to Angel Magic. Semiotic Aspects of John Dee's Esotericism**

11:00-11:30 Antoaneta Dontcheva, (Sofia University): **The Role of Ritual in the Works of Samuel Beckett**

11:30-11:45 *Coffee break*

11:45-12:45 Kristian Bankov (New Bulgarian University): **Rituals of Consumption and Consumption of Experience**

12:45-13:15 Discussion

13:15 *Lunch*

SEMINAR II: *The Icons of Ritual* (Chair: Ruggero Eugeni)

15:30-16:30 Department of Anthropology NBU: to be specified

16:30-16:45 *Coffee break*

16:45-17:45 Cristina Demaria (University of Bologna): **Cinema, Memory, and the Building of National Identities: a Sociosemiotic Approach**

CONCLUSIONS

17:45-18:45 Massimo Leone (University of Torino): **Towards a Cultural Semiotics of Worship**

18:45-19:15 Discussion

19:15 *Dinner*