

AMERINDIAN RITES AND NON-HUMAN ENTITIES IN SOUTH AMERICA: REASSESSMENTS AND COMPARISONS

A workshop on Amerindian Studies

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Description:

Nowadays Amerindian cosmologies have become one of the most important *loci* of debate in the anthropology of religion. Nevertheless, ethnographic comparisons between South America highlands and lowlands, as far as religious ritual and practices are concerned, are still lacking. The main purpose of this workshop is to explore the comparative possibilities between these regions. It is difficult to overestimate the necessity to analyze the contrasts and continuities between indigenous cosmologies and practices of South American highlands and lowlands. It is important to point out that we link this need of systematic comparisons with a solid use of an ethnographic approach.

This workshop will bring together researchers from different European institutions who are working on indigenous religions and rituals in the Amazonia and in the Andes. Papers from anthropology, sociology, cultural studies, folklore studies, ethnomusicology, and the history of religion are welcome.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Group 1 (moderator: Marieka Sax)

1. MARÍA A. GUZMAN-GALLEGOS, Fafo - Institute for Applied International Studies (Norway). SESSION 1.
2. MINNA OPAS, The University of Turku, Department of Comparative Religion (Finland). SESSION 2.
3. CAMILLA MORELLI, The University of Manchester, Social Anthropology Department (United Kingdom). SESSION 3.

Group 2

(Moderator: Camilla Morelli)

4. JONATHAN HILL, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Sociocultural Faculty (United States of America). SESSION 4.
5. PENELOPE DRANSART, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, School of Archaeology, History and Anthropology (United Kingdom). SESSION 5.

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6. ARISTÓTELES BARCELOS-NETO, University of East Anglia, School of Art History and World Art Studies (United Kingdom). SESSION 6.
7. ALFONSO OTAEGUI, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale (France). SESSION 7.

Group 3 (moderator: Minna Opas)

8. HARRY WALKER, London School of Economics (United Kingdom). SESSION 8.
9. CHRISTOPHER BALL, University of Notre Dame, Department of Anthropology (United States of America). SESSION 9.
10. MARIEKA SAX, Carleton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (Canada). SESSION 10.