

Enchanted Socialist Modernity? (Warsaw/online, 27–28 Jun 23)

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Enchanted Socialist Modernity?

Art of Central and Eastern Europe in the Face of Esotericism and Unconventional Spiritualities.

June 27th

9.45–10.00 am - Justyna Balisz-Schmelz, Kamila Dworniczak: Welcome & Opening Remarks

SESSION 1: DEFINING OCCULT IN SOCIALIST STATES

10.00–10.20 am - Agata Stronciwilk: The Spirituality of Carbocene. On Coal and the Art of the Upper Silesia

10.20–10.40 am - Martin Jemelka: Silesian Spiritist Media Drawing: Contemporary and Social Contexts, Representatives and International Response

10.40–11.00 am - Erzsébet Tatai: Occult Hungary. Spiritual in Art in Hungary between 1945–1989

11.00–11.30 am - Discussion

11.30–12.00 pm - Coffee Break

SESSION 2: UTOPIAS BETWEEN SCIENCE AND ESOTERICISM

12.00–12.20 pm - Łukasz Żuchowski: 'Are there ghosts in the fourth dimension?' Xawery Dunikowski's Late Paintings and the Cosmic Esotericism in Early Communist Poland

12.20–12.40 pm - Veneta Todorova Ivanova: "Unity, Creativity, Beauty": Art, Aesthetics and Spirituality in Late Socialist Bulgaria

12.40–13.00 pm - Andres Kurg, Mari Laanemets: Forecast and Fantasy: Two Case Studies

13.00–13.20 pm - Radek Przedpełski: Esoteric Conceptualism. Ancient Funerary Magic and Talismanic Media in Natalia LL's and Marek Konieczny's Cosmotechnical Intermedia Performance Practices in the 1970s

From 13.20 pm - Discussion

June 28th

SESSION 3: INNER LANDSCAPES

10.00–10.20 am - Stella Pelše: Making Visible: Mandalas and Fibulae of Genādijs Suhanovs

10.20–10.40 am - Bohdan Pylypushko: Spiritual Turn and Inner Emigration in Ukrainian Artistic Nonconformism of the 1970s–1980s on the Example of Oleksandr Aksinin

10.40–11.00 am - Dora Derado Giljanović: Alternative Artists in Search of Altered States of Consciousness: An Interdisciplinary Analysis

11.00–11.30 am - Discussion

11.30–12.00 pm - Coffee Break

SESSION 4: TOWARDS CAPITALISTIC OCCULTISM

12.00–12.20 pm - Jakub Banasiak: The Art of the New Spirituality. Polish Art between Socialist and Capitalist Modernity

12.20–12.40 pm - Jarosław Lubiak: Mystical Materialism? Koło Klipsa as a Case Study from the Spiritual Turn in Poland of the late 1980s

12.40–13.00 pm - Marta Kudelska, Dark Side of the Young Art in Poland

From 13.00 pm - Discussion

If you are interested in participating in the online conference, please send an email by June 25th to one of the following addresses:

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