

Preliminary Program

Perspectives on Contemporary Legend International Society for Contemporary Legend Research 32nd International Conference Prague, Czech Republic Tuesday 3—Sunday 8 June, 2014

Tuesday, June 3

Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts, Main Building, Room 429

9:00-10:30 Registration

10:30 Welcome by Mirjam Fried, Dean of the Faculty of Arts

10:45 Welcome by Elizabeth Tucker, President of the ISCLR

10:50 Welcome by Elissa R. Henken, Secretary of the ISCLR

10:55 Welcome by Petr Janecek, organizer of the conference

11:00-12:30 Session 1: Legends and Internet

Chair: Elizabeth Tucker

Véronique Campion-Vincent *Glurges as Exemplary Stories* (15)

Theo Meder *The Apocalypse on Twitter* (30)

Elissa R. Henken *Deadly Games* (15)

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00-4:00 Session 2: Legends and Mass Media

Chair: Christine Shojaei Kawan

Elizabeth Tucker *Ariel Castro's House of Horrors: Legend Settings and Characters in the News* (30)

Joel Conn *Jimmy Savile: From Rumour, To Scandal, To Investigation* (30)

Eda Kalmre *Baby Carrots and Salad Rinsing: Commercial Legends and Rumours in Estonian Consumer Society* (30)

5:00 Tour of the Charles University Historical Building

6:30 Opening Reception at Café Louvre (Narodni trida street 22)

Wednesday, June 4

Change of Venue: *Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts, Main Building, Room 104*

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-12:00 Session 3: Legends and (Sacred) Places

Chair: Yvonne Milspaw

Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby *Vernacular Religion, Orthodox Doctrine, and Communist Ideals in the Holy Spring of Iskitim (30)*

Daniel Rygovsky *Narratives in Sacred Places: Role of Legends in Pilgrimage Traditions of Modern Belokrinitskie Old Believers in West Siberia (15)*

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Mira C. Johnson *In the Footsteps of St. Patrick and Pagans: Syncretic Legends on the Croagh Patrick Pilgrimage (15)*

Claudia Schwabe *Snow White and the Legend of Margaretha von Waldeck (30)*

12:00-1:30 Lunch Break

1:30-6:00 Session 4: Spatial and Social Contexts of Legends

Chair: Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby

Nikita Petrov *Urban Texts and Ritual Practices in Modern Moscow (30)*

Shannon K. Larson *Haunting the Asylum: Community Reactions to Mental Illness and Institutionalization at Indiana's Abandoned Central State Hospital (30)*

Jan Pohunek *Pohádka: Birth of a Legend Tripping Site (15)*

Marina Bayduzh *Tyumen Lover's Bridge in Discourse of Modern Urban Legends and Rituals* (15)

3:30 – 4:00 Coffee Break

Maria Palleiro *Rat or Dog?: The “Caniche Toy” Legend in Oral and Virtual Argentinean Versions* (30)

Martin Soukup *Lady with the Towel: A Contemporary Legend in Colonial Papua and New Guinea* (15)

Adriana Kabova *Blood in radios, heads in televisions: Identity and 'civilizing forces' beyond the Sumbanese rumors* (15)

Radvile Racenaite *Lemons With AIDS Filling, or The Fears of the Modern Human* (15)

8:30 Ghost Walk I: Old Prague Legends

Thursday, June 5 (Cesky Krumlov Tour)

9:00 Meet in front of the Main Building of the Faculty

9:15 Departure (coach bus)

1:00 Tour of Cesky Krumlov Baroque Theater (Group I: 20 people)

2:00 Tour of Cesky Krumlov Baroque Theater (Group II: 20 people)

2:50 Tour of Cesky Krumlov Castle (both groups)

4:00-7:00 Free time to explore the town

7:00 Dinner at Cesky Krumlov Brewery

8:30 Return to Prague

Friday June 6

Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts, Main Building, Room 104

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-12:00 Session 5: Legend, Art and Popular Culture

Chair: Elissa R. Henken

Peter Burger *Monstrous Tales: Legends as Rhetorical Constructions* (30)

Sandy Hobbs *The Relationship between Contemporary Legend and Rumor* (30)

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

Jens Lund *Revisiting King Christian and the Yellow Star: A Historical Legend as Personal Journey* (30)

Patricia A. Turner *Star Power: The Collision of History and Legend in Children's Literature* (30)

13:00-2:30 Lunch Break

2:30-6:00 Session 6: Occupational Folklore; Legends of Rites of Passage

Chair: David J. Puglia

Ian Brodie *The Servant Problem: Narratives concerning domestic help among Canadian Immigration Foreign Service officers* (30)

Spencer L. Green *A Sure Knowledge: Folk Archeology and Evidence for Belief among Mormon Missionaries* (15)

David J. Puglia *Darwin's Deathbed Confession: The Evolution of a Christian Contemporary Legend* (15)

Elena Iugai *The Students Legends in Moscow Gorky Literary Institute* (15)

Petr Janecek *Bloody Mary or Krvavá Máří?: Globalization and Czech Children's Folklore* (15)

4:00-4:30 Coffee Break

Gail de Vos *Contemporary Comic Book Golem* (15)

David Samper *Wedding Revenge: Legends and the Culture of Fear* (15)
Stephen Winnick

Ambrož Kvartič *Stag Party Gone Wrong: Legends and Ritual Order* (15)

7:00 Conference Banquet (place to be announced)

Saturday, June 7

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9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-12:00 Session 7: Legends, Politics and Ethnic Identity

Chair: Ian Brodie

Mikhail Alekseevsky *The President in a Helicopter: Contemporary Legends and Spontaneous Political Jokes at the Moscow Protest Demonstrations in 2011-2012* (15)

Aurore Van de Winkel *French Politicians versus Contemporary Legends and Rumours: Reactions, Denials and Consequences* (30)

Zuzana Panczová *Heroes and Anti-Heroes in Slovak Rumours and Conspiracy Theories* (15)

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

Anastasiya Astapova *Evil Communists, Lost Masterpieces, and Belarussian Ethnic Identity* (30)

Radan Haluzík *Who we are, who they are, and why we are fighting each other. War, Contemporary Legends and Identity in Post-Communist Ethnic Conflicts in the Former Yugoslavia and the Caucasus* (30)

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00-4:00 Session 8: Legends, History, Local Tradition

Chair: Mikhail Alekseevsky

Andrey Moroz *Traditional Christian Legend in the Contemporary Urban Folklore* (15)

David Clarke *The Angels of Mons Revisited* (30)

J. J. Dias Marques *The Legends of the 'Enchanted Moorish Girls' in Portugal* (30)

Tamara G. Basangova *Kalmyk Legends and Traditions (On the Classification)* (15)

4:00-4:30 Coffee Break

4:30 **ISCLR Annual General Meeting**

8:30 Ghost Walk II: Prague Contemporary Legends

Sunday, June 8

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9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-1:00 Session 9: Legends and Media Across Time and Space
Chair: Aurore van de Winkel

Dana Keller *Digital Folklore: Marble Hornets, the Slender Man, and the Emergence of Folk Horror in Online Communities (30)*

Mare Kõiva *Clairvoyants in Estonian Television. Media Influences on Contemporary Narratives (30)*

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

Anres Kuperjanov *Contemporary Legends and Astral Lore (30)*

Daria Radchenko *Qui Prodest: Framing Authorship and Meaning of Russian Heavenly Letters (30)*

Mare Kalda *A Supernatural Attack. On Similar Experiences from Different Times (15)*

1:00 Conference Closing Comments

2:00 Visit to the Ethnographical Museum
+ Exhibition about Czech Traditional Folk Culture