

The International Association for Comparative Mythology

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

## **Death and Migration in World Mythology**

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

We are happy to announce that the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association for Comparative Mythology is to be held at the School of Anthropology and History of Northern Mexico (Escuela de Antropología e Historia del Norte de México), Chihuahua, Mexico on June 8-12, 2020 followed by excursions to famous archaeological sites near Chihuahua and Mexico City. All members are warmly invited to present papers and to participate in the discussions.

This year we have the following topics:

1. ***Death in Mythology***, including but not limited to the following sub-topics:
  - Death and the world of the dead in mythology;
  - Deities and mythological characters related to death;
  - Funerals and other rituals related to death;
  - Escaping death and disease: traditional healing.
  
2. ***Migration in Mythology***, including
  - Migration in myths and migration of myths and motifs;
  - Migration to escape death; journey to death and to the world of the dead;
  - Journey in myth and ritual;
  - Crossing borders and boundaries: related myths, characters, and worldviews.
  
3. A “free topic”, i.e., any other topic you would like to propose/choose for your paper will be considered.

A list of prospective talks will be published on our website.

Please take note of the following:

#### ABSTRACTS

By **March 1, 2020**, please send, if you intend to participate, a short (300 words or less) abstract of your talk to this address:

[iacm.admin@gmail.com](mailto:iacm.admin@gmail.com)

The abstracts will be reviewed by a selection committee; the selected abstracts will be published on our website (<http://www.compmyth.org>)

#### PAPER LENGTH

The expected paper length is 20 minutes plus 10 minutes discussion.  
The language of the conference is English.

CONFERENCE FEE for the participants from North America, Australia, Northeast Asia, the EU and EEA countries and Switzerland is \$50, which will cover the conference dinner and reception. Students from the aforementioned countries and participants from other regions can participate for a reduced fee – \$25. For the payment options please see below.

#### EXCURSIONS

After the conference we plan two excursions: a one-day trip to a variety of archaeologically and culturally significant locations near Chihuahua and then a three-days trip to the most famous and important archeological sites around Mexico City. The excursions will not be covered by the conference fee; all the details will be announced after the selection of papers.

Finally, those of you who are not yet official members of IACM, please consider joining the association! The yearly fee is \$40 (it is \$15 for students and members from countries outside North America, Australia, the EU, EEA, Switzerland, and Northeast Asia).

Looking forward to seeing you in Chihuahua!

Yours,  
14th Conference Organizing Committee,  
IACM

## **Payment options:**

1. By check or money order made out to International Association for Comparative Mythology.

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2. By PayPal.

Due to bank fees, it is much better and easier to use PayPal, now available for you at our website. For the conference fees please follow the link below and use the IACM 2020 Conference Fee button:

<https://www.compmyth.org/14th-conference/>

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