

The International Association for Comparative Mythology

15th Annual Conference

Sacred Ground: Place and Space in Mythology and Religion

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CALL FOR PAPERS

We are happy to announce that the 15th Annual Conference of the International Association for Comparative Mythology is to be held at the **Serbian Academy of Sciences & Arts, Belgrade**, and at **Viminacium, Serbia** on **June 7-11, 2022**. The conference is organized in collaboration with the Institute of Archaeology, Belgrade, Serbia. All members are warmly invited to present papers and to participate in the discussions.

The conference will be held in hybrid format: we will accept papers to be presented either in person or virtually by Zoom.

This year we have the following topics:

1. ***Sacred Ground in Mythology and Religion***, including but not limited to the following sub-topics:
 - Sacred space in comparative mythology and particular mythological traditions;
 - Deities and mythological characters related to space and place;
 - Sacred landscape as represented in myth, ritual, and art;
 - Sacred cities, forests, rivers, etc.
 - Places of "crossing" to the other world(s);
 - Constructing the sacred space in the ritual.
2. ***Methodological Aspects of Comparative Mythology***, including
 - New theoretical and methodological approaches in the research of mythology;
 - Archaeological perspectives on mythological topics;
 - Archaeology as an instrument in the research of mythology;
 - Definitions of the major notions in the study of mythology;
 - Philosophy of mythology;
 - History of Comparative Mythology.

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 **April 5, 2022**, please send, if you intend to participate, a short (300 words or less) abstract of your talk to this address:

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 FORMAT

The conference will be held in hybrid format: we hope that many participants will be able to come in person, however, we will also accept papers to be presented virtually by Zoom and will allow virtual participation of the audience. Please note that the conference format is subject to change depending on the epidemiological situation in Serbia and in the world.

CONFERENCE FEE for the participants from North America, Australia, Northeast Asia, the EU and EEA countries, UK and Switzerland participating in person is **\$60**, which will cover the conference dinner and reception. Students from the aforementioned countries and participants from other regions can participate for a reduced fee – **\$30**. Virtual participation fee is **\$15**. Scholars from Ukraine can participate in the conference **free** of charge.

For the payment options please see below.

EXCURSIONS

During and after the conference we plan excursions to several famous cultural and archaeological sites around Belgrade. 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 Belgrade!

Yours,
15th Conference Organizing Committee,
IACM

Payment options:

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

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However, this will do only for checks in US \$, issued by an American bank. Checks in other currencies will incur hefty exchange fees, so please avoid this: your contribution will entirely be swallowed by bank fees here. Instead, please use PayPal (see below).

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<https://www.compmyth.org/15th-conference/>

Membership fee can be paid here:

<https://www.compmyth.org/membership/>

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3. Payment in cash can be made onsite, before the beginning of the conference.