

The International Association for Comparative Mythology

16th Annual Conference

August 2023

Mythologies of Violence: War in Heaven, War on Earth

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CALL FOR PAPERS

We are happy to announce that the 16th Annual Conference of the International Association for Comparative Mythology is to be held at [Rathcroghan Visitor Centre, Tulsk, Ireland](#) on **August 21-25, 2023**. The conference is organized by the IACM in collaboration with Rathcroghan Visitor Centre and the Fluid and Complex Systems Research Centre at Coventry University, UK. 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. ***Violence and War in Mythology and Religion***, including but not limited to the following sub-topics:
 - War in mythology and epics;
 - Deities and mythological characters related to war and violence;
 - Violence vs. non-violence in myth and religion;
 - Enemies and opponents in myth;
 - Myths on violence outside the battlefield;
 - Warriors and weapons;
 - Constructing modern mythological narratives related to war and violence.

2. ***Mythology and Community***, including
 - Community-defining and community-specific myths;
 - Modern communities and old myths;
 - Mythology reception and traditions within communities.

3. A special topic: ***Celtic Mythology***, with a special emphasis on
 - Irish mythology;
 - Ráth Cruachan and the Ulster Cycle mythology;
 - Comparative study of Celtic myths in the context of the Indo-European and World mythology.
4. 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 3, 2023**, please send, if you intend to participate, a short (300 words or less) abstract of your talk to this address:

iacm.admin@gmail.com

Please indicate if you would like to present your paper in person or virtually. The abstracts will be reviewed by a selection committee; the selected abstracts will be published on our website (<http://www.compmyth.org>)

PAPER LENGTH

Each speaker will be allotted a 30 min. time slot. The expected paper length is 20 minutes plus 10 minutes discussion.

The language of the conference is English.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

While the conference will be held in hybrid format, we hope that most participants will be able to come this year in person; however, we will also accept a limited number of 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 due to adverse global political, ecological or epidemiological events.

CONFERENCE FEE for the participants from North America, Australia, Northeast Asia, the EU and EEA countries, UK and Switzerland participating in person is **€80 (\$88)**, which will cover the conference dinner and reception. Students from the aforementioned countries and participants from other regions can participate for a reduced fee – **€40 (\$44)**. 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 the conference, we plan an excursion to the Rathcroghan Complex (Crúachan Aí) that includes multiple archaeological sites and monuments. After the conference, we will offer a possibility to participate in excursions to other famous cultural and archaeological sites in Ireland. 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 Ireland!

Yours,
16th 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).

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 2023 Conference Fee button:

<https://www.compmyth.org/16th-conference/>

Membership fee can be paid here:

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

You can directly deposit your amount, without fees for you, and we lose just a nominal amount on our side. In most countries a variety of credit card options or a direct deposit from your bank account are available for payment. Please select your country and wait while your browser refreshes. Then, enter the amount, your personal data, etc. (This is a secure site.)

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