

# Indo-European Religion and Poetics – A Comparative Approach Myth, Ritual and Language

October 11 (Friday)

9:00–09:30 **Welcome words**

Anne Jensen (Head of Department of Nordic Studies and Linguistics), Laura Massetti

**Session 1** Chair: Laura Massetti

9:30–10:00 “Upholding Heaven and Earth, upholding the Right”

José Luis García Ramón (Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies)

10:00–10:30 “Ritual Speech in the Neo-Phrygian Funerary Curse *Formulae*”

Milena Anfosso (Sorbonne University / University of California, Los Angeles)

10:30–11:00 “‘Trust me, I’m a Hittite’. Anatolian echoes of Indo-European phraseology”

Michele Bianconi (University of Oxford)

11:00–11:30 **Coffee Break**

**Session 2** Chair: Bjarne Simmelkjær Sandgaard Hansen

11:30–12:00 “Anatolian and North-West Semitic languages, cultures and religions in contact: the KTMW stela from Zincirli”

Federico Giusfredi, Valerio Pisaniello (University of Verona)

12:00–12:30 “Where all the Killed Dragons graze: Luw. *āla/i- wiluš(a)-*, Ἠλύσιος λειμών and the PIE concept of the Netherworld”

Rostislav Oreshko (University of Leiden / Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies)

12:30–14:00 **Lunch**

**Session 3** Chair: José Luis García Ramón

14:00–14:30 “From kenning to insult: downgrading of Old Norse poetic phrases in East Slavic epic tradition”

Claire Le Feuvre (Sorbonne University)

14:30–15:00 “Slaying men, or an etymology? Homeric ἀνδρειφόντης”

Stefan Höfler (University of Copenhagen)

15:00–15:30 “Hecate and Her Dogs”

Bjarne Simmelkjær Sandgaard Hansen (University of Copenhagen)

15:30–16:00 **Coffee Break**

**Session 4** Chair: Joshua Katz

16:00–16:30 “Form in Latin and Umbrian Sacral Verse”

Angelo Mercado (Grinnell College, IA)

16:30–17:00 “Toch. B *lyakem yops=ātsāna warsaimne* and Gr. πυκινὸν λόχον + λέναι”

Tao Pan (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich)

17:00–17:30 “*Ombra mai fu* or Hanging the Sun. Solar Myths, Rituals and Language”

Laura Massetti (University of Copenhagen)

**October 12 (Saturday)**

**Session 5** Chair: Claire Le Feuvre

9:30–10:00 “Thoughts of Gāthic Beginnings and Beginnings of Gāthic Thoughts”  
Joshua Katz (Princeton University)

10:00–10:30 “Aphrodite’s Blood and Its Cognates East and West: Assaulted Goddesses of the Morning Sky  
in Greek, Indic, and Irish Narrative”  
John McDonald (University of Missouri)

10:30–11:00 “The Myth of Baldr’s Death and the Vedic Wounded Sun: Old Norse Religion and Poetics  
from a Comparative Indo-European Perspective”  
Riccardo Ginevra (Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies)

11:00–11:30 **Coffee Break**

**Session 6** Chair: Stefan Höfler

11:30–12:00 “Where the stone meets the sky: Elucidations on Indo-European cosmological thought”  
Adam Hyllested (University of Copenhagen)

12:00–12:30 “Old Germanic and Old Celtic Theonyms. The onomastic evidence for language and culture  
contact in Roman provincial epigraphy”  
Corinna Scheungraber (University of Cologne)

12:30–14:00 **Lunch**

**Session 7** Chair: Stephanie Jamison

14:00–14:30 “The Secret of the Untrembling Heart. A Cryptological Reading of Parmenides’ Proem (DK  
B1.29/EGP D4.29)”  
Peter Jackson Rova (University of Stockholm)

14:30–15:00 ““For the Cyclopes do not care for Iuppiter”: Latin *religiō* ‘observance’, *neglegō* ‘neglect’ and  
Greek ἀλέγω ‘care for’”  
Lucien Van Beek (University of Leiden)

15:00–15:30 **Coffee Break**

**Session 8** Chair: Peter Jackson Rova

15:30–16:00 “Mirror Images and Cross(dress)ing: Some Indo-European Intersections”  
Stephanie Jamison (University of California, Los Angeles)

16:00–16:30 “The Indo-European plague in language, myth, poetics and archaeology”  
Esbern Thøgersen (University of Copenhagen)

16:30–17:00 “An underlying divinatory structure common to Bharata and Semonides”  
Kenneth G. Zysk (University of Copenhagen)

17:00–17:30 **Closing Remarks**

19:30– **Conference Dinner**