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Invitation to the Contemporary Spirituality Conference

Dear Colleagues! We are pleased to invite you to the Contemporary Spirituality conference, which will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, at the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, on <u>October 6–7, 2023.</u>

The conference aims to draw attention to various aspects of religious life, rituals, and spirituality in past and contemporary societies. The organizers invite presenting researchers to focus primarily (although not exclusively) on topics related to:

RITUAL

Sub-topics we would like presenters to focus on: the importance of religious and non-religious rituals, theoretical reflections, ritual as a group cohesion practice, religious community and socialisation;

(PLACE) IDENTITY

Sub-topics we would like presenters to focus on: personal, community and social identity, alt-right movements, fake news, identitarian movements, religious narratives about/in national conflicts, religious leadership and hierarchy in religious communities, religious diversity and tolerance, religious minorities and the state;

HEALING AND THERAPY

Sub-topics we would like presenters to focus on: Covid, mind-altering drugs (ayahuasca), drug use in contemporary spirituality, the ethical issues of doing research with people committing criminal acts.

For more information, please visit the <u>official website</u>.

<u>The call for abstracts is open until</u> <u>May 15, 2023.</u> Applicants need to have a Google account to fill in the <u>registration</u> <u>form</u>. If you require further information or assistance, contact us at contemporaryspirituality2023@gmail.com.

Conference presenters and attendees will be invited to publish their contributions in the double issue 3-4 of *Svetovi/Worlds*.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Ljubljana!

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