

**FROM HUMANITIES TO SOCIAL SCIENCES:  
VISIONARY EXPERIENCE IN CROSS-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE  
SUMMER WORKSHOP  
3-5 JULY 2017  
CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST**

The workshop is a joint enterprise of three research groups. Scholars from the Departments of History, Medieval Studies, Sociology and Anthropology at the Central European University (CEU) engage here in discussion with researchers of the “Vision Thing” group that grew out from the 2007-2008 Summer Institute of CASBS Stanford and Collegium Budapest, directed by William A. Christian Jr. and Gábor Klaniczay, and the ERC funded “East-West research group on ethnology of religion” originally at the University of Pécs and currently at the Institute of Ethnology of the Research Center for the Humanities of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA BKK), directed by Éva Pócs. The CEU Humanities Initiative is funding this discussion on the state of scholarship, the theoretical aspects and new perspectives on the research on visions.

The speakers of the workshop participate, on Sunday, July 2, at a joint excursion to Mátraverebély, a Marian cult-site in north-eastern Hungary, and to the adjacent holy well at Mátraszentimre – Fallós Kút, which used to be the apparition site of a Hungarian seer Klára Csépe.

Program

**Monday, July 3**

**10.00am Opening remarks**

William A. Christian Jr. (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria) and Gábor Klaniczay (CEU)

**10.30-11.30 Session 1: How do I know it is true? Experience, evidence and the senses**

Introduced and moderated by Gábor Klaniczay

**Éva Pócs** (MTA BKK) - What do the seers see?

**Bea Vidacs** (MTA BKK) - Evidentiality in the messages of Jesus Christ in the discourses of a South Central Hungarian seer

**11.30- 12.00 Coffee break**

**12.00-13.00 Session 1 (part two)**

**Ildikó Csepregi** (CEU) - Dreams versus *phantasia*: Deceptive dreams as catalyst for miracle

**Sherry Smith** (McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario) - Encountering the Dead: Continuing Bonds in Bereavement

**13.00-14.30 Lunch break**

**14.30- 16.00 Session 2: Why visions prevail or fail: Representation, cultivation, transmission** / Introduced and moderated by Vlad Naumescu

**Gábor Klaniczay** (CEU) – Remembering, retelling, representing the hierophany, the stigmatic vision

**András Krafft** (CEU) - Medieval Greek visions and the Fall of Constantinople

**Francesca Braida** () - L'écriture poétique du songe comme outil de transmission du savoir au Moyen Age

**18.00 Dinner (TBA)**

**Tuesday, July 4**

**09.30- 11.00 Session 3: To trust or not to trust? Contestation, charisma, authentication**  
Introduced and moderated by William A. Christian Jr.

**Matthias Riedl** (CEU) - Dream, Visions, and Charismatic Authority in the Political Thought of Thomas Müntzer

**Galia Valtchinova** (University of Toulouse) - Seeing saints, reinforcing nation: agency through vision-dreams in Macedonia at the turn of the 20th century

**Constantin Iordachi** (CEU) - God's Messenger: Petrace Lupu and Religious Politics in Greater Romania

**11.00-11.30 Coffee break**

**11.30- 13.00 Session 3 (part two)**

**Judit Kis-Halas** (MTA BKK) - "Invincible Mary" - the politics of visions on the example of an 18th century Marian shrine (Gyűd, South West Hungary)

**Eszter Györfy** (University of Cluj/Kolozsvár) - Visions, miracles and miracle narratives in Seuca'

**Mirjam Mencej** (University of Ljubljana) - Visions of St Mary in Bosnia and Herzegovina - between faith and national identity

**13.00- 14.30 Lunch break**

**14.30- 16.00 Session 3 (part three)**

**Deirdre de la Cruz** (University of Michigan) - The Lipa apparitions – the risk of recognition

**Agnieszka Halemba** (University of Warsaw) – Apparitions of the Virgin Mary as decision-events

**18.00 Dinner (TBA)**

**Wednesday July 5**

**09.30- 11.00 Session 4: From visions where does one go?**

Introduced and moderated by Galia Valtchinova

**Katrina Olds** (San Francisco University) - History, Holiness, and Lived Religion in the Early Modern Spain."

**Carsten Wilke** (CEU) - Fictional visions in early modern Spanish and Sephardi literature: Towards an ecstatic model of knowledge"

**11.00-11.30 Coffee break**

**11.30 – 13.00 Session 4 (part two)**

**William A. Christian Jr.** - Things to see: Silent movies, outdoor theatre, airplanes, words in the sky, caricatures, gymnastics and postcards and the visions of Jeanne d'Arc at Alzonne (Aude) in 1913

**Ágnes Hesz** (University of Pécs) - Doubting heaven – Local reflections on the afterlife

**Vlad Naumescu** (CEU) – Pedagogies of prayer in Eastern Christianity

**13.00 Lunch**