Perspectives on Contemporary Legend  
International Society for Contemporary Legend Research  
38th International Conference  
Tarragona, Spain (online)  
Monday, June 28 – Friday, July 2, 2021

Program

Presentations will be 20 minutes with an additional 10 minutes for discussion. The conference will take place between 16.00 and circa 20.00 hours CEST (Central European Summer Time). On a global timetable this means sessions will start:

- US/Canada West coast: 07.00
- US/Canada East coast: 10.00
- UK: 15.00
- Central Europe: 16.00
- Russia (Moscow time): 17.00
- Asia (Taipei, Taiwan time): 22.00
Monday, June 28

16.00 – 16.15 Welcome Speech

Panel 1 | Chair: Emili SAMPER

16.45 – 17.15 Andrew ROBINSON: Covid Customs in Britain 2020-2021
17.15 – 17.45 Diane A. RODGERS: Contemporary Folklore, Contemporary Media
17.45 – 18.00 Break

Panel 2 | Chair: Andrew ROBINSON

18.00 – 18.30 Jeanmarie ROUHIER-WILLOUGHBY: Anti-Semitism in Contemporary Russian Legendry
18.30 – 20.00 [Executive Council Meeting]

Tuesday, June 29

Panel 3 | Chair: David CLARKE

16.00 – 16.30 Julien GIRY: “... No dad, it was not Mein Kampf! It was Minecraft!!!” On a Digital Quid Pro Quo about a Generational Misunderstanding, or When a Hoax Becomes Viral in the Context of Fake News
16.30 – 17.00 Sandy HOBBS: The Origins of ISCLR: A Memoire
17.00 – 17.30 Aphrodite-Lidia NOUMANAK & Rea KAKAMPOURA: Greek Contemporary Legends on the Internet
17.30 – 17.45 Break

Panel 4 | Chair: Diane A. RODGERS

17.45 – 18.15 Elizabeth TUCKER: The Girl Who Hid: Campus Rumors and Legends of the Spring of 2020
18.15 – 18.45 Patricia SAWIN & Jack SANTINO: Memes and Magic Marker: A Sharpie Complex for Trumpian Times
18.45 – 19.00 Break

Panel 5 | Chair: Jeanmarie ROUHIER-WILLOUGHBY

19.00 – 19.30 Benjamin RADFORD: Confronting Plandemic: From Book Publicity Stunt To Public Health Nightmare

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**17.45 – 18.15** Gunnella Thorgeirsdottir: Amabie to the rescue, how a 174 year old monster came to protect against Covid-19

**18.15 – 18.45** Daisy Ahlstone: Giving Life to Legends: The Material Practice of Ostensive Behavior

**18.45 – 19.15** Sarah Birns & Teo Rogers: “We Trace This Nile Through Human Thought”: Deconstructing Alternative Beliefs Concerning Ancient Egyptian Monuments

**19.15 – 19.30** Break

### Panel 11 | Chair: Theo Meder

**19.30 – 20.00** Ian Brodie: (Fake) News and Legend: Lessons from an Interdisciplinary Seminar

**20.00 – 20.30** Daniel Compora: The End is Near: Doomsday Conspiracy Theories and Apocalyptic Paranoia

**20.30 – 21.00** Gail De Vos: White Raven

### Friday, July 2

### Panel 12 | Chair: Elena Yugai

**16.00 – 16.30** Petr Janeček: “The Tragic Mistake” as Contemporary Legend? Current Versions of Traditional Narrative in Oral, Popular and Elite Culture of Central and Eastern Europe

**16.30 – 17.00** Aurore Van de Winkel: Notre Dame is Burning. And Rumors and Conspiracy Theories are Blazing

**17.00 – 17.15** Break

### Panel 13 | Chair: Ian Brodie

**17.15 – 17.45** Eda Kalmre: The Phenomenon of Apparent Death in History, Literature and Folklore

**17.45 – 18.15** Theo Meder: The Nigerian Scam 2.0. How an Improved Online Scam Trick Made an Unsuspecting Dutch Man Over 20,000 Euros Poorer

**18.15 – 18.30** Conference Closing

**18.30 – 18.45** Break

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