Western Esotericism

Historical Contexts & Cultural Contacts

The Inaugural Conference of the Israeli Network for the Academic Study of Western Esotericism [INASWE]

10:00-11:00

✉ Opening Session

Chair - Boaz Huss
Greetings
Haim (Howard) Kreisel
Director, Goldstein-Goren International Center for Jewish Thought
Yoram Meital
Chair, The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies & Diplomacy

Wouter Hanegraaff Amsterdam University
President of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism [ESSWE]
The Archetype of Eranos: Carl Gustav Jung and Western Esotericism

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:30

✉ Between Zionism and the Occult:
The Milieu of Laurence and Alice Oliphant
Chair - Yossi Chajes

Isaac Lubelsky Tel Aviv University
Oliphant, Balfour, and Wingate: Three Facets of Esoteric (British) Zionism

Julie Chajes University of Haifa
The Christian Zionist Sexual Mysticism of Laurence & Alice Oliphant's Symphonicata: Some Preliminary Considerations

13:30-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00-17:00

✉ Ecumenical Esotericism:
Kabbalah as Common Ground
Chair - Chaim Hames

Judith Weiss Ben-Gurion University
Guillaume Postel's Proficiency in Aramaic and Hebrew

Yossef Schwartz Tel Aviv University
The Interreligious Dimension of the Kabbalistic Project: Jews, Christians, and Christian-Jews

Yossi Chajes University of Haifa
Kabbalistic Divinity Maps in the Age of Kabala Denudata

17:00-17:30 COFFEE BREAK

17:30-18:30

✉ Concluding Session
Chair - Yuval Harari

Mark Sedgwick Aarhus University
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Traditionalism and Esotericism

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