



University of Wales Trinity Saint David
School of Archaeology, History and Anthropology
The Sophia Centre

Annual Conference 25-26 June 2016

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

SATURDAY 25 JUNE

- 9.00 Registration and Refreshments
- 9.30 Kim Malville
Gods in the Sky and Entanglements on the Earth
- 10.15 Reinhard Mussik
Why so people connect supposed prehistoric sacred places in virtual space at the summer solstice?
- 10.45 Gaia Somasca
Manhattanhenge
- 11.15 **TEA AND COFFEE**
- 11.45 Hannelore Goos
Sun and Moon in Germanic Religion – from the Viking Age to Modern Germanic Paganism
- 12.15 Astrid Leimlehner
Ancient Deities and New Meanings: The Role of Myths in Twentieth Century Astrology
- 12.45 **LUNCH (OWN ARRANGEMENTS). There many cafes, restaurants and sandwich bars nearby**
- 2.15 Freedom Cole
Hindu Worship and Astrology
- 2.45 Kenneth D. Miller
A World Thoroughly Enchanted: The Rise of Hinduism and the Rise of Astrology
- 3.15 Matthew Kosuta
Worshipping Rahu in Thailand
- 3.45 **TEA AND COFFEE**
- 4.15 Micah Ross
The Festivals of Aquarius
- 5.00 Julye Bidmead and Marilyn Love
Išhtar's Journey: Above and Below

5.30 Marcello De Martino
Hestia: The Indo-European Goddess of the Cosmic Central Fire

6.00 **SOPHIA CENTRE PRESS: WINE AND NIBBLES**

SUNDAY 26 JUNE

9.45 Arrive and refreshments

10.00 Meira Epstein

Cosmic Order, The Heavens and the Special Role of the Luminaries in Jewish Calendric Cycles in Art, in Sacred Literature and Rituals Throughout the Ages

10.30 Rachel Schmid

Practical Depictions: Interpreting Images of Divinity in the Heavens in Late Antique Eretz Israel

11.00 **TEA AND COFFEE**

11.30 Konstantios Gravanis

The Heavenly Bodies in Early Christian Art

12.00 Dragana Van de Moortel-Ilić

Images of the Sun, the Moon and Planets in Serbian Medieval Churches

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2.00 Mai Lootah

What is the Role of Folkloric Pre-Islamic Anwá' in Islamic Arabia?

2.30 Stavroula Konstantopoulou

Hubris in the Skies: Expelling the Sacred in Aristophanes' Birds and Clouds

3.00 Paul Bembridge

The Gnostic Crisis: Getting Evil out of the Heavens

3.30 Dr Nick Champion

Closing Comments

POST-CONFERENCE RELAXATION

Join us at the popular All Bar One.