

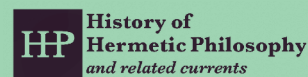
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Libertinism and Spirituality Between Desire and Rebellion



Lust from the Tarot of Thoth by Lady Frieda Harris, 1943



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Conference

16—18.12.25

16 December

09:30 — 10:00

Welcome greetings

Francesco Piraino

Fondazione Giorgio Cini / Ca' Foscari Venezia

Charles Marshall Stang

CSWR - Harvard Divinity School

Marco Pasi

HHP - University of Amsterdam

10:00 — 11:00

Greek and Early Christian Period

Matthew J.Dillon

Center for Study of World Religions
at Harvard Divinity School

Libertine Gnosticism and Grant

Morrison's *The Invisibles*

Charles Marshall Stang

Center for Study of World Religions
at Harvard Divinity School

Monastic and Mystical Libertinism:
The Anxiety around *Apatheia*
in the Syriac Christian Tradition

11:00 — 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 — 12:30

Middle Ages

Denis Renevey

University of Lausanne

Richard Rolle (c.1300–49), ermite
et libertin avant l'heure: Religious
Rebellion and Sensorial Mysticism
in North Yorkshire

Gerard Wiegers

University of Amsterdam

Iberian Converts and Forced Migrants
of Jewish and Muslim Descent:
Freethought, Atheism, and Libertinism

14:00 — 15:30

Reinassance

Maria Koutsouris

Boston University

Platonic Libertinism: Esoteric
and Erotic Apotheosis in Marsilio Ficino
and Aleister Crowley

Adrien Mangili

FNS / University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès

Mages and Libertines from Pomponazzi
to Gaffarel

Federico Barbierato

University of Verona

Ways of Believing and Unbelieving:
Seventeenth-Century Libertinism
and the Venetian Experience

17 December

10:00 — 11:00

Judaism

Jonathan Cahana-Blum

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

“They that Prepare the Ground May Have
to Wade through the Marshes of Sin”:
Susan and Jacob Taubes's Jewish Gnostic
Cult in 1950's New York and Jerusalem

Elliot R. Wolfson

New York University

Mystical Nihilism and the Philosophical
Skepticism of Faith

11:00 — 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 — 12:30

“The East”

Mark Sedgwick

Aarhus University

Sufi Libertinism

Paride Stortini

Ghent University

Desire to Know Desire: Religion,
Repression, and Sexuality in the Interwar
Japanese Movement “Erotic Grotesque
Nonsense”

14:00 — 15:30

17th century

Elena Grazioli

University of Milan

Casanova: Libertinism and the Shaping
of Autobiographical Identity

Carlo Bosi

Mozarteum University, Salzburg

Libertinism, Early Venetian Opera
and the Power of Eros

Lieven De Maeyer

Ruusbroece Institute at Antwerp University

Freedom from Sin, or Freedom to Sin?
Libertinism and/as Quietism in Late
17th Century France

18 December

10:00 — 11:30

Contemporary

Dell Rose

Swedenborg Library Chicago / University of Amsterdam

The Sacredness of Sin: D'Annunzio
amongst the Philosophers of Filth

Piero Latino

CELLF - Sorbonne Université / University of Pisa

From Couliano's “Erotic
Pneumophantasmology” to Corbin's
“Metaphysic of Love”: The Spiritual
Nature of Eros between Libertinism
and the Religion of Love in Literature

Christina Oakley Harrington

Independent historian of religion

The Feminist Libertinism of Early Wicca

11:30 — 12:00

COFFEE BREAK

12:00 — 13:00

Contemporary

Matouš Mokrý

Masaryk University

Literary Libertinism in the “Deofel
Quintet” of the Order of Nine Angles
and Antinomian Esoteric Initiation

Gordan Djurdjevic

Independent scholar

“The Most Sublimely Austere Ethical
Precept”: Aleister Crowley's Doctrine
of “Do What Thou Wilt” and Its
Complicated Relationship
with Libertinism

14:30 — 15:30

Plenary