

# LA DISSOLUCIÓ DEL SAGRAT

Primer Simposi Internacional sobre Místiques i Heterodòxies Religioses

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## THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SACRED IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD I International Symposium on Religious Mystics and Heterodoxies

September 8, 9 and 10, 2021, Barcelona.  
Presence-based and virtual modalities

Dear colleagues:

We announce to you the celebration of the *I International Symposium on Religious Mystics and Heterodoxies* organized by GREMHER and Universidad de Barcelona, which will take place in Barcelona from September 8th to 10th.

The group GREMHER, Research Group on Religious Mystics and Heterodoxies of Universidad de Barcelona since 2013 agglutinates and calls researchers from the field of Religious Anthropology, promoting researches, publications and the dissemination of the studies related to this subject.

The subject that the Symposium calls is "The dissolution of the sacred in contemporary world". Escaped from the closed and secluded place where the Secularization process of modernized societies tried to confine it, Religion - understood as the field of communication with the supernatural-, in diverse forms that reach ritual, spiritual, therapeutic, divinatory or "magical" expressions, has dispersed through all corners of social life and, now, acts without a centre, dislocated, sneaking through the interstices that she often opens herself by adopting new cultural guidelines and contents, recycling old ones and using discourses from traditionally "separate" areas such as science and technology. Religion tends to be, nowadays, everywhere and nowhere. We could speak of the growing pre-eminence of informality in religious matters, materialized in the multiplication of faiths without dogma, believers without a church, spiritual leaders without a community and spiritualities without venue. For this reason, we call this symposium to talk about the "dissolution" of the sacred, taking the idea of a text by Pierre Bourdieu on the outbreak of Religion in contemporary societies.

## Streams:

1. See the light, open the eyes. Conversion stories and dynamics.
2. The Irruption of the occult. Apparitions and appeared
3. Violence against the sacred, today.
4. Sanctified bodies. Charisms, possessions and other ways to embody the divine and the evil.
5. Ancient gods, remote cults, arcane knowledge.
6. One-person spiritualities and beliefs without congregation
7. Religion as domestication or resistance
8. New popular devotions.
9. Administrative approach to religious practice in secularized contexts

## Submissions:

### Communications

Proposals for communications linked to the axes described will be accepted, which will be distributed at thematic tables. Each proposal will indicate authorship (and co-authorship if applicable), institutional affiliation, stream in which is registered, title, abstract (between 150 and 300 words) and time-zone of the speaker. We also request that you indicate if your presentation will be done in person or virtually. Maximum time for exposing the communications will be 15 minutes. Each of the tables will admit a minimum of four participants and a maximum of six, and each one will have a maximum duration of two hours to accommodate the corresponding discussion.

### Alternative formats

Proposals for book presentations and ethnographic documentaries will be considered. Proposals in these formats will indicate authorship and co-authorship, institutional affiliation, title, abstract (between 150 and 300 words), duration of the activity and time zone of the speaker. We also request that you communicate if you plan to make the presentation in person or virtually.

### General aspects to consider

- . Communications and other proposals for participation may have a maximum of three authors. In the case of co-authorship, it will be indicated with which of the authors communication will be established.
- . Each author may submit a maximum of two communications to different streams.
- . The text the communication will not be requested at any time.
- . Once the proposal is accepted, all authors and co-authors must formalize the registration within the period provided for speakers. Proposals of speakers who do not formalize the registration in the established period will not be included in the program.
- . Only authors and co-authors may present their proposals at the symposium.
- . Registered authors may require changes in the requested participation modality (from presence-based to virtual, or vice versa). For organizational reasons, we ask that these changes be reported as far as possible.

## Deadlines:

- January 15 to March 30, 2021: Deadline for sending participation proposals.
- May 21, 2021: Acceptance of proposals.
- June 30, 2021: Deadline for speaker registrations.
- July 31, 2021: Deadline for registrations of participants without a presentation.

## Proposal submission:

All proposals will be sent to [gr.gremher@ub.edu](mailto:gr.gremher@ub.edu) within the established deadlines. Proposals will be accepted in Catalan, Spanish, English, Portuguese and French.

You can consult all the information about the Symposium at <https://ladisoluciodelsagrat.wordpress.com> or writing to us at [gr.gremher@ub.edu](mailto:gr.gremher@ub.edu), for more information.

We hope to count with your participation.

Our best regards.

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