

Presenters

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About Hieros

This is an inaugural event of Hieros, an international non-profit organization whose purpose is to engage scholars and creators in symposia and other events to deepen our shared understanding of the sacred as manifested in culture, and to share specialist understandings of the sacred with a broader public through publications, media, seminars, lectures, and workshops. We understand the sacred as inspirational presence that unites both culture and nature, conveyed through initiatory pedagogies, and explore how the sacred is revealed in the classical humanities, in the context of particular landscapes and sacred sites, in unexpected urban manifestations, and in wilderness. Join us to chart the future of Hieros!

We would like to express our deep appreciation to Temenos Academy—an educational charity that offers education in philosophy and the arts in the light of the sacred traditions of East and West—for co-sponsoring this event, and for its great work.

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2017

Hieros and Temenos Academy present:

Spirituality of the Land

*Oriel College
Harris Lecture Theatre
University of Oxford*

Saturday, 13 May, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Presentations

09.00 Welcome and Tribute to James Cowan

09.30 - 10.15 ***The Place of Our True Abiding: Healing the Ancestral Communion with the Land*** Caitlín Matthews

10.15 - 11 ***Deep Memory and the Power of Place in Early Ireland*** John Carey

11 - 11.15 Tea and coffee break

11.15 - 12 ***Guardian of the Sacred Earth: The Green Man in Myth and Religion*** John Matthews

12 - 1.15 lunch

1.15 - 2 ***Landscapes of Initiation: Gardens and Parks with a Symbolic Message*** Christopher McIntosh

2-2.45 ***Roman Sacred Landscapes: Myths of the Tiber*** Kresimir Vukovic

2.45-3 Tea and coffee break

3-3.45 ***Entering the Mysteries—Living Sacred Sites in North America and Western Europe*** Arthur Versluis

3.45-4.30 pm Open Discussion with panel

4.30-5 pm Brief final remarks, and time for continuing the conversation.

Spirituality of the Land: A Symposium

Across Western Europe, the Anglo-Celtic Isles, North America, and Australia are countless ancient sacred sites. Megaliths, cairns, and other stones or rock formations often mark the sacred places whose mysteries are conveyed in myths. In this rare one-day symposium, we will explore new ways of understanding our relationship with the landscape as marked by sacred places interwoven with myths and ancient mysteries. What are the mysteries and hidden aspects of the ancient landscapes right around us? Join us to come to understand more deeply the land, hills, mountains, rivers, and seas that surround us. Speakers will include well-known authors John Carey, John and Caitlín Matthews, Christopher McIntosh, Arthur Versluis, and Kresimir Vukovic, with a special tribute to the work of James Cowan.

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