

<p>Kurzus neve:  <b>Modern mythologies (Elméleti projektfejlesztés csoportmunkában, angol)</b></p>						
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Kód: <b>M-AE-E-102-A</b>	Tantervi hely:	Javasolt félév:	Kredit: 5	Tanóraszám: Egyéni hallgatói munkaóra:		
Kapcsolt kódok: M-AE-102, ER-THEO-MA- 252601-01	Típus: <b>(szeminárium/elő adás/gyakorlat/ko nzultáció stb.)</b>	Szab.vál-ként felvethető-e? nem	Szab.vál. esetén sajátos előfeltételek:			
<p>A kurzus kapcsolatai (előfeltételek, párhuzamosságok):</p>						
<p>Aims and principles of the course:</p> <p>The course aims at a multidisciplinary analysis of modern mythologies of the 20th-21st centuries. By modern mythologies we do not only analyse the perpetuation of classical myths, but also a series of phenomena mythicised in contemporary society and their manifestations, primarily in visual culture, performative rituals, public spaces, and media.</p>						
<p>Tanulási eredmények (fejlesztendő szakmai és általános kompetenciák):</p> <p>Tudás: a modern mitológiák keletkezése, működése, megnyilvánulásai</p> <p>Képesség: önálló gyűjtés, feldolgozás, értelmezés, elemzés</p> <p>Attitűd: elfogadás, nyitottság, érzékenység, kritikai érzék</p> <p>Autonómia és felelősségvállalás: önálló gyűjtésen alapuló munka</p>						
<p>Topics and themes to be discussed during the course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Myth, mythology, legend, lore, belief, gossip</li> <li>2. When, why and how do modern mythologies arise? Digital folklore</li> <li>3. Conspiracy theories. Evolution, variations, drivers</li> <li>4. Identity-forming myths. Myths of tradition, history, nation, homeland</li> <li>5. Heroes, saints, stars, influencers, celebrities</li> <li>6. The dual worldview of contemporary myths: the myth of goodness and the myth of evil</li> <li>7. The mythology of the stranger</li> <li>8 The mythology of beauty</li> <li>9 The mythology of the end of the world</li> <li>10. The mythology of science</li> </ol>						
<p>Tanulásszervezés/folyamatszervezés sajátosságai:</p> <p>The first half of the course is an interactive lecture. In the second half of the semester, students will present and discuss their independent research.</p> <p>Students' tasks: regular preparation of literature for the lectures, independent research and constructive comments during the presentations.</p>						

A tanulás környezete: (pl. tanterem, stúdió, műterem, külső helyszín, online, vállalati gyakorlat stb.)

**Evaluation:**

Requirements to be fulfilled: regular preparation for class based on the given literature, active attendance, presentation based on independent work and submission as a seminar paper.

Method of assessment: presentation + written paper

Criteria for assessment: class attendance 20% + presentation 30% + essay to be submitted 50%.

Calculation of the grade: class preparation 20% + presentation 30% + paper to be submitted 50%

**Compulsory literature**

- Aitamurto, Kaarina, and Scott Simpson. 2013. Modern Pagan and Native Faith Movements in Central and Eastern Europe – Anthology. Durham: Acumen.
- Barkun, Michael. 2003. A Culture of Conspiracy: Apocalyptic Visions in Contemporary America. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Bellah, Robert Neely. 1967. “Civil Religion in America.” *Daedalus* 96: 1–21.
- Dyrendal, Asbjørn, Leif Edward Ottesen Kennair, and James R. Lewis. 2018. “The Role of Conspiracy Mentality and Paranormal Beliefs in Predicting Conspiracy Beliefs Among Neopagans.” *International Journal for the Study of New Religions* 8 (1): 73–97.
- Hammer, Olav, and James R. Lewis. 2007. The Invention of Sacred Tradition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Hubbes, László Attila, and István Povedák. 2014. “Competitive Pasts. Ethno-Paganism as a Placebo-Effect for Identity Reconstruction Processes in Hungary and Romania?” *Religiski, Filozofiski Raksti* 17: 133–152.
- Hubbes, László Attila, and István Povedák. 2019. “New National Mythologies: Re-Paganization of Christian Symbolism in Hungarian and Romanian Ethno-Pagan Culture.” In *Expressions of Religion. Ethnography, Performance and the Senses*, edited by Eugenia Roussou, Clara Saraiva, and István Povedák, 245–290. Zurich: LIT Verlag.
- István Povedák, 2023: An investigation into para-scientific imageries and esoteric nationalism around the cult of the Holy Crown of Hungary, Religion, DOI: 10.1080/0048721X.2023.2277021

**Recommended literature:**

- Brubaker, Rogers. 2012. “Religion and Nationalism: Four Approaches.” *Nations and Nationalism*. 18 (1): 2–20. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1469-8129.2011.00486.x>.
- Brubaker, Rogers. 2017. “Between Nationalism and Civilizationism: The European Populist Moment in Comparative Perspective.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40 (8): 1191–1226. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2017.1294700>.
- Campbell, Colin. 1972. “The Cult, the Cultic Milieu, and Secularization.” In *A Sociological Yearbook of Religion in Britain*, edited by Michael Hill, 119–136. London: SCM Press.
- Carroll, Robert Todd. 2003. *The Skeptic’s Dictionary. A Collection of Strange Beliefs, Amusing Deceptions, and Dangerous Delusions*. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons Inc.
- Casanova, José. 2020. “Transnationalism and Religion: The European Union, from Christian-Democratic Project, to Secular Cosmopolitanism, to Populist ‘Christian’ Neo-Nationalism.” In *Religion, Populism, Neo-Nationalism*, edited by Florian Höhne, and Torsten Meireis, 29–48. Berlin: Nomos.
- Foster, Michael Dylan, and Jeffrey A. Tolbert. 2016. *The Folkloresque: Reframing Folklore in a Popular Culture World*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado.

- Fritze, Ronald. 2009. Invented Knowledge: False History, Fake Science and Pseudo-Religions. London: Reaktion Books.
- Gingrich, Andre, and Marcus Banks. 2006. Neo-nationalism in Europe and Beyond. Perspectives from Social Anthropology. New York & Oxford: Berghahn.
- Goodrick-Clarke, Nicholas. 1985. The Occult Roots of Nazism: Secret Aryan Cults and Their Influence on Nazi Ideology: The Ariosophists of Austria and Germany, 1890–1935. Wellingborough: The Aquarian Press.
- Povedák, István. 2014. “Invisible Borders: Christian–Neopagan Syncretism in Hungary.” In Religion, Religiosity and Contemporary Culture. from Mystical to (I)Rational and Vice Versa, edited by Aleksandra Pavićević, 143–156. Belgrade: Institute of Ethnography SASA.
- Povedák, István. 2019. “The Future That Changed the Past. A Narrative-Level Analysis of UFO Culture with Special Regard to Paleoastronautics Behind the Iron Curtain.” In Present and Past in the Study of Religion and Magic, edited by Ágnes Hesz, and Éva Pócs, 363–390. Budapest: Balassi Kiadó.
- Povedák, István. 2020. “Religious Neo-Nationalism in Hungary.” In Religion, Populism, Neo-Nationalism, edited by Florian Höhne, and Torsten Meireis, 289–308. Berlin: Nomos.
- Povedák, István. 2021a. “Come, Look and Hear how the Past has Been and the Future Will be! Festival Culture and Neo-Nationalism in Hungary.” In Festival Cultures: Mapping new Fields in the Arts and Social Sciences, edited by Jeremy Kidwell, and Maria Nita, 65–86. London: Palgrave.
- Povedák, István. 2021b. “From the Hungarian Jesus to Flying Saucers.” In Politics of Religion. Authority, Creativity, Conflicts, edited by Tobias Köllner, and Alessandro Testa, 123–149. Zürich: LIT Verlag.
- Robertson, David G. 2015. “Conspiracy Theories and the Study of Alternative and Emergent Religions.” *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 19 (2): 5–16. <https://doi.org/10.1525/nr.2015.19.2.5>.
- Rountree, Kathryn. 2015. Contemporary Pagan and Native Faith Movements in Europe. Colonialist and Nationalist Impulses. New York, Oxford: Berghahn.
- Smith, Anthony D. 2009. Ethno-symbolism and Nationalism: A Cultural Approach. New York: Routledge.
- Povedák – Wojcik eds. (2021) Vernacular religion and contemporary spiritualities. *Traditiones* 50 (3)

Egyéb információk:

Máshol/korábban szerzett tudás elismerése/ validációs elv:

- más tevékenységgel egyes feladatok kiválhatók,
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Tanórán kívüli konzultációs időpontok és helyszín:  
kedd 14.00, előzetes egyeztetés alapján