

4th Cracow Maya Conference

*Into the Underworld: Archaeological and anthropological perspectives
on the afterlife in the Pre-Columbian Americas*

SYMPOSIUM

Thursday (19.02.)

Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences
Sławkowska 17 Street

REGISTRATION

8.15 - 8.50

WELCOME ADDRESS

8:50 - 9:10

Prof. dr hab. Janusz K. Kozłowski

Institute of Archaeology of the Jagiellonian University & Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences

Prof. dr hab. Krzysztof Ciałowicz

Director of the Institute of Archaeology of the Jagiellonian University

Dr hab. Marcin Brocki

Director of the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology of the Jagiellonian University

SESSION 1

Burials, ancestors and the Maya Underworld: archaeological and architectural perspectives

9:10 - 9:40

Norman Hammond (Cambridge University and Boston University)

Mortality and Immortality: Maya Mortuary Practice

9:40 - 10:10

Cristina Vidal (University of Valencia) and Gaspar Muñoz (Polytechnic University of Valencia)
Las arquitecturas ocultas de las Acrópolis de La Blanca y Chilonché

10:10 - 10:30

Coffee break

10:30 - 11:00

Jarosław Żralka, Wiesław Koszkuł, and Bogumił Pilarski (Jagiellonian University)
Burials, offerings, flints and rituals of veneration in Nakum Structure X: the cult of ancestors and a horizon of tombs with lithic deposits in Maya area.

11:00 - 11:30

Jan Szymański (University of Warsaw)
Out of the Underworld: Maize God's resurrection and its architectural context

11:30 - 13:00

Lunch break

SESSION 2

Sacred places, supernatural creatures and death in Maya and Mesoamerican worldview

13:00-13:30

Alexander Safronov (Moscow State University)
Sacral Places in the Classic Maya Political Landscape

13:30 -14:00

Harri Ketunnen (University of Helsinki)
Cuando el Tecolote Canta: Owls in Mesoamerican Art, Writing, Mythology & Ethnozoology

14:00-14:30

Agnieszka Hamann (University of Warsaw)
Through the valley of the shadow of death: Death as a typical domain requiring non-literal treatment

14:30-15:00

Coffee break

SESSION 3

Death, mountains and caves among the Highland Maya: Ethnographic perspective

15:00-15:30

Piotr Grzegorz Michalik (Jagiellonian University)

Who dwells inside the mountain and underneath the ground? A modern Tzotzil point of view

15:30-16:00

Monika Banach (Jagiellonian University)

Vi' Vitz y Xe' Naloj: montañas y cuevas en el paisaje sagrado de los Mayas Ixil

16:00-16:30

Leif Korsbaek (Mexico's National School of Anthropology) & Marcela Barrios Luna

The cargo system, death and the graveyard in the highlands of Chiapas

16:30-17:00

Coffee break

SESSION 4

Caves and Underworld places in ancient Mesoamerica

17:00-17:30

Christophe Helmke (University of Copenhagen) and Ismael Arturo Montero García (Ipan Tepeme Ihuan Oztome)

Caves and New Fire Ceremonies in Central Mexico

17:30-18:00

Jesper Nielsen (University of Copenhagen)

The Cave and the Butterfly: Death and Rebirth in Ancient Central Mexico

18:00-18:30

John S. Henderson (Cornell University) and Kathryn M. Hudson (University at Buffalo)

Otherworldly Places: Caves as Bidirectional Portals in Maya Cosmology

18:30-19:00

Ramzy Barrois (independent scholar)

How the Underworld became Hell in our understanding of the Maya Ballgame

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9:30-10:00

Registration

SESSION 5

Burial customs and Otherworld places in Mesoamerica and other parts of the New World

10:00-10:30

Kazimiera Mikoś and Łukasz Byrski (Jagellonian University)

The Monument 1 of Chalcatzingo – an enthronement scene or Olmec cave paradise?

10:30-11:00

Elena Novoselova (Moscow State University)

Ritos fúnebres y poder supremo en la Civilización Andina (en el ejemplo de Wari, Tiwanaku y Tawantinsuyu)

11:00-11:30

Radosław Palonka and Jakub Nawrot (Jagiellonian University)

Burial customs and perspectives on the afterlife in Pueblo culture from the North American Southwest

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Friday-Sunday (20-22.02.)

Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology
Gołębia 9 Street

1. DAY (20.02) | 13:00 - 15:00 and 15:30 - 19:00

2-3. DAY (21-22.02) 9:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 18:00

Maya Workshop I (basic):

Sacral Maya Rituals and Ceremonies in Classic Texts and Images

by Alexander Safronov, Ivan Savchenko and Magdalena Rusek

Maya Workshop II:

Underworld Creatures in Maya Art and Writing

by Harri Kettunen and Guido Krempel

Nahua Workshop:

Introducción al estudio de los Códices Borgia, Vaticano B y Cospi

by Katarzyna Mikulska and Ana Guadalupe Díaz (via Skype)

MOVIE

Saturday, (21.02.), 20:00

Granito: How to Nail a Dictator

by Pamela Yates

Introduction letter: Pablo Ceto (Alcaldía Indígena de Nebaj, Ixil University of Guatemala)