Indo-European Religion and Poetics – A Comparative Approach
Myth, Ritual and Language

October 11 (Friday)

9:00–9:30 Welcome words
Anne Jensen (Head of Department of Nordic Studies and Linguistics), Laura Massetti

Session 1 Chair: Laura Massetti
9:30–10:00 “Upholding Heaven and Earth, upholding the Right”
José Luis Garcia Ramón (Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies)

10:00–10:30 “Ritual Speech in the Neo-Phrygian Funerary Curse Formulae”
Milena Anfosso (Sorbonne University / University of California, Los Angeles)

10:30–11:00 “Trust me, I’m a Hittite”. Anatolian echoes of Indo-European phraseology”
Michele Bianconi (University of Oxford)

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

Session 2 Chair: Bjarne Simmelkjær Sandgaard Hansen
11:30–12:00 “Anatolian and North-West Semitic languages, cultures and religions in contact: the KTMW stela from Zincirli”
Federico Giusfredi, Valerio Pisaniello (University of Verona)

12:00–12:30 “Where all the Killed Dragons graze: Luw. āla/i- wīluš(a)-, Ἡλύσιος λειψών and the PIE concept of the Netherworld”
Rostislav Oreshko (University of Leiden / Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies)

12:30–14:00 Lunch

Session 3 Chair: José Luis García Ramón
14:00–14:30 “From kenning to insult: downgrading of Old Norse poetic phrases in East Slavic epic tradition”
Claire Le Feuvre (Sorbonne University)

14:30–15:00 “Slaying men, or an etymology? Homeric ἀνδρειφόντης”
Stefan Höfler (University of Copenhagen)

15:00–15:30 “Hecate and Her Dogs”
Bjarne Simmelkjær Sandgaard Hansen (University of Copenhagen)

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

Session 4 Chair: Joshua Katz
16:00–16:30 “Form in Latin and Umbrian Sacral Verse”
Angelo Mercado (Grinnell College, IA)

16:30–17:00 “Toch. B lyakem yops=āṭtsāna warsāīmne and Gr. πωχινὸν λόχον + ἱένατ”
Tao Pan (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich)

17:00–17:30 “Ombra mai fu or Hanging the Sun. Solar Myths, Rituals and Language”
Laura Massetti (University of Copenhagen)
October 12 (Saturday)

Session 5  Chair: Claire Le Feuvre
9:30–10:00  “Thoughts of Gāthic Beginnings and Beginnings of Gāthic Thoughts”
Joshua Katz (Princeton University)
10:00–10:30  “Aphrodite’s Blood and Its Cognates East and West: Assaulted Goddesses of the Morning Sky in Greek, Indic, and Irish Narrative”
John McDonald (University of Missouri)
10:30–11:00  “The Myth of Baldr’s Death and the Vedic Wounded Sun: Old Norse Religion and Poetics from a Comparative Indo-European Perspective”
Riccardo Ginevra (Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies)

11:00–11:30  Coffee Break

Session 6  Chair: Stefan Höfler
11:30–12:00  “Where the stone meets the sky: Elucidations on Indo-European cosmological thought”
Adam Hyllested (University of Copenhagen)
12:00–12:30  “Old Germanic and Old Celtic Theonyms. The onomastic evidence for language and culture contact in Roman provincial epigraphy”
Corinna Scheungraber (University of Cologne)

12:00–12:30  Lunch

Session 7  Chair: Stephanie Jamison
14:00–14:30  “The Secret of the Untrembling Heart. A Cryptological Reading of Parmenides’ Proem (DK B1.29/EGP D4.29)”
Peter Jackson Rova (University of Stockholm)
14:30–15:00  “For the Cyclopes do not care for Iuppiter”: Latin religiō ‘observance’, neglegō ‘neglect’ and Greek ἀλέγω ‘care for’
Lucien Van Beek (University of Leiden)

15:00–15:30  Coffee Break

Session 8  Chair: Peter Jackson Rova
15:30–16:00  “Mirror Images and Cross(dress)ing: Some Indo-European Intersections”
Stephanie Jamison (University of California, Los Angeles)
16:00–16:30  “The Indo-European plague in language, myth, poetics and archaeology”
Esbern Thøgersen (University of Copenhagen)
16:30–17:00  “An underlying divinatory structure common to Bharata and Semonides”
Kenneth G. Zysk (University of Copenhagen)

17:00–17:30  Closing Remarks

19:30  Conference Dinner