



ITINERARIES OF SACRED
**Reassessing the Field:
The Study of Japanese
Religion and Thought
in the 21st Century**

29-30 October 2018

Aula Magna S. Trentin, Ca' Dolfin
Dorsoduro 3825/D, 30123 Venezia

Day 1: Monday 29 October

10.00-10.30 **Opening**

Greetings

Introduction: **Erica Baffelli** and **Lucia Dolce**

10.30-12.00 **Session 1: Body**

"Enduring Bodies: The Survival of Sokushinbutsu Devotional Practices in the Meiji Period" **Andrea**

Castiglioni, University of California Berkeley

"The Bodies They Are a-Changin': From Symbolic Interpretations of Spirits, Liminality and Pollution, to Perceptions and Feelings"

Andrea De Antoni, Ritsumeikan University

" Mandalas on/in the Body: Revisiting the (Un)orthodox Practices of the Buddhist Yogin in Medieval Japan" **Lucia Dolce**, SOAS University of London

Chair: **Antonio Rigopoulos**

12.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 **Session 2: Self**

"The Self Redefined: Practices and Knowledge in Modern Japan" **Matteo Cestari**, University of Turin

"Researching shamanic spirituality in contemporary Japan" **Silvia Rivadossi**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Chair: **Giovanni Lapis**

15.00-16.00 **Session 3: Space**

"Grounding religion. Linking cultural heritage and ecological system for resilience and sustainability in Japan" **Giovanni Bulian**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

"On the semiotics of space in Japanese religions: theoretical perspectives and methodological challenges" **Tatsuma Padoan**, University College Cork

Chair: **Marcella Mariotti**

16.00-17.00 **Session 4: Time**

"Those hands saved us from the accident": ethical subject, agency and destiny among Nepalese Tenrikyō followers"

Marilena Frisone, University of Cambridge
"Ageing 'new' religions: re-considering the category of the 'new'" **Erica Baffelli**, Manchester University

Chair: **Simone Dalla Chiesa**

17.00-17.30 Break

17.30-19.00 **Keynote**

"What is the power of imagination of Shugendō in Japan?" **Suzuki Masataka**, Keiō University

Chair: **Bonaventura Rupert**

20.00 Dinner

Day 2: Tuesday 30 October

10.00-11.30 **Session 5: Intersections**

"The Quest for Japanese Fascism: A Meta-Historical Investigation"

Federico Marcon, Princeton University

"Subjects and Objects: The Meaning of (East) 'Asia' in Asian Studies from the 1960s to today" **Fabio Lanza**, University of Arizona

"What must I do to be saved? Explorations on practices and theories of salvation in Japan and beyond" **Chiara Ghidini**, University of Naples L'Orientale

Chair: **Toshio Miyake**

11.30-12.30 **Round table**

Directions in the Study of Japanese Religion and Thought

Chair: **Massimo Raveri**

12.30-13.00 **Final greetings**

13.00-Lunch