

**Reception of Ancient Myths  
in Ancient, Modern and Postmodern Culture  
Conference**

**Deadline:** June 15, 2013

Chair of Classical Philology, University of Lodz (Poland) and Science Committee of Ancient Culture, Polish Academy of Sciences, invite for the 1<sup>st</sup> International Interdisciplinary Conference **Reception of Ancient Myths in Ancient, Modern and Postmodern Culture** which will be held November 28-29 in Lodz. Reception of Mediterranean Antiquity heritage is one of the dominant research areas in contemporary classical studies. The proposed theme of the Conference refers to the myths as the basic structures of the creative imagination of the Mediterranean culture and lays down their vital *continuum* in all epochs of development of culture until the present day. One may note phenomena of mythical signatures' transfer in each space and time of development of ancient, modern and postmodern culture, based on the Gilbert Durand's idea of symbolic imagination and creative imagination – *imagination en devenir*. The special presence of myths in contemporary culture, often having undergone subversive transformations in accordance with an adversarial postmodern program, requires consideration of their significance, symbolism and the scope of the impact in each of the above listed periods. The aim of the Conference is to consider, to the widest possible extent, the scope, method and form of influence of ancient myth's *logos* in the ancient and modern era in order to be able to formulate a basis for reflection on the identity of the ancient myth in the contemporary postmodern culture, both at the local (national), as well as global level. The impact of the myths of the Mediterranean region in areas of the artistic creation in literature, theater, movies and in the visual arts will be considered. It shall be also possible to discuss impact of the mythical invariants on social relations (sociology, anthropology, linguistics, ethnology, law, medicine). In this sense, the Conference is addressed to a broad interdisciplinary group of researchers discussing in their studies the issue of reception of ancient myths from Mediterranean culture.

Papers will be allocated 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions. The language of the conference is English, Polish, French, German and Italian. **Abstracts of no more than 350 words** (including bibliography) should be sent by email as a Word attachment to [mythconference@op.pl](mailto:mythconference@op.pl) by **15 June 2013**. Please include name, affiliation, email address and paper title in the body of the email. All abstracts will be accepted subject to review by an international Scientific Committee. Notification of acceptance decisions will be communicated via email by **30 June 2013**. The conference program will be announced to the end of September.

**The registration fee** covers all conference materials, refreshments, as well as publication of the paper in the monograph in English. The standard registration fee is **200 EUR**. A discount fee of **150 EUR** is offered to participants from Central & Eastern Europe and countries with currency restrictions, as well as doctoral students.

**Accommodation**

**There are 70 rooms available for participants in the hotel section of the**

**Conference Center (the conference venue).** Rooms will be allocated on a firstcome, first-served basis so early registration is recommended. Services and amenities include free breakfast, private bathroom, satellite TV, radio, telephone, refrigerator and free internet access (via ethernet cable). The Conference Center houses its own restaurant and bar.

**The organizers offer a conference stay package which includes:**

- accommodation (3 nights, 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013)
- board (invitation drink on the 27<sup>th</sup>, lunch and supper on the 28<sup>th</sup>, lunch and conference dinner on the 29<sup>th</sup>)
- The standard cost of the conference stay package is **300 EUR**. This **DOES NOT** include the conference registration fee. A discount cost of **200 EUR** is offered to participants from Central & Eastern Europe, and countries with currency restrictions, as well as to doctoral students.

Please note that accommodation bookings are handled by the conference organizers and the Conference Center cannot take reservations directly from participants. Extended stays are possible. The organizers regret that they cannot arrange accommodation outside the Center on your behalf.

Any queries should be directed to the Conference Head Dr Małgorzata Budzowska ([malgorzata.budzowska@op.pl](mailto:malgorzata.budzowska@op.pl)) or to the conference e-mail: [mythconference@op.pl](mailto:mythconference@op.pl)