

2nd Global Conference Evil, Women and the Feminine

Location: Czech Republic

Call for Papers Deadline: 2009-11-27

Monday 3rd May 2010 - Wednesday 5th May 2010

Prague, Czech Republic

Call for Papers

Continuing from last year's successful project launch, this inter-disciplinary conference seeks to examine issues surrounding the conjunction between evil and the feminine. In many cultures women have been long suspected as the source of sundry human miseries, however basic to society they may be. At the same time as ideals of purity and dedication to family have been exalted and feminine beauty lauded, women have been viewed as embodying sinister forces of evil. Mistrusted as seductive and beguiling, women are also often thought of as vengeful, manipulative and even malevolent. In grappling with our understanding of what it is to be evil, the project aims to shine a spotlight on this dark area of the human condition and explore the possible sources of the fear and resentment of women.

Papers, reports, work-in-progress and workshops are invited on issues related to the following themes:

- ~ Evil Women and Feminine Evil
- ~ Representing and Misrepresenting the Female
- ~ Motherhood; Monstrous Motherhood
- ~ Monstrous Births and Infanticide
- ~ Matriarchy / Matricide
- ~ Devious Sexuality and Feminine Perversions
- ~ Women and the Abject
- ~ Menstruation, Castration
- ~ Fears and Myths: Feminine Blood
- ~ Anthropological Perspectives
- ~ Historical Perspectives
- ~ The Evil Woman in Literature
- ~ Psychoanalytic perspectives: "Vagina Dentata" etc
- ~ Sexualizing the Female or Evil Objectification
- ~ Jezebel, Delilah, Lilith, Harpies and the Femme Fatale
- ~ The Bitch
- ~ Women and Power
- ~ Beauty as threatening or evil
- ~ Portrayals of Evil Women
- ~ Fantasy
- ~ Mythology
- ~ Vampires, Witches and Sirens
- ~ Case Studies

The Steering Group particularly welcomes the submission of pre-formed panel proposals. Papers will also be considered on any related theme. 300 word abstracts should be submitted by Friday 27th November 2009. If an abstract is accepted for the conference, a full draft paper should be submitted by Friday 12th March 2009.

300 word abstracts should be submitted simultaneously to both Organising Chairs; abstracts may be in Word, WordPerfect, or RTF formats with the following information and in this order:

a) author(s), b) affiliation, c) email address, d) title of abstract, e) body of abstract.

Please use plain text (Times Roman 12) and abstain from using footnotes and any special formatting, characters or emphasis (such as bold, italics or underline). We acknowledge receipt and answer to all paper proposals submitted. If you do not receive a reply from us in a week you should assume we did not receive your proposal; it might be lost in cyberspace! We suggest, then, to look for an alternative electronic route or resend.

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The conference is part of the At the Interface programme of research projects. It aims to bring together people from different areas and interests to share ideas and explore various discussions which are innovative and exciting. All papers accepted for and presented at the conference will be eligible for publication in an ISBN eBook. Selected papers may be developed for publication in a themed hard copy volume(s).

For further details about the project please visit: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/at-the-interface/evil/evil-women-and-the-feminine/>

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