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Visions and Apparitions from an Interdisciplinary Perspective

8-9 May, 2013

Organizers:

Yoram Bilu & Gabriel Herman

Wednesday, 8 May, 2013

At the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rabin Building, Room 3001

- 8:45-9:15 **Registration**
- 9:15-9:30 Opening: **Prof. Reuven Amitai**, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 9:30-13:00 **Session I**
- 9:30-10:15 **John Geiger**, Senior Fellow at Massey College, University of Toronto
The Angel Effect
- 10:15-11:00 **Prof. Gabriel Herman**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Sensed Presence / Third-Man Factor as Historical Fact
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-12:15 **Prof. Yoram Bilu**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Apparitions Thick and Thin: Sightings of the Rebbe in Messianic Habad
- 12:15-13:00 **Prof. Ann Taves**, University of California, Santa Barbara
Unusually Salient Involuntary Experiences: Systematic Vocabulary and Causal Mechanisms
- 13:00-15:00 Lunch break
- 15:00-16:45 **Session II**
- 15:00-15:45 **Prof. Moshe Idel**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Changes in the Conceptualization of Prophecy: From Bible to Hasidism
- 15:45-16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00-16:45 **Prof. Eliezer Witztum**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Summoning a Punishing Angel: Between Demonic Obsession and Prophetic Revelation
- 17:30-19:00 **Reception**
(Rabin Building, Ground Floor)

Thursday, 9 May, 2013

At the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

- 9:15-13:00 **Session III**
- 9:15-09:30 Opening: **Prof. Gabriel Motzkin**, Director, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
- 9:30-10:15 **Prof. Michael Lambek**, University of Toronto
*On Seeing and Being (and Being Seen):
The Presence of Spirits in Madagascar*
- 10:15-11:00 **Prof. Moshe Sluhovsky**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Do Apparitions Really Appear? Early Modern Catholic Arguments against Apparitions and Visions
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-12:15 **Dr. Adam Klin-Oron**, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
From "Wild" to "Cultivated" Visions: Self-Socialization among New Age Channels
- 12:15-13:00 **Prof. Yair Zakovitch**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Seeing Angels with Swords in Hand
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30-17:00 **Session IV**
- 14:30-15:15 **Prof. Esther Cohen**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Present Invisible: Demons in the Monastic World of the High Middle Ages
- 15:15-15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45-16:30 **Prof. Eli Somer**, University of Haifa
I See a Stranger in My Mind: The Reification of Disowned Experiences in Dissociative Identity Disorder
- 16:30-17:15 **Prof. Jonathan Garb**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Transformations of Perception in Modern Jewish Shamanism
- 17:15-18:00 **Concluding Remarks**