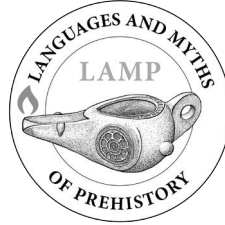




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The symposium *Indo-European Ecologies* deals with various aspects of the Indo-Europeans' relationship to cattle and milk, including a number of threats to this cattle economy. The relationship to cattle is expressed in words, myths and rituals, occurring in numerous variants in different Indo-European contexts. This may be assumed to have its essential basis in the original pastoral lifestyle and the ecological conditions for large-scale cattle herds on the Eurasian steppe. Both archaeological and environmental historical findings about the conditions on the Eurasian steppe are therefore of great value to highlight as a background to why notions of cattle and milk have gained such a significant and long-lasting position in various Indo-European cultural traditions.

Programme

Thursday, 21 October

10.15 - 10.30 Welcome
CHRISTINA GARSTEN, SCAS, & JENNY HELENA LARSSON, Stockholm University

Session 1
Chair: BIRGIT ANETTE OLSEN, University of Copenhagen

10.30 - 11.00 *Celtic Cow-sucklers and Other Chthonic Creatures*
ANDERS RICHARDT JØRGENSEN, Uppsala University

11.00 - 11.30 *The Baltic "Snake Cult" and the Milk-drinking, Cow-suckling Snakes*
JENNY HELENA LARSSON, Stockholm University

11.30 - 12.30 Coffee/tea

Session 2
Chair: ANDERS RICHARDT JØRGENSEN, Uppsala University

12.30 - 13.00 *Churning the Ocean of Milk*
BIRGIT ANETTE OLSEN, University of Copenhagen

13.00 - 13.30 *The Monstrous Animal Sibling and Some Mythological Irish 'Worm'-stories*
DAVIDE ERMACORA, Università degli Studi di Torino

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch

Session 3

Chair: **LISA BUKHAVE**, Uppsala University

- 14.30 - 15.00 *Tamed and Untamed: Snakes in the Slavic Mind*
LESZEK GARDEŁA, National Museum of Denmark
- 15.00 - 15.30 *From Guest to Stranger to Monster (and back again) – A Topos and its Transmutations in Indo-European Mythology*
PETER JACKSON, Stockholm University
- 15.30 - 16.00 *There Be Dragons, and Other Dangerous Ones: Serpents, Water, Otherness, and Space in Indo-European*
RICCARDO GINEVRA, Catholic University of Milan
- 16.00 - 16.30 Coffee/tea

Session 4

Chair: **PETER JACKSON**, Stockholm University

- 16.30 - 17.00 *Farming, Fertility and Foaming Water: Indo-European Ritualisations of Life-giving Forces in Scandinavian Agriculture*
TERJE ØSTIGAARD, Uppsala University
- 17.00 - 17.30 *Cattle, Cosmology and Sacrifice: An Indo-European Interpretation of Burnt Mounds*
ANDERS KALIFF, Uppsala University
- 19:00 Dinner at Villa Anna

Discussants:

LISA BUKHAVE, Uppsala University
TOMMY KUUSELA, Swedish Institute for Language and Folklore
ANDREAS NORDBERG, Stockholm University

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Venue: the Thunberg Lecture Hall, SCAS, Linneanum, Thunbergsvägen 2, Uppsala.

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