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By Car: The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the autobahns A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit Bochum-Querenburg, follow the signs to *Bochum Zentrum* to the crossroads of *Universitätsstraße* and *Wasserstraße*. Take a u-turn left and continue this road for approx. 200 metres, until you reach *Universitätsstraße 90a*. Parking is possible in front and behind the building.



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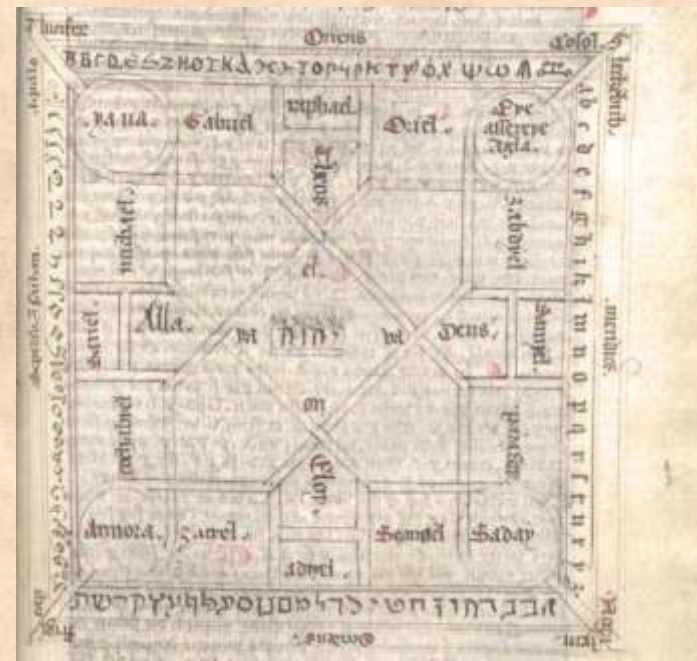
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WESTERN LEARNED MAGIC AS AN ENTANGLED TRADITION

14 - 15 September 2019 | CERES Conference Room *Ruhrpott*

Convener: Bernd-Christian Otto

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Western Learned Magic as an Entangled Tradition

The workshop explores the textual-ritual tradition of 'Western learned magic' from an interdisciplinary, longue-durée and cross-cultural perspective. As the study of 'Western learned magic' has hitherto been scattered across different fields of research, the workshop assembles eight acclaimed scholars in the field who have worked on relevant source material from antiquity to the 21st century.

All contributions strive for interpreting the material from a comparative perspective and with a particular focus on ritual dynamics, thus highlighting intercultural and religious routes of transmission as well as fascinating types of 'entangled rituals'. The contributions will be published in a special issue of online journal *Entangled Religions*, guest-edited by Bernd-Christian Otto.

Saturday, 14 September 2019

12:00 - 12:15 **Welcome Address & Introduction**

Bernd-Christian Otto (Erlangen)

12:15 - 01:00 **Discussion of the Shared Concept of 'Western Learned Magic' &**

Agenda and Scope of the Special Issue *Entangled Religions*

Bernd-Christian Otto (Erlangen)

01:00 - 02:00 **Lunch**

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02:00 - 03:00 **Continuity and Discontinuity in Learned Magic between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages**

Marco Frenschkowski (Leipzig)

03:00 - 04:00 **On the Psychology of Talismanic Magic: The 'Hidden Secret' of Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī (d. 1210)**

Michael Noble (Munich)

04:00 - 04:30 **Coffee Break**

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04:30 - 05:30 **Learned Magic at the Crossroads of Cosmology and Ritual in Late Medieval Europe and Beyond**

Sophie Page (London)

05:30 - 06:30 **Observations on the Jewish Reception of the Latin *Liber Razielis***

Bill Rebigier (Hamburg)

07:30 **Dinner**

Sunday, 15 September 2019

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10:00 - 11:00 **Print Grimoires and the Democratization of Learned Magic in the Later Early Modern Period**

Owen Davies (Hertfordshire)

11:00 - 12:00 **Entangled Imaginations: Ritual Spaces in Late Nineteenth Century Learned Magic**

Dirk Johansson (Oslo)

12:00 - 01:00 **Lunch**

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01:00 - 02:00 **Tradition and Innovation in 20th-Century Learned Magic: Aleister Crowley's Magick and its Reception in post-1947 Occultism**

Henrik Bogdan (Gothenburg)

02:00 - 03:00 **Conjuring Planetary Spirits in the 21st Century: Ritual Entanglements in Contemporary 'Magick'**

Bernd-Christian Otto (Erlangen)

03:00 - 03:30 **Coffee Break**

03:30 - 05:00 **Final Discussion**