



## **Annihilating Evil: Scenes of Fighting, Slaying, Trampling and Binding Bad Forces in Art**

University of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński  
in Warsaw (4<sup>th</sup> of November 2022, online)  
2.00 pm – 10.00 pm CET

The conference will be on CISCO  
WEBEX PLATFORM.

Link for the audience:

<https://uksw.webex.com/uksw-en/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5ed24ccc9052667bfd842f0ef66b5eb1>

The aim of the conference is to discuss various aspects of the fight against evil in art and literature, from pre-Christian to modern times. The conference is mainly about Eastern Christianity. It takes into account not only the Christian slayers of evil, but also their predecessors: Horus, Mithras and Perseus. The papers are arranged to show the overlapping and intermingling of different traditions over the centuries.

### **Program:**

#### **2.00 pm - 2.15 pm - Opening of the Conference**

Greetings of Rafał Solecki, the Deputy Dean of Faculty of History;  
Introduction: Magdalena Łaptaś

#### **2.15 pm - 2.40 pm - Michał Gawlikowski (ret., University of Warsaw)**

*Mithra and Demons. The paintings in a Syrian Mithraeum*

#### **2.40 pm - 3.05 pm - Korshi Dosoo (University of Würzburg)**

*Annihilating Evil in Coptic Magical Texts*

#### **3.05 pm - 3.30 pm - David Frankfurter (Boston University)**

*Trampling Evil in Image and Practice*

#### **3.30 pm - 3.55 pm - Youhanna Matta (The Institute of Coptic Studies in Cairo)**

*The Spiritual Battle of Ascetics and Martyrs in the Wall Paintings of the Church of St. Antony Monastery by the Red Sea.*

**3.55 pm – 4.30 pm – Discussion**

**4.30 pm – 5.00 pm – Break**

**5.00 pm – 5.25 pm – Delphine Lauritzen** (Sorbonne University, Paris)  
*Perseus and other antique monster-slayers as precursors of the heavenly avengers*

**5.25 pm – 5.50 pm – Juraj Franek** (Masaryk University, Brno)  
*'Holy Rider' Magical Amulets from Late Antiquity and Early Byzantium*

**5.50 pm – 6.15 pm – Stephen Snyder** (Boğazci University, Istanbul)  
*Otherworldly Justice: The Image of St. George Slaying Diocletian.*

**6.15 pm – 6.40 pm – Magdalena Łaptaś** (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw)  
*Trampling, Spearing and Binding the Evil Forces in Nubian Mediaeval Painting*

**6.40 pm – 7.10 pm – Discussion**

**7.10 pm – 8.00 pm – Break**

**8.00 pm – 8.25 pm – Tania Tribe** (SOAS, University of London)  
*Fighting the Devil in Ethiopian Art (13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries)*

**8.25 pm – 8.50 pm – Todor Todorov and Vanya Sapundzhieva** (St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo)  
*Images of Diseases as Devils in the icons of Saints-Healers*

**8.50 pm – 9.15 pm – Magdalena Łanuszka** (International Cultural Centre in Krakow)  
*Mother of God beating the devil: the legend of Theophilus of Adana depicted in Medieval artworks*

**9.15 pm – 9.45 pm – Discussion**

**9.45 pm – Conclusions**