



## Program

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Saturday, 28.08. 2021

University of Bern, vonRoll Building, Fabrikstrasse 6, Room 003

14:00-14:30 *Opening*

14:30-15:45 **Wouter Hanegraaff**: Noetic Enlightenment and Rebirth in Hermetic Spirituality

15:45-16:45 **Bas Jacobs**: Historicizing Transformative Experience: A Perspective from the History of Religions

16:45-18:00 **Flavio Geisshüsler**: Clothed in Nakedness: Direct Transcendence Meditation and the Contemplative Experimentation with Consciousness

*Evening Lecture*

21:00-22:15 **Jeffrey Kripal**: The Superhumanities: Why Anomalous and Extreme Experiences Are Central to the Humanist Canon

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Sunday, 29.08. 2021

University of Bern, Lerchenweg 36, Room F021

09:00-10:15 **Kevin Schilbrack**: Training for Revelation

10:15-11:30 **Keith Edward Cantú**: "A Ridiculous Story": Sri Sabhapati Swami's Flight to the Celestial Mountain

11:30-12:45 **Karl Baier**: Ritualised Meditation as a Runway for Unpredictable Transformative Experiences. The Case of C. G. Jung's Active Meditation

12:45-13:45 *Lunch Break*



13:45-14:45 **Leon Krings**: Embodiment in Japanese Kata-Training: Towards a Self-Transformational Phenomenology of Self-Transformation

14:45-16:00 **Marcus Schmücker**: The Progress of Time and Transformative Experience in Indian Philosophical and Theological Traditions

16:00-16:15 *Coffee Break*

16:15-17:30 **Maddalena Canna**: Self-Transformation, Disruption and Paradox in Religious Experience. Suggestions from Vedanta Yoga

17:30-18:45 **Markus Schrenk**: The Transformative Potential of Proprioceptive Art: Practices of Meditation, Awareness, and Spiritual Yoga

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*Evening Lecture*

18:45-20:00 **Laurie Paul**: Fear and Transformative Religious Experience

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Monday, 30.08. 2021

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09:00-10:00 **Magdalena Kraler**: Modern Yogic Breath Cultivation as Self-Cultivation and Foucault's Technologies of the Self

10:00-11:00 **Bastiaan van Rijn**: Spiritual Animal Magnetism as a Science of Transformative Experiences: The Case Study of Louis-Alphonse Cahagnet

11:00-12:00 **Marleen Thaler**: Approaching a Universal Pattern? Gopi Krishna's Initial Kuṇḍalinī Rising.

12:00-13:00 *Lunch Break*

13:00-14:15 **Jens Schlieter**: Experimenting with Transformative Experiences and the Concept of "Religious Experience"

14:15-15:30 **Steven Sutcliffe**: 'Seekers after Truth': Search as Method in the Gurdjieff Movement

15:30-16:00 *Conclusion and Further Steps*

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