

Workshop on

RITUAL AND THE EVOLUTION OF RELIGION AND MORALITY

November 26–27, 2014

University of British Columbia, Departments of Philosophy and Psychology

Organized by Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium (CERC, UBC) and the research project “Ritual and the Emergence of Early Christian Religion” (REECR, University of Helsinki)

Venue: C K Choi building, 1855 West Mall, room 120

Wednesday 26 Nov

Theme: *Ritual and Morality in the Development of Early Christian Religion*

9:30–10:00AM	Coffee
10:00–11:00AM	István Czachesz, University of Heidelberg, “Religious Experience, Ritual, and the Transmission of Religion”
11:00–12:00AM	Rikard Roitto, Stockholm School of Theology “Embodied Cognition, Spontaneous Exegesis and Cultural Evolution: Early Christian Baptism as an Example”
12:00–3:00PM	Lunch, midday break
3:00–4:00PM	Vojtěch Kaše, University of Helsinki, “Ritualization of Early Christian Meal Practices: From Social Cohesion to Supernatural Efficacy or Vice Versa?”
4:00–5:00PM	Risto Uro, University of Helsinki, “Ritual and Cooperation: Early Christian Ritual Life from the Perspective of Signaling Theory”
5:30-7:00 PM	Dinner

Thursday 27 Nov

Theme: *The Database of Religious History: Promise and Challenges for Taking the Study of Religion into the Era of Big Data*

9:30–10:00AM	Coffee
10:00-10:30 AM	Edward Slingerland “The DRH: Design, Features and Uses”
10:30-11:00	Fred Tappenden “Digitising Historical Descriptions: Latium as a Case Study”
11:00-11:30	Brenton Sullivan “The DRH and the Academic Study of Religion?”
11:30-12:00	Discussion
12:00-2:00	Lunch

2:00-4:30

DRH hands-on session with workshop participants