

MONDAY LECTURES | WISE 2024/25

IN RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

RESEARCH BUILDING "WELTBEZIEHUNGEN" | C19.00.02/03 | 16:15 - 17:45

03.02.2025 | STEPHANIE GRIPENTROG-SCHEDEL

THERAPY AS A MEDIUM FOR (DARK) GREEN RELIGION

In 2009, Bron Taylor introduced the term Dark Green Religion into academic discourse. It refers to a specific form of globally widespread religiosity/ spirituality that centers on the sacralization of nature, animistic worldviews, or the personification of the Earth as a deity. The presentation uses this as a starting point to explore a particular medium for the dissemination of Dark Green Religion: therapy. Within the context of ecopsychology, various forms of ecotherapy offer a holistic approach to mental health treatment, based on the idea of nature's inherent healing power. By incorporating experiences in natural settings into therapeutic practice, ecotherapy aims to enhance psychological well-being, resilience, and a deeper sense of connection with oneself, others, and the Earth. Focusing on the spiritual/religious aspects of some of these therapies, the presentation introduces examples of ecotherapy and analyzes them as a medium for Dark Green Religion.

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