

CALL FOR PAPERS

Lower clergy and local religion in 16th–20th century Europe

International workshop (June 2-3, 2022, Budapest)

Workshop language: English, German.

Format: online and in-person

Organizer: MTA-ELTE Lendület/Momentum Research Group for Historical Folkloristics; Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Department of Folklore.
<http://histfolk.elte.hu/english/>

As part of the research agenda ([Project](#)) of the Momentum Research Group that was formed in 2018, the conference focuses on the role of Christian (Catholic and Protestant) priests and pastors in local communities through investigating the social and cultural micro-worlds of early modern times.

The workshop organizers invite case studies that shed light on the

- complex relationship between priests and local communities from a microhistorical perspective;
- the role of priests in shaping local customs and beliefs;
- forms of transgressing norms;
- sources and analytical strategies for documenting and understanding local religion;
- the relationship between local power structures and the clergy;
- variations in clerical ‘services’ (sacraments, sacramentals, exorcism, healing, teaching, etc.).

The workshop encourages interdisciplinary dialogue: in addition to historical ethnography and folkloristics, the organizers welcome papers from the fields of church history, historical anthropology, and cultural history in the broadest sense. The workshop will focus primarily on Central Europe, but case studies from other European regions will be accepted for comparative purposes.

There is no registration fee for the conference. You can apply by sending the title and a 200–300 word abstract of the 20-minute presentation.

Deadline for applications: April 1, 2022

Please send your proposal to the following email address:
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