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Slavic Paganism(s): Past and Present

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The main focus of the proposed Special Issue is Slavic pagan mythology as a system of pre-Christian beliefs about gods, as well as about various characters of different mythological levels which have been documented by primary sources. In the first instance, the Special Issue discusses the spiritual and symbolic aspects of Slavic paganism: personal names, systems of characters, texts, symbols, and spiritual rituals.

The scope of the Special Issue is rooted in the general field of Slavic pagan religion(s). Primarily, this project will study mythological subjects and characters; we will zoom in on the history of the names, motifs, and narratives, while being preoccupied with all the texts that feature symbolic objects, terms, and actions. Neopagan beliefs, writings, and practices of the 20th–21st centuries—which essentially constitute the revival of paganism—are also included in the discussion.

The main purpose of the present Special Issue is to describe and analyse the historical development and current state of research in Slavic pagan mythology and religion, with special attention on its functioning in modern culture.

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