

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF CORPUS**

**WATER AND BODY FLUIDS**

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**



In continuing with the tradition of CORPUS and the Victor Babes University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Timisoara, we would like to invite you to another interdisciplinary conference. The theme of the 2014 international seminar of CORPUS is dedicated to water, body fluids and their attributes as objects of anthropological study under the title: *Waters & Body Fluids*.

Stating that water is a most essential requisite for life is like stating that the sun rises in the East. Neither statement can possibly leave an audience insisting on proof. When exploring the question “does life exist or has once existed” anywhere, always hinges on finding out if water exists or has existed. When the famous historian Herodotus said “Egypt is the gift of the Nile”, he could not have been more biologically accurate. The biological functions which depend on water cover the entire span of biological function for any known organism. Only to list a few, because of its high specific heat capacity it keeps the body temperature almost constant, it transport nutrients and oxygen to all parts of the body, it is the medium and solvent for all chemical reactions collectively constituting metabolism, it is also a medium through which waste can be excreted in urine, it offers some lubricating capacity, etc. Water is also known to cause deadly damage to life if and when it comes in the forms of deluge, tsunamis, or hurricanes. Also on a biological level, over hydration can be just as deadly as under hydration. The seminar pursues several themes:

**Water and its symbolism**

**Water & purity**

**Water & *savoir-vivre***

**Water, fluids & Construction of the gender**

**Water & material culture**

**Potability of water**

**Anthropology of thirst**

We invite the researchers interested by in the subject to submit their intention of participating (title of the paper, accompanied by submitting a 300 word abstract and the professional affiliation of the author/authors written in French or English- the languages of the seminar). Please use the address provided below to send your proposal to Frédéric Duhart, Gabriela Mariana Luca & Jérôme Thomas.

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**Submission deadline: September, 5<sup>th</sup> 2014**

The results of the selection process, following an evaluation by an international scientific committee, will be published until by the 25 of September 2014. The contributions of the seminar will be published in a peer reviewed volume, e-book.

### **Seminar Coordination**

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### **International Group for the Cultural Studies of the Body**

Founded in 2009, CORPUS now includes more than 450 researchers who work in more than sixty countries. Created after a series of seminars organised between 2001 and 2008 in the School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences - EHESS (Paris) and the Autonomous University of Madrid, CORPUS intends to participate in the construction of a broad and open anthropology of body, offering spaces to cross-thinking and discussions about this fascinating object of research.

CORPUS members are architects, anthropologists, archaeologists, art or social historians, literary or cinema scholars, gender, sport or media specialists, musicologists, philologists, philosophers, physicians, psychologists, sociologists... They all share a curiosity about the body and a common taste for interdisciplinary dialogues.

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