



WORKSHOP

Affective Technologies of Religious and Spiritual Healing

2023, June 17-18

Kyoto University, Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, 4F, 433

Special Guest



Diana Espírito Santo

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile,
Associate Professor of social
Anthropology

Organizer

Andrea De Antoni
Kyoto University, Graduate School of Human
and Environmental Studies

REGISTRATION

In order to have free discussions, we can accept up to **twenty participants**. If you are interested in joining the Workshop, please, register by filling in the form below by the **10th of June 2023**. Workshop attendants do not need to register for the Book Launch separately.

A draft version of all the papers will be delivered in advance to all the people who registered. We kindly ask everyone to read them before joining the Workshop, so that we can have productive discussions.

Recent anthropological research has witnessed an increased interest in phenomenological investigations of religious and spiritual healing, with a focus on lived experiences as grounding the reality of spirit worlds and the emergence of healing processes.

In particular, ideas of affects and feelings as preconscious lived intensities emerging through and situated in practices and interactions with the environment has become central in investigations of religious and spiritual experiences also beyond processes of healing proper.

Despite long-standing anthropological traditions shedding light on the technological aspect of spiritual and religious practices – notably rituals – and on their capacity to (re)make worlds, to offer ways of coping with uncertainty and to lead to wellbeing, the phenomenological dynamics of such processes have been surprisingly under-investigated. Some anthropologists, including Diana Espírito Santo, have advocated for a focus on ritualized interactions as contributing to the emergence of socialized feelings that become the evidence of spirit presence and the ground for the social life of spirits. Namely, they argued in favour of investigating rituals as technologies that elicit specific feelings.

The present workshop aims at contributing to such debate, by exploring the potential of an investigation of the role of ‘affective technologies’ in relation to religious and spiritual healing. By analyzing different practices and technologies that elicit affects in the field, it aims at elaborating a processual approach that sheds light on how spirit realities and spirit worlds emerge, and how they potentially contribute to healing processes.

The Workshop will be in person only, with the exception of the Book Launch for Pierini, E., Groisman, A., and D. Espírito Santo (eds.). 2023. *Other Worlds, Other Bodies: Embodied Epistemologies and Ethnographies of Healing*, which will be held both in person and online.



Registration (Workshop), by **June 10**
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Registration (Book Launch only),
by **June 15**
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PROGRAM

06/17

15:00 - 15:10

Andrea DE ANTONI
Workshop Introduction

15:10-16:20

Diana ESPÍRITO SANTO (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)
Chaos and Cosmology in Paranormal Sound: Instrumentation as Enabler of Proximity and Distance in Places of Trauma in Chile

16:20 - 16:35

Coffee Break

16:35 - 17:45

HUANG Xinzhe (Ritsumeikan University)
Capturing the Moment of Kimochi-ii: Learning Affective Technologies of Healing in Kikō Practice

17:45 - 18:00

Coffee Break

18:00 - 19:30

Emily PIERINI (Sapienza University of Rome) and Diana ESPÍRITO SANTO
Book Launch (In person and On Zoom)
Pierini, E., Groisman, A., and D. Espírito Santo (eds.). 2023. *Other Worlds, Other Bodies: Embodied Epistemologies and Ethnographies of Healing*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn



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06/18

09:30 - 10:40

MURATSU Ran (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)

The Transformation of Possession through the Media: Cases from Pentecostal-Charismatic Christianity in West Africa

10:40-10:55

Coffee Break

10:55 - 12:05

Andrea DE ANTONI (Kyoto University)

Don't Come Around Here No More: Affective Technologies of Exorcism and Detachment in Contemporary Japan

12:05 - 12:20

Coffee Break

12:20 - 13:30

Roundup Discussion



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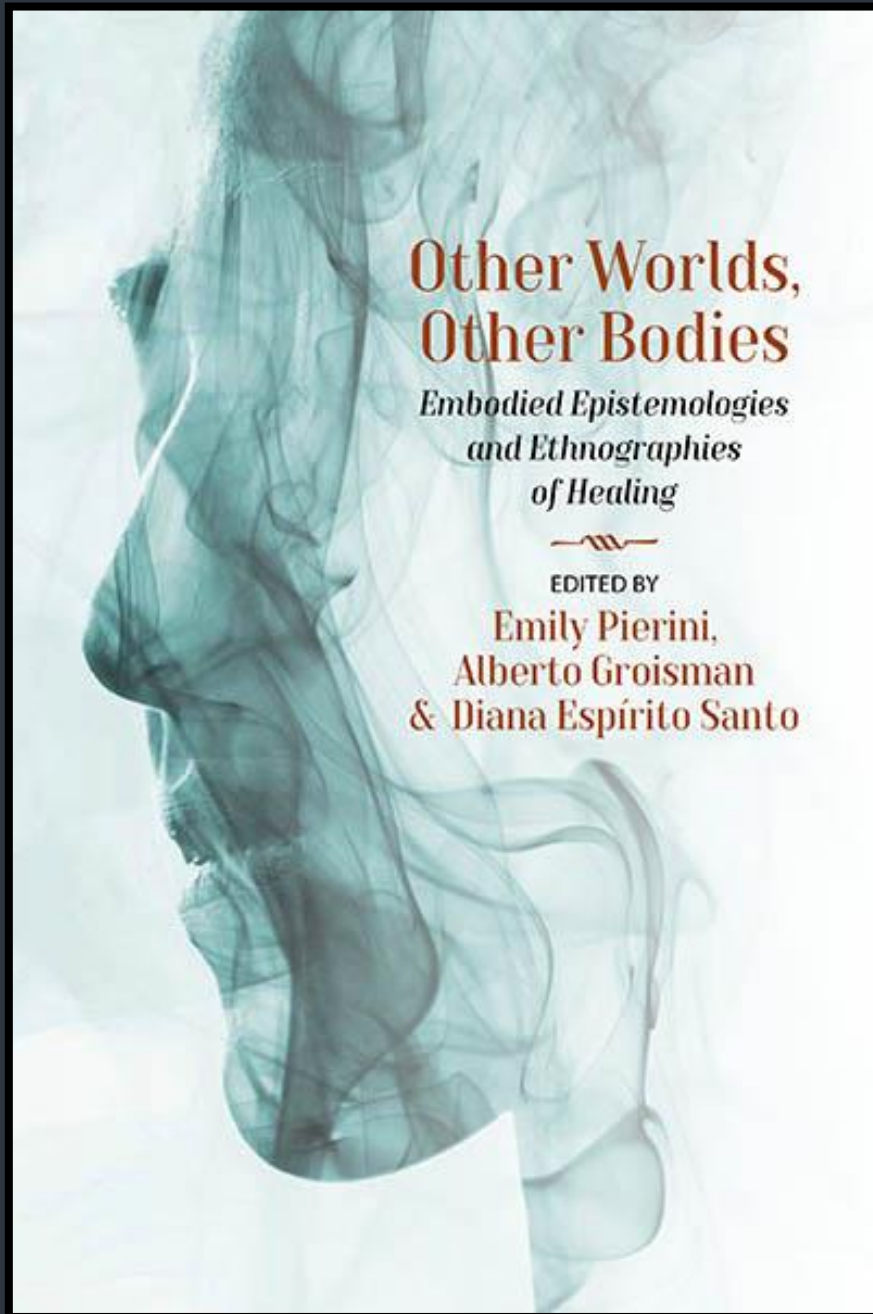
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Book Launch

June 17, 18:00 - 19:30 JT



Discussion with the Editors



Emily Pierini
Sapienza University of Rome



Diana Espirito Santo
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile



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