



# What is “Esotericism” in South and East Asia?

Workshop of the Department of Religious Studies in Collaboration with the Research Centre Religion and Transformation and the East Asian Network for the Academic Study of Esotericism

**Julian Strube**  
(University of Vienna)

What is “Esotericism” in Asia?  
Methodological Challenges and  
Historical Developments Since  
the Sixteenth Century

**Orion Klautau**  
(Tohoku University)

Mikkyō and Esoteric Buddhism:  
The Genealogy of an  
Entanglement

**Ioannis Gaitanidis**  
(Chiba University)

The Esotericism of 'Japanese  
Religions'

**Avery Morrow**  
(Brown University)

Conceptualizing Esoteric Shinto

**Sang-yun Han**  
(Tohoku University)

Between Religion and  
Superstition: The Conceptual  
Entanglement of Mikkyō and  
the Occult in Postwar Japan



**June 30, 2023**

**Hybrid Event:** Online &  
Sitzungssaal des Dekanats  
der Katholisch-  
Theologischen Fakultät der  
Universität Wien,  
Universitätsring 1,  
Stiege 8, 2. Stock