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CONCEPTS AND PRACTICES / A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP



Compendium rarissimum, c. 1775

21-22 November 2026

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THE INVITATION

Join an international conversation on grimoires, ritual manuals and other books of magic, from the medieval period to the present. Hear new research on their production, circulation, interpretation and use, and explore curated displays from specialist book dealers and publishers.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS & CONTRIBUTORS

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REGISTER BY 25 OCTOBER 2026

Please register no later than 25 October 2026. After that date, the organisers will decide whether further registrations are possible.

Event information: esoterikascona.org/2026/05/20/books/

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The Programme

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Sefer Raziel, 1701

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SPEAKERS & PAPERS

Prof. Tim Rudbøg	COPENHAGEN
<i>The Continued Life of the Grimoire into the 21st Century</i>	
Prof. Andreas Kilcher	ZURICH
<i>Real Fictional Magical Books: The Case of Faust's "Höllenzwang"</i>	
Prof. Agata Paluch	COLOGNE
<i>Circulation of Practical Kabbalistic Manuals between Manuscript and Print</i>	
Prof. Gerold Necker	HALLE
<i>From Concealed Scroll to Open Book and Vice Versa: The Making of Abramelin's Magic</i>	
Prof. Sophie Page	LONDON
<i>Ritual Magic in Late Medieval Europe</i>	
Dr Bill Rebiger	BERLIN
<i>'Learned Magic': Sefer Raziel and Sefer Shimmush Tehillim</i>	

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