

CONTEMPORARY RITUAL LANDSCAPES

PREFACE TO THE SPECIAL ISSUE

The papers of this special issue of the Journal of Ethnology and Folkloristics were presented at the Ethnography of Contemporary Ritual Landscapes panel organised at the Conference of the Finnish Anthropological Society at the University of Helsinki, October 21–22, 2015. The theme of the conference was Landscapes, Sociality and Materiality. The conveners of the panel were Pirjo Kristiina Virtanen and Eleonora Lundell, with discussant Marja-Liisa Honkasalo. The aim of the panel was to examine how rituals organise the production and perception of landscape and how landscape produces ritual.

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