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OBTAMISTIC MEETINGS / SPOTKANIA OBTYMISTÓW

19 VI 2017, at / o godz. 13.00 (poniedziałek / Monday, s. konf. / conf. room, ul. Nowy Świat 69)

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The "katapontismós" from Greek Myths to the Tale of "Niccolò Pesce" in Southern Italy



Amphitrite, Athena, and Theseus,
<http://www.theoi.com/Gallery/P14.1.html>

This presentation will take in exam a few Greek myths concerning renowned descents into the deep sea of Greek mythological characters. After considering these episodes in light of the katapontismós rite, the idea and the metamorphosis of the fishman in different cultures will be discussed. In this perspective, a brief excursus will be also offered – about habits and practices of different communities sharing a deep and strong bond with the sea. Finally, Bacchylides' dithyramb 17 will be analyzed and its possible connection with Mediterranean folk tales. Such analysis will especially focus on the story of "Niccolò Pesce", a folktale quite popular in Southern Italy.



Paestum, <http://www.arte.it/foto/mito-e-natura-a-palazzo-reale-milano-407/2>



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