

Abstract

The subject of this thesis is to present the results of my ethnographic research in the setting of one of the most active Czech neopagan organizations, „Slovanský kruh“ (the Slavic Circle), focusing primarily on capturing the course of gatherings organized by this group, including their ritual component, and how participants describe their experience from these gatherings. In addition, I focus on the role participants attribute to these meetings and experiences in their daily lives, and how they describe their other religious practices. My findings in this thesis are based on data collected during my participant observation at the gatherings of this organization and from interviews with some of the participants of those gatherings.

Keywords

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