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LECTURES, SYMPOSIA & WORKSHOPS

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19.00

Literary History

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"Into golden dark"

Orthodox Icons as Objects of Modern and Postmodern Desire

During the past fifty years an originally Byzantine theological terminology concerning Orthodox Christian icons has been applied to late modern and postmodern thought, in order to address issues related to the possibilities and limits of artistic representation – from the point of view of cultural theory (Baudrillard), theology (Marion), psychoanalysis (Kristeva), as well as poetry and music (Ekelöf, Tranströmer, Edlund).

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Refreshments will be served after the lecture

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