

**CV:**

Ülo Valk, Professor of Estonian and Comparative Folklore, Department of Estonian and Comparative Folklore, University of Tartu, Ülikooli 16, 51003 Tartu, ESTONIA

E-mail: ulo.valk[at]ut.ee

For more information see:

<https://www.etis.ee/portaal/isikuCV.aspx?PersonVID=1209&lang=en>

**Main research interests:**

Belief narratives, demonology, vernacular religion, genre theory, history of folkloristics, folklore in social context.

**Selected publications:**

For complete bibliography see:

<https://www.etis.ee/portaal/isikuPublikatsioonid.aspx?PersonVID=1209&lang=en>

2013

(co-authored with NeelakshiGoswami). Generic Resources and Social Boundaries of Magic in Assam: Fieldwork Notes from Mayong. In: *Journal of Folkloristics: Folklore Research Department, Gauhati University*, Volume I. 5-13.

Are Archived Legends 'Dead'? DISCUSSION: "Why Should Folklore Students Study "Dead" Legends? (A Round-Table Discussion Held at the 16th Congress of the International Society for Folk Narrative Research, in Vilnius, Lithuania, 29th June 2013.) In: *ARV. Nordic Yearbook of Folklore*. Volume 69. Uppsala: Swedish Science Press. 191-193

2012

Thunder and Lightning in Estonian Folklore in the Light of Vernacular Theories. In: Frog, Anna-LeenaSiikala&EilaStepanova (eds.), *Mythic Discourses: Studies in Uralic Traditions*. StudiaFennicaFolkloristica 20. Helsinki: SuomalaisenKirjallisuudenSeura. 40-67.

Legends as Narratives of Alternative Beliefs. In:Karanović, Zoja; de Blécourt, Willem (eds.), *Belief Narrative Genres*. Novi Sad: Filozofskifakultet, ISFNR. 23-29.

“Sad and Evil News...” On Legendry in Folklore and Early Estonian Newspapers”. In: Hasselblatt, Cornelius; van der Hoeven, Adriaan (eds.), *Finno-Ugric Folklore, Myth and Cultural Identity. Proceedings of the Fifth International Symposium on Finno-Ugric Languages*. University of Groningen, June 7-9, 2011. Shaker Verlag. 241-250.

Bowman, Marion; Valk, Ülo (eds.). *Vernacular Religion in Everyday Life: Expressions of Belief*. Sheffield, Bristol, CT: Equinox.

Bowman, Marion; Valk, Ülo. Introduction: Vernacular Religion, Generic Expressions and the Dynamics of Belief. In: *Vernacular Religion in Everyday Life: Expressions of Belief*. Sheffield, Bristol, CT: Equinox. 1-19.

Belief as Generic Practice and Vernacular Theory in Contemporary Estonia. Bowman, Marion; Valk, Ülo (eds.). In: *Vernacular Religion in Everyday Life: Expressions of Belief*. Sheffield, Bristol, CT: Equinox. 350-368.

‘I Was at Home Alone’: Memorates and the Authority of Tradition. Atlantic Currents. In: Almqvist, Bo; Mac Cárthaigh, Críostóir; Mac Mathúna, Liam; Mac Mathúna, Séamus; Watson, Seosamh (eds). *Essays on Lore, Literature and Language. Essays in Honour of Séamas Ó Catháin*. Dublin: University College Dublin Press. 177-187.

2011

Folklore and discourse: the authority of scientific rhetoric, from state atheism to new spirituality”. In: Lewis, J. R.; Hammer, O. (eds.), *Handbook of Religion and the Authority of Science*. Leiden, Boston: BRILL Academic Publishers. 847-866.

Korea müüdižanritunnustestjasotsiaalsesttähendusruumist.

Võrdlevaidmärkusi. In: SeoDaeseok, *Koreamüüt*. Tallinn: Tänapäev. 247-259. [‘On generic features and social sphere of meaning of Korean mythology: Comparative notes’]

Teedetähendusesteestirahvausundis. In: *EestiMaanteemuuseumiaastaraamat 2010*. EestiMaanteemuuseum. 39-52. [‘Roads and their meaning in Estonian folk religion’]

2010

Caste Divisions in the Religious Folklore of Tamil Nadu. In: *Anthropos*, 105 (1), 205-213.

The Scientification of Legends as Strategy for Belief Verification. In: Mahmud, F.; Zaman, S. (eds.), *Folklore in Context. Essays in Honor of Shamsuzzaman Khan*. Dhaka: The University Press Limited. 161-171.

2009

Narratives of Belonging: Comparative Notes on Assamese Place-Lore. In: Ajeet Cour, K. Satchidanandan (eds.), *The Intangible Cultural Heritage of SAARC Region*. Volume I. New Delhi: Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature. 38-50.

2008

Entries: Cautionary Tale/ Devil/ Etiologic Tale/ Incantation/ Monogenesis/ Myth/ Mythological Approaches/ Religious Tale. In: Haase, Donald (ed.), *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Folktales and Fairy Tales*. Westport, Connecticut, London: Greenwood Press. 170; 263-265; 313; 481; 636; 652-656; 656-658; 807.

Folk and the Others: Constructing Social Reality in Estonian Legends. In: Gunnell, Terry (ed.), *Legends and Landscape: Articles Based on Plenary Papers from the 5th Celtic-Nordic-Baltic Folklore Symposium, Reykjavik 2005*. Reykjavik: University of Iceland Press. 153-170.

Reflections of Folk Belief and Legends at the Witch Trials of Estonia. In: Pócs, E.; Klaniczay, G. (eds.), *Witchcraft Mythologies and Persecutions*. Budapest, New York: Central European University Press. 269-282.

Superstition in Estonian Folklore: From Official Category to Vernacular Concept. In: *Folklore*, 119(1), 14-28.

2007

(co-authored with S. Lourdasamy) Village Deities of Tamil Nadu in Myths and Legends: the Narrated Experience. In: *Asian Folklore Studies*, Volume 66: 1-2. 179-199.

Eyes of Legend: Thoughts about Genres of Belief. In: *Indian Folklife*, No 25. *Special Issue: The Legend: Conceptual Issues and Pragmatics of Telling*. 12 – 14.

2006

Ghostly Possession and Real Estate: the Dead in Contemporary Estonian Folklore. In: *Journal of Folklore Research*. Vol. 43, No. 1. 31-51.

2001

The Black Gentleman: Manifestations of the Devil in Estonian Folk Religion. In: *Folklore Fellows' Communications* No. 276. Helsinki: Suomalainen Tiedekatemia (Academia Scientiarum Fennica). 217 pp.  
1999

The Guises of Estonian Water-Spirits in Relation to the Plot and Function of Legend. In: Lysaght, Patricia; Ó Cathain, Séamas; Ó hÓgain, Daithi (eds). *Islanders and Water-Dwellers*. Dublin: Eaton Publishing Co. 337-348.

Angels in Estonian Folk Religion. In: *Studies in folklore and popular religion*. Vol. 2. Tartu: University of Tartu. 219-238.

Traditional Legends in Contemporary Estonian Folklore. In: Margaret Read MacDonald (ed.), *Traditional Storytelling Today. An International Sourcebook*. Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers. Chicago, London. 207-211.

1998

Estonian Devil Legends in the International Context: Problems of Classification. In: *Die heutige Bedeutung oraler Traditionen, Ihre Archivierung, Publikation und Index Erschliessung*. Herausgegeben von Walther Heissig, Rüdiger Schott. Abhandlungen der Nordrhein-Westfälischen Akademie der Wissenschaften Band 102. Westdeutscher Verlag. Opladen/Wiesbaden. 301-307.

1997

The Evil One as a Pedagogue. In: Rüütel, Ingrid; Kuutma, Kristin (eds.), *The Family as the Tradition Carrier. Conference Proceedings*. Volume 2. NIF Publications No. 31. Tallinn. 176-181.