



THE HISTORY OF HUMAN FREEDOM AND DIGNITY IN WESTERN CIVILIZATION

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Second optional course, in connection with an international conference, Canterbury (Canterbury Cathedral Lodge), February 25 to March 01, 2017.

Theme: Origen on Human Freedom and Dignity in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages

Participants (optional): all Senior Researchers (Beneficiaries), all ESRs on the project, invited experts and partners, other partners if they wish, other senior researchers and students.

Registration: Sign up for the course by writing to Ilaria Scarponi

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Deadline for registration: January 4, 2017.

Ancient Thought from a Global Perspective: Human Freedom and Dignity

This course offers the project ESRs and other interested parties insight into the reception of Origen by Augustine, and how the later reception of Origen was shaped by the interaction of these two influential thinkers. This will be followed by a morning in the cathedral Archives where students will learn to handle manuscripts and rare books in a professional way, both as potentially relevant for their research as also for later practical and professional work. Finally the scope of the event will be widened and a group of distinguished international speakers will engage with the global potential of early Christian thought from various angles, predominantly focussing on human freedom and dignity, in order to shed light on crucial aspects of the overall project.

Saturday 25 February 2017 Arrival by 18 h00 the latest (of ESRs, rest on Sunday)

18 h 30	Dinner
19 h30	Common Room: Welcome (Karla Pollmann, Reading)
19 h 45	<i>Chair: Karla Pollmann</i> Seminar Origen and Augustine: a Comparison (György Heidl, Pecs)

Sunday 26 February 2017 Common Room

Morning	Various church services (optional)
12 h 30	Lunch
14 h 00	Welcome
14 h 15	<i>Chair: György Heidl</i> Origen in the Eastern and the Western Parts of the Roman Empire in Late Antiquity (Anna Usacheva, Aarhus/Ilaria Scarponi, Reading)
16 h 00	Coffee break
16 h 30	<i>Chair: Anna Usacheva</i> Origen in the Western Middle Ages II (Carmen Cvetkovic, Göttingen/Claire Trillot, Reading) until 18 h 15
19 h 00	Dinner

Monday 27 February 2017 Kentish Barn

09 h 00	Canterbury Cathedral Archives I (Cressida Williams)
10 h 30	Coffee break
11 h 00	Canterbury Cathedral Archives II (Cressida Williams) until 12 h 30
12 h 45	Lunch

- 14 h 45 *Chair: Maria Cecilia de Miranda Coelho*
 Values in Global Contexts: Questions and Critical Insights
 from Post-Colonial Theory (Jörg Haustein, SOAS) + discussion
- 16 h 15 Coffee break
- 16 h 45 *Chair: Gabriele Cornelli*
 Early Christian Thinkers and Their Global Potential (Lenka
 Karfikova, Prague/Karla Pollmann, Reading) + discussion
 (until 18 h 15)
- 19 h 00 Dinner

Tuesday 28 February 2017 Kentish Barn

- 09 h 00 *Chair: Naoko Yamagata*
 BRAZIL: What a Black Brazilian Medea from the Fifties can
 tell us about Freedom and Dignity (Maria Cecília de Miranda
 Coelho, Federal University of Minas Gerais); Transatlantic
 Utopias: Plato's Republic and the Guarani Missions in South
 America (Gabriele Cornelli, University of Brasilia) +
 discussion
- 10 h 30 Coffee break
- 11 h 00 *Chair: Naoki Kamimura*
 CHINA: Western Classics in China (Fritz-Heiner Mutschler,
 Dresden); The Shaping of Christianity in its Encounter with
 Chinese Culture (Chiara Tommasi, Pisa) + discussion (until 12
 h 30)
- 12 h 45 Lunch
- 14 h 45 *Chair: Fritz-Heiner Mutschler*
 JAPAN: Suicide and Self-Sacrifice in Homer and in the Tale of
 the Heike (Naoko Yamagata, Open University); The reception
 and (dis-)assimilation of patristic literature in early modern
 Japan (Naoki Kamimura, Tokyo Gakugei University) +
 discussion

16 h 15

Coffee break

16 h 45

Chair: Karla Pollmann and Chiara Tommasi

Concluding Discussion and Outlook (until 18 h 15)

19 h 00

Dinner

Wednesday March 01, 2017 Departure