

EMoDiR Newsletter n. 35



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To all researchers interested in the history of Early Modern European Religious Dissents and Radicalism

Dear all,

We sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you well and healthy.

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I. News from EMoDiR:

a. EmoDiR Panels at the Virtual RSA Conference 2021

1. Mapping Early Modern Religious Dissent I: Exile Communities: Thursday, April 22, 2021: 4-5.30 PM (Europe, Rome TIME)

Panel Monitors: Stefano Villani (University of Maryland, College Park); Xenia Von Tippelskirch

(Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Presentations

4:00 PM

Kajsa Weber, Lund University (Sweden), Lutheran Dissents in Refuge in Late 16th Century: *Publishing, Migration and the Experience of Persecution*

4:20 PM

Francesco Quatrini , (Queen's University Belfast), *Socinian Exiles in Amsterdam: Remonstrants, Mennonite-Collegiants, and the Fluid Boundaries of Confessional Identity*

4:40 PM

Emese Balint, Independent Scholar,

The Circulation of Italian Anabaptists in the Sixteenth Century

2. Mapping Early Modern Religious Dissent II: Laboratories of Plurality,

Thursday, April 22, 2021: 6-7.30 PM (Europe, Rome TIME)

Panel Monitors: Stefano Villani (University of Maryland, College Park); Phelim Dolan (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

Presentations:

6:00 PM

Hana Suckstorff, University of Toronto

Memory, Place, and Renegade Religious Identity in Early Modern Naples

6:20 PM

Kathryn Taylor, Pennsylvania State University

Interpreters on Trial in Early Modern Venice

6:40 PM

Natacha Klein Käfer, Centre for Privacy Studies, University of Copenhagen and Natália da Silva Perez, University of Copenhagen Centre for Privacy Studies

Sexual Privacy and Unwanted Pregnancies in the Early Modern Period

3. Mapping Early Modern Religious Dissent III: Encounters. Thursday, April 22, 2021: 8-9.30 PM (Europe, Rome TIME)

Panel Monitors

Stefano Villani (University of Maryland, College Park)

Umberto Grassi (Università degli Studi di Verona)

Presentations

8:00 PM

Maria Ivanova, McGill University

Cryptography in Early Modern Eastern European Engravings

8:20 PM

Dennj Solera, University of Bologna

How Protestants Studied at the University of Padua between Counter-Reformation and Venetian Control

8:40 PM

Marco Fratini, Società di Studi Valdesi

"A Stronger Body of Witnesses": The Waldensian Past among British Travellers

b. Below is the link to the New EMoDIR YOUTUBE CHANNEL and first recording: stay tuned!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ahkXkfcajc>

You can also reach the channel via our website!

<https://emodir.hypotheses.org/category/emodir-youtube-channel>

The first recording is the **Book Presentation: British Protestant Missions and the Conversion of Europe, 1600-1900**, edited by Simone Maghenzani (Cambridge) and Stefano Villani (Maryland), (Routledge, 2020)

II. Recent EMOdiR Members' Publications

Mary Franklin and Hannah Burton, *She Being Dead Yet Speaketh. The Franklin Family Papers*, University of Chicago Press, 2020

<https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/distributed/S/bo95831826.html>

Elizabeth Clarke, Robert W. Daniel, *People and piety. Protestant devotional identities in early modern England*, Manchester University Press, 2020

<https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526150110/>

Garcia-Garrido, Manuela-Agueda, Truchuelo, S., Garau, J. & Testino, A. (eds.), *Espada de Dios y aliento de la nobleza. El ministerio de la palabra en la España moderna (siglos XVI-XVIII)*, Madrid/Oporto, Sínderesis, 2020.

<https://editorialsinderesis.com/producto/espada-de-dios-y-aliento-de-la-nobleza-el-ministerio-de-la-palabra-en-la-espana-moderna-siglos-xvi-xviii>

Alexander Schunka, *Ein neuer Blick nach Westen. Deutsche Protestanten und Großbritannien (1688–1740)*, Wiesbaden, Harrassowitz Verlag, 2019.

III. Recent books in the field

Peter James Yoder, *Pietism and the Sacraments: The Life and Theology of August Hermann Francke*, Penn State University Press, 2020

<https://www.psupress.org/books/titles/978-0-271-08800-6.html>

IV. Future Events

March-April, 2021: Cursed Blessings. Sexual Pleasure and Radical Dissent in Western Christianity. A Cycle of Online Seminars

Marie Skłodowska Curie Project SPACES (Dr. Umberto Grassi)

PoliTeSse Research Centre (The University of Verona) – History Dpt. (The University of Maryland)

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This cycle of seminars aims to investigate the relationships between sexual transgressions and religious radical dissent in the early modern European world. While the use of scurrilous remarks and erotic innuendos in political satires was commonplace at that time, sex could also serve as a vehicle for philosophical reflections. It was used to lay the foundation for a “natural” morality that did not exclude pleasure, implying a strong criticism of abstract moral codes based on the promise of a reward in the afterlife. In the lively cross-class sociability of early modern European urban environments, quests for sexual freedom, praise of bodily pleasure, and criticism of religious authorities were undertakings shared by people of varying social ranks. In these contexts, sexual jokes and scurrilous remarks sometimes supported intellectual speculations and radical criticisms of the established political and religious order.

The Philosophical Meaning of Sexual Gender and Transgressions

March 15, 2021, 10:30-12:00 (7:30 PM-9:00 AEST)

Jean-Pierre Cavaille (EHESS): “Libertins Érudit” and Sodom

Peter Cryle (University Queensland): Libertine Sex and Radical Enlightenment

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92882279866?pwd=Z1ovNFVXYXBvY1ZWWkxjdVh2ZzhtUT09>

Radical Dissent and Sexuality in Italy

March 16, 2021, 16:00- 17:30

Vittorio Frajese (La Sapienza): Venezia nel Seicento

Tommaso Scaramella (University of Verona): La morale sessuale dell'antico regime: vizi e virt

Lucia Felici (University of Florence): Un prete libertino del Cinquecento: Francesco Calcagno

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92882279866?pwd=Z1ovNFVXYXBvY1ZWWkxjdVh2ZzhtUT09>

The Fall of Grace: Original Sin, Sexuality, and Toleration

April, 15, 2021 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

RSA Online Conference, April 2021, Date to be Determined

Umberto Grassi (University of Verona): Natural Law, Universal Salvation, and Sexual Desire

Karen E. Hollewand (University of Utrecht): Use the Gift that Nature Has Given: Hadriaan Beverland on Original Sin and Sexual Freedom

Naomi Taback (Temple University): John Tillotson and the Importance of Habits for Shaping Human Beings and Society

Patrick J. McGrath (Southern Illinois University Carbondale): Asexuality in Andrew Marvell's “The Garden”

Gary K. Waite (University of New Brunswick): Adam, Eve, and the Serpent in David Joris' Radical Spiritualism

Chair: Eric R. Dursteler (Brigham Young University)

17 May 2021, 5pm GMT (6pm Rome, 12pm EST)

Roundtable discussion of Pontormo's Frescoes in San Lorenzo. Heresy, Politics and Culture in the Florence of Cosimo I by Massimo Firpo

With Ann Overell (Durham) and Chiara Franceschini (München). Chair: Simone Maghenzani (Cambridge)

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85269973378?pwd=ZFNoY3hhV3JYazZlEQ1c4VStvUU55Zz09>

Meeting-ID: 852 6997 3378

Password: 29541

31.05.2021 - 4.06.2021; 7-11.06.2021: IHR Genève, "Cours d'été" for PhD and Postdocs: deadline for submitting application 12.04.2021

For more information click here: [site web](#)

Du 31 mai au 4 juin:

L'exemple de vie. Usages controversés du récit biographique dans la Réforme francophone, XVIe-XVIIe siècles.

Enseignement donné par Paul-Alexis Mellet et Daniela Solfaroli Camillocci

Du 7 au 11 juin:

Réformations, renouveaux, ruptures. Situer la Réforme dans le «temps des réformes» (1250-1550).

Enseignement donné par Ueli Zahnd

V. Past events

2 February, 2021: 18.00-20.00, zoom: **Dr. Iryna Klymenko, "Verzicht und Ordnung: Praxeologie des Fastens zwischen Religionen und Kulturen Polen-Litauens"**, KFG Polyzentrik und Pluralität vormoderner Christentümer (POLY) Fellow-Lecture, organized by Prof. Dr. Birgit Emich, Prof. Dr. Dorothea Weltecke, Frankfurt am Main, Goethe Universität

16 March, 2021, 15.00: Book Presentation: Donne e Inquisizione, a cura di Marina Caffiero e Alessia Lirosi, (Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura, 2020) with Patrizia Rusciani, Xenia von Tippelskirch and Adriana Valerio. Chair Paolo Tognina

BSMC FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/BSMCstoriomoderna

Recording will be available on the BSMC YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/channel/UCfXpacBHyoMTCWStx0Mj3yQ

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All the best!

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