



EMoDiR Newsletter n. 52 (December 2025)

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I. Newsletter Team Updates

Dear readers, a gentle reminder that the next Newsletter is scheduled for March 2026. If you have a book, a CFP or an event that you would like to advertise, please let us know by the end of November at the following address: newsletter@emodir.net.

Martina and Francesco

II. News from EMOdiR

EMoDiR Panels at the 2026 Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, February 19-21, 2026

Friday, February 20

The Devil and Dissent: Early Modern Perspectives

(organised by Maria Ivanova and Stefano Villani)

Panel I – Philosophy and Theology of Evil

09:00AM - 10:30AM

Chair: TBA

- Paweł Maciejko (Johns Hopkins University), *The Lying God and Sabbatai Tsevi's Theodicy*
- Giulio Greco (Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale), *Bodin's Demonology: Between Control and Subversion*
- Dario Gurashi (Independent Scholar), *The Devil in the Court: Agrippa's Letter on Magic and Politics*

Panel II – Demons in Print

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Chair: Fabien Montcher (Saint Louis University)

- Jakob Moser (University of Vienna), *Theologia Daemonum*
- Cristina Fontcuberta i Famadas (Universitat de Barcelona), *The Devil Whispering: Controversial Iconographies in European and Catalan Art*

- Christine Jane Kooi (Louisiana State University), *The Devil Congratulates Charles IX: Reformation Polemic in 1572*

Panel III – Politics of Demonization

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Chair: Christine Jane Kooi (Louisiana State University)

- Bradley Mollmann (Saint Louis University Madrid), *1609: Demonization, Distrust, and Crisis in Early Modern Spain*
- Ana Sáez-Hidalgo (Universidad de Valladolid), *Elizabeth Beset by the Devil: The Queen in Hell*
- David Lee Vaughan III (Northwestern Oklahoma State University), *Marchamont Nedham, Satan, and Polemic in the English Civil Wars*

Panel IV – Gendered and Staged Representations of Demons

(Organized by Maria Ivanova, Jan Michielsen, and Stefano Villani)

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Chair: Stefano Villani (University of Maryland)

- Roger Gill (Independent Scholar), *A Female and a Male Demon on a Ceiling in the Vatican Palace*
- Sarah Richman (Emory University), *Dancing with Devils On and Off the Early Modern Stage*
- Jordan Ivie (Vanderbilt University), *Signing and Suckling: Gendered Demonic Bargains in Doctor Faustus and The Witch of Edmonton*
- Kevin Cochard (Independent Scholar), *Thinking of Demons: What the Early Modern French Canards Tell About Witchcraft Culture in Cities*

III. Recent Publications by EMoDiR Members

Federico Barbierato, *In the Room of the Circles: The Inquisition and Books of Magic in Early Modern Venice*, Milton Park-New York, Routledge, 2025.

<https://www.routledge.com/In-the-Room-of-the-Circles-The-Inquisition-and-Books-of-Magic-in-Early-Modern-Venice/Barbierato/p/book/9781041092711>

Bernard D. Cooperman, Serena Di Nepi, Anna Esposito, and Pierre Savy, *Roma 1524. I capitoli di Daniel da Pisa e la nascita di una nuova comunità ebraica*, Florence, Giuntina, 2025.

<https://www.giuntina.it/catalogo/fuori-collana/roma-1524-937.html>

Antoinette Gimaret, *Souffrir et jouir. Corps féminins en religion au XVIIe siècle*, Grenoble, Éditions Jérôme Millon, 2025.

<https://www.millon.fr/livres/488-histoire-m%C3%A9moires-du-corps-gimaret-antoinette-souffrir-et-jouir.html>

Germano Maifreda, *Sono una strega. Confessioni del sabba nel passato europeo*, Turin, Einaudi, 2025.

<https://www.einaudi.it/catalogo-libri/storia/sono-una-strega-germano-maifreda-9788806263140/>

IV. Recent Books in the Field

Federica Ambrosini, *Stranieri, commercio e Inquisizione. Storia di un mercante bavarese nella Venezia del Cinquecento*, Rome, Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura, 2025.

<https://www.storiaeletteratura.it/catalogo/stranieri-commercio-e-inquisizione/21285>

Andrea Annese, Ludovica Battista and Antonio Gerace (eds.), *The Renaissance Papacy's Projects of Religious Reform between Ancient Christianity and "Catholic Orientalism,"* Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2025.

<https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/themen-entdecken/theologie-und-religion/systematische-theologie-religionsphilosophie/59892/the-renaissance-papacy-s-projects-of-religious-reform-between-ancient-christianity-and-catholic-orientalism?srsId=AfmBOor2-Fvp2tP-02IRdnYn1-Qp3yRHsiHqcHZ1Qa3Px9S8zIVWfp75>

Elisa Bianchi and Elèna Mortara (eds.), *Bambini rapiti, bambini contesi. Battesimi forzati e fratellanza umana*, Milan, Guerini e Associati, 2025.

<https://www.guerini.it/index.php/prodotto/bambini-rapiti-bambini-contesi/>

Karla Boersma and Herman J. Selderhuis (eds.), *Money in Early Modern Christianity*, Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2025.

<https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/themen-entdecken/theologie-und-religion/kirchengeschichte/59617/money-in-early-modern-christianity>

Diederik Burgersdijk, Henk J.M. Nellen, and Mard de Wilde (eds.), *Hugo Grotius's On Public Partnership with Unbelievers (De societate publica cum infidelibus). Introduction, Transcription and English Translation*, Leiden, Brill, 2026.

<https://brill.com/display/title/73214?srsId=AfmBOopCLo-ftD0tbPILOM3HrTfru4t5jImoGk5-4yXWAqNBCtTB6SUt>

Gennaro Cassiani, *Archiginnasio della Sapienza e Repubblica delle Lettere. Libri, idee e crocevia di saperi nella Roma della Controriforma*, Rome, De Luca Editori d'Arte, 2025.

<https://www.delucaeditori.com/prodotto/archiginnasio-della-sapienza-e-repubblica-delle-lettere/>

Michela Catto and Eleonora Rai (eds.), *From Europe to Overseas: Saints, Martyrs, Heroes, Models and Soft Power in an Early Modern Global Perspective*, Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2025.

<https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/themen-entdecken/theologie-und-religion/kirchengeschichte/59450/from-europe-to-overseas>

Benedetta Chizzolini, *Between Cure and Control. Doctors, Convicts and Slaves in Tuscan and Papal Galleys (16th-18th Centuries)*, Berlin, De Gruyter, 2025.

https://www.degruyterbrill.com/document/doi/10.1515/9783111654133/html?srsId=AfmBOoqaXLy3gcTIJYZXf9_7CdwIPMTyMSLW9lpBbU5nLvbyfZqTlny

Elizabeth Clarke and Robert W. Daniel (eds.), *People and Piety: Protestant Devotional Identities in Early Modern England*, Manchester, Manchester University Press, 2025.

<https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526182609/>

Freddy Cristóbal Domínguez, *Luisa de Carvajal y Mendoza: The Politics of an Anglo-Spanish Life*, University Park, PA, Penn State University Press, 2025.

<https://www.psupress.org/books/titles/978-0-271-10037-1.html>

Jason D. Edwards, *The Anchor of a Believer's Hope: John Flavel's (ca. 1627-1691) Theology of Death, Dying, and Eternal Destiny*, Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2025.

<https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/themen-entdecken/theologie-und-religion/systematische-theologie-religionsphilosophie/59906/the-anchor-of-a-believer-s-hope>

Caroline Egan, *Words Made Flesh: Language, Body, and Conversion in Colonial Latin America*, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2025.

<https://www.pennpress.org/9781512828467/words-made-flesh/>

João Figueiredo, *Sorcery and Jurisdiction in Angola: Law and Multinormativity in Early Modern West Central Africa*, Köln-Weimar, Böhlau, 2025.

<https://library.oapen.org/handle/20.500.12657/105890>

Richard Flower (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Heresy*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2025.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/cambridge-companion-to-christian-heresy/FC13E7AA2C5831069D63A54672C46D5B>

Mauro Vincenzo Fontana and Patrizia Tosini (eds.), *L'Europa della porpora. Arte e politica dei principi della Chiesa (1564-1605)*, Rome, Officina Libraria, 2025.

<https://www.officialibraria.net/libro/9788833672953>

Niccolò Guasti, Michela Catto, and Maria Teresa Guerrini (eds.), *I gesuiti nell'età della soppressione e della restaurazione: religione e politica tra antica e nuova Compagnia (1773-1832)*, Naples, FedOA - Federico II University Press, 2025.

<http://www.fedoabooks.unina.it/index.php/fedoapress/catalog/book/629>

Wilfred Hammond, *Catholic Nobles and the Elizabethan State, 1558-1588: Northern Affinities and the Politics of Religion*, Woodbridge, Durham University IMEMS Press, 2025.

<https://boydellandbrewer.com/book/catholic-nobles-and-the-elizabethan-state-1558-1588-9781914967030/>

Martin Jacobs, *Empire from the Margins: Early Modern Jewish Historians on the Spanish and Ottoman Expansion*, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2025.

<https://www.pennpress.org/9781512827699/empire-from-the-margins/>

Debra Kaplan and Elisheva Carlebach, *A Woman Is Responsible for Everything: Jewish Women in Early Modern Europe*, Princeton, Princeton University Press, 2025.

<https://press.princeton.edu/books/hardcover/9780691268613/a-woman-is-responsible-for-everything?srsId=AfmBOoqXxvEYUk4MDF8NGy7il9CnMm5c7ILNpaYLwzOdjSl-s7reWMcj>

Hyun-Ah Kim, *Music, Rhetoric and Christian Hebraism in Early Modern Europe: Reuchlin's Reconstruction of the Modulata Recitatio*, Amsterdam, Amsterdam University Press, 2025.

<https://www.degruyterbrill.com/document/doi/10.1515/9789048565115/html>

Vincenzo Lagioia, Marina Montesano, and Francesca Roversi Monaco (eds.), *Intorno ai margini. Identità, stereotipi e rappresentazione del femminile tra Medioevo ed Età moderna*, Roma, Viella, 2025.

<https://www.viella.it/libro/9791254699492>

Gaetano Lettieri (ed.), *I papati medicei tra Erasmo e Machiavelli*, Rome, Viella, 2025.

<https://www.viella.it/libro/9791257010232>

Julia Lewandowska and Araceli Rosillo-Luque (eds.), *Within Walls: Experience of Enclosure in Christian Female Spiritualities (from Late Antiquity to Early Modern Period)*, Turnhout, Brepols, 2025.

<https://www.brepols.net/products/IS-9782503599342-1>

Robert Alexander Maryks and Michał Nowakowski, *Foreign Intruders: Anti-Jesuit Narratives in Poland-Lithuania during the Reigns of Stephen Báthory and Sigismund III, 1576-1632*, Leiden, Brill, 2025.

<https://brill.com/display/title/72025>

Manuel Martínez-Ortega, *Juan de Valdés (c. 1490-1541) in Light of His Religious Background*, Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2025.

<https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/themen-entdecken/theologie-und-religion/kirchengeschichte/60000/juan-de-valdes-c-1490-1541-in-light-of-his-religious-background>

Mariel Mazzocco, *Madame Guyon et l'ordre secret des Michelins. Mystique et politique à la cour de Versailles*, Paris, Honoré Champion, 2025.

<https://www.honorechampion.com/fr/editions-honore-champion/13439-book-08536459-9782745364593.html>

Ivan E. Mesa, *The Jews in English Baptist Eschatology: Conversion, Restoration, and National Identity, 1649-1815*, Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2025.

<https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/themen-entdecken/theologie-und-religion/kirchengeschichte/59863/the-jews-in-english-baptist-eschatology>

David H. Price, *Defending Judaism: Jewish Writing and Religious Toleration in Early Modern Europe*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2025.

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/defending-judaism-9780197814833?prevNumResPerPage=20&prevSortField=8&resultsPerPage=20&sortField=8&start=20&lang=en&cc=us>

Corinna Ricasoli (ed.), *Governare la carità. Opere di misericordia e assistenza pubblica nella Roma dell'età moderna / Shaping Charity: Works of Mercy and Social Welfare in Early Modern Rome*, Rome, Viella, 2025.

<https://www.viella.it/libro/9791257010256>

Wojciech Ryczek, *Anti-Jesuit Discourse in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (1576-1632)*, Leiden, Brill, 2026.

<https://brill.com/display/title/72087>

Leore Sachs-Shmueli, *Sacred Emotions: Fear of Sin in Early Hasidism*, Stanford, Stanford University Press, 2025.

<https://www.sup.org/books/religious-studies/sacred-emotions>

Filomena Viviana Tagliaferri (ed.), *Visible Strangers: Early Modern Urban Identities, Social Visibility, and the Mediterranean Paradigm*, Manchester, Manchester University Press, 2025.

<https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526182050/>

Stefano Tessaglia (ed.), *Il pontificato di Pio V. Visione e azione per la riforma della Chiesa*, Rome, Viella, 2025.

<https://www.viella.it/libro/9791254699713>

Stefano Tomassetti, *Cura corporum. Carità, medicina e religione nell'Oratorio filippino (Roma, secoli XVI-XVII)*, Rome, Viella, 2025.

<https://www.viella.it/libro/9791254699973>

Jonathan Trayner, *The German Peasants' War, Visual Culture, and Political Subjectivation*, New York, Routledge, 2026.

<https://www.routledge.com/The-German-Peasants-War-Visual-Culture-and-Political-Subjectivation/Trayner/p/book/9781032776347>

Emily Vine, *Birth, Death, and Domestic Religion in Early Modern London*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2025.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/birth-death-and-domestic-religion-in-early-modern-london/44D8731C7226ED25D48B4C435724F8A7>

Andrea Beth Wenz, *Bernardino Ochino's Exile and the Composition of an International Reformation*, University Park, PA, Penn State University Press, 2025.

<https://www.psupress.org/books/titles/978-0-271-10026-5.html>

V. Future Events

9 December 2025

Discussion of the book *Archiginnasio della Sapienza e Repubblica delle Lettere. Libri, idee e crocevia di saperi nella Roma della Controriforma* by Gennaro Cassiani, Istituto Sangalli, Italy (online).

https://www.istitutosangalli.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Incontri-dautore_autunno-2025.pdf

10 December 2025

Seminar by Sarah Apetrei, "Radical Women and Radical Theology: England's Mystical Revolution, 1640-1660," University of Florence, Florence, Italy (and online).

<https://www.ereditaculturali.sagas.unifi.it/art-684-10-dicembre-2025.html>

11-12 December 2025

Conference “Minorités protestantes et droit(s) en Europe (17e-18e s.),” Le Mans Université, Le Mans, France.

<https://ihmc.ens.psl.eu/minorites-protestantes-et-droit-en-europe-17e-18e-siecles>

15-17 December 2025

Conference “Croyances, sciences et raison,” Sorbonne Université, Paris, France.

<https://institut-islamologie.fr/inscription-colloque-international-croyances-sciences-et-raison/>

19 December 2025

LECTIO Workshop “The Limits of Academia? Gender, Religion, and the Production of Knowledge in the Early Modern Period,” Maria-Theresiacollege, KU Leuven, Belgium.

<https://www.kuleuven.be/lectio/events/the-limits-of-academia-gender-religion-and-the-production-of-knowledge-in-the-early-modern-period>

19-21 March 2026

Calvin Studies 2026 Colloquium “Calvin and Creation,” Beeson Divinity School and Birmingham Theological Seminary, Birmingham, AL, USA.

<https://www.calvinstudiessociety.org/colloquium>

15-17 April 2026

2026 Reformation Studies Colloquium, UCL, London, UK.

<https://royalhistsoc.org/calendar/2026-reformation-studies-colloquium-conference/>

11 May 2026

Convegno di studi su Eustachio Degola (1761 – 1826), Accademia Ligure di Scienze e Lettere, Genova, Italy.

<https://www.accademialigurediscienzeelettere.it/>

VI. Scholarships, Fellowships, and Prizes**14 December 2025**

Marc de Montalembert Prize, Fondation Marc Montalembert and École du Louvre.

<https://calenda.org/1327206>

1 January 2026

Short-Term Fellowships, Meeter Center, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, USA.

<https://calvin.edu/meeter-center/fellowships-and-scholarships>

15 January 2026

Folger Institute Short-Term Fellowships for 2026-2027, Washington DC, USA.

<https://calenda.org/1315901>

28 February 2026

2026 Ecclesiastical History Society Book Prize.

<https://ecclesiasticalhistorysociety.com/2026-book-prize/>

VII. CFPs**19 December 2025**

Online Talk Series New Voices “Female Voices, Media, and Modes of Communication in Theology and Philosophy” (March-May 2026).

<https://historyofwomenphilosophers.org/call-for-papers-female-voices-media-and-modes-of-communication-in-theology-and-philosophy/>

19 December 2025

EHS Post-Graduate Online Symposium “New Directions for Church Histories: Theories, Frameworks and Concepts,” online (30 March 2026).

<https://churchhistory.org/ehs-post-graduate-online-symposium-call-for-papers-new-directions-for-church-history-theories-frameworks-and-concepts/>

20 December 2025

Workshop “Gender, Violence and the Early Moderns,” European University Institute, Florence, Italy (22 May 2026).

<https://royalhistsoc.org/calendar/gender-violence-and-the-early-moderns-call-for-papers/>

22 December 2025

International Conference “Retours d’exil et minorités religieuses à l’époque moderne,” Maison de la Recherche de l’Université d’Artois, Arras, France (17-18 November 2026).

<https://calenda.org/1295269?file=1>

31 December 2025

Call for papers, Conference “Christians, Jews, and Muslims: Trajectories and Interactions in the Mediterranean,” National Library of Spain (BNE) and CCHS-CSIC, Madrid, Spain (9-12 June 2026).

https://www.cchs.csic.es/es/event/cristianos-judios-musulmanes_mediterraneo

January-March 2026

Call for papers and call for proposals for the Ninth Annual Conference of the European Academy of Religion, LUISS Università di Roma, Italy (30 June-3 July 2026).

<https://www.europeanacademyofreligion.org/euare2026>

January 2026

Ecclesiastical History Society Summer Conference, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK (13-15 July 2026).

<https://ecclesiasticalhistorysociety.com/26summer/>

9 January 2026

Catholic Record Society 68th Annual Conference, University of Notre Dame in England, London, UK, and online (1-2 July 2026).

<https://royalhistsoc.org/calendar/catholic-record-society-68th-annual-conference-call-for-papers/>

21 January 2026

The Fifth Early Modern British and Irish Catholicism Conference, University of Notre Dame in England, London, UK (29 June-1 July 2026).

<https://royalhistsoc.org/calendar/the-fifth-early-modern-british-and-irish-catholicism-conference-call-for-papers/>

30 January 2026

The History of Women Religious of Britain and Ireland’s 2026 Annual Conference “Women Religious: Patronage and Networks from Medieval to Modern,” Queen Mary University of London, UK (11-12 June 2026).

<https://royalhistsoc.org/calendar/women-religious-patronage-and-networks-from-medieval-to-modern-call-for-papers/>

31 January 2026

Special issue of the *Journal of Early Modern Studies* titled “Diplomacy and the Circulation of Political Information in Early Modern Europe.”

<https://journals.fupress.net/call-for-paper/diplomacy-and-the-circulation-of-political-information-in-early-modern-europe/>

13 February 2026

Society for Reformation Studies Annual Conference (Hybrid) “Lay Religion in the Reformation,” Westminster College, Cambridge, UK, and online (7-9 April 2026).

<https://royalhistsoc.org/calendar/society-for-reformation-studies-annual-conference-7-9-april-2026-call-for-papers/>

27 February 2026

Third Annual Conference “Communication and Exchange in the Early Modern (c. 1500-1850),” Aberystwyth University, UK (11-12 June 2026).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSep_X9fw-434z6qyorGHu33iflcsLwhe0XK2ItUVZMBadEzSg/viewform

31 July 2026

Special issue of the journal *Religions* on “Early Modern Female Mysticism: At the Crossroads of Religion, Medicine, Economics, and the Press.”

https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/S5J4R903GE

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