



## EMoDiR Newsletter n. 53 (March 2026)

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## I. Newsletter Team Updates

Dear readers, a gentle reminder that the next Newsletter is scheduled for June 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](mailto:newsletter@emodir.net).

Martina and Francesco

## II. News from EMoDiR

### **A message of thanks from the new Steering Committee**

Dear EMoDiR Community,

We are delighted to announce the newly elected members of the EMoDiR Steering Committee, who were elected during the 2026 General Assembly on 6 February. Martina Mampieri and Francesco Quatrini will take up the roles of EMoDiR co-ordinators, and Timothy Twining will act as EMoDiR secretary. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in the General Assembly and the election process. Your engagement reflects the strength and vitality of our community. We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Steering Committee members, Xenia von Tippelskirch and Maria Ivanova, for their dedication and invaluable contributions to the EMoDiR community and its mission.

We look forward to the road ahead and to the continued collaboration that makes EMoDiR such a vibrant network.

With warm regards,  
The EMoDiR Steering Committee

**EMoDiR Workshop, Thursday 28–Friday 29 May 2026, Goethe-University Frankfurt**  
**Indifference: Religious boundaries in question, 1650 – 1750**

Organized by Xenia von Tippelskirch, Andreas Häckermann, and Francesco Quatrini

**Thursday, 28 May 2025**

14:00 – 15:00

Xenia von Tippelskirch (Goethe-University Frankfurt), Andreas Häckermann (Goethe-University Frankfurt), and Francesco Quatrini (University of Florence), *Introduction*

*Section 1: Religious Praxis of Indifference*

15:00 – 15:45

Francesco Quatrini (University of Florence), *“Tolerance” or “Indifference”? A Reassessment of the Dutch Collegiants (17th-18th Century) between Theory and Practice*

15:45 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 16:45

Simon Franzen (Arctic University of Tromsø), *Spatial Dimensions of Confessional indifference: The Perceptions of Mennonites in Albisheim and Krefeld (c. 1700–1750)*

16:45 – 17:30

Federico Barbierato (University of Verona), *TBA*

17:30 – 17:45 *Coffee break*

17:45 – 18:30

Keynote Lecture

Jean-Pierre Cavaillé (EHESS Toulouse), *De religione cinganorum, or: On the Supposed Indifference of “Gypsies” Towards Any Religion*

**Friday, 29 May**

*Section 2: Indifference in Knowledge Production*

10:00 – 10:45

Karl Johann Scharpf (Humboldt-University Berlin), *Johann Jakob Scheuchzer and the Boundaries of Epistemic Indifference*

10:45 – 11:30

Andreas Häckermann (Goethe-University Frankfurt), *Indifference in the Mirror: Jean-Frédéric Bernard’s Handling of Islam*

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 12:30

Paola von Wyss-Giacosa (University of Zurich), *Pictorial Dialectics of Indifference: Compilation as a Scholarly Stance in Picart's Corpus of Illustrations for the Cérémonies et coutumes*

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:15

Girolamo Imbruglia (University of Naples L'Orientale), *Religions of the World: Grotius and Bayle*

14:15 – 15:00

Andreea Badea (Goethe-University Frankfurt), *TBA*

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

### *Section 3: Boundaries and the Dialectics of Indifference*

15:15 – 16:00

Nora Blume (Martin-Luther-University Halle), *Indifference as a Boundary Marker: The Controversy about Johann Franz Budde's Defense of the Kabbalah in Early 18th Century*

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:00

Andreas Pietsch (University of Münster), *Blurring Confessional Differences. Irenical Writing in 18th-Century Berlin*

17:00 – 17:45

Joke Spaans (University of Utrecht), *Shifting Boundaries. The impact of Comparative Religion in the Dutch Republic 1650-1750*

17:45 – 18:00 Coffee break

18:00 – 19:00 Final discussion

Moderation: Sophie Houdard (Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris)

### III. Recent Publications by EMOdiR Members

Irene Bueno, Vincenzo Lavenia, José Pedro Paiva and Nicole Reinhardt (eds.), *Inquisitions, Iconography, and Memory (13th-19th Century)*, Rome, Viella, 2025.

<https://www.viella.it/libro/9791257010836>

Jenny Haase, Sophie Houdard, Beatrice Trínca and Xenia von Tippelskirch (eds.), *Rückzug. En retrait/e. Produktivität des Solitären in Kunst, Religion und Geschlechtergeschichte. La solitude créatrice au prisme du genre dans les arts et la religion*, Würzburg, Königshausen & Neumann, 2025.

<https://verlag.koenigshausen-neumann.de/product/9783826090288-rueckzugen-retrait-e/>

Karin Sennefelt, *The World Made Flesh: Lutheran Bodies, 1600-1720*, Abingdon-New York, Routledge, 2026.

<https://www.routledge.com/The-Word-Made-Flesh-Lutheran-Bodies-1600--1720/Sennefelt/p/book/9781032841632>

### IV. Recent Books in the Field

Mohammad Ali Amir-Moezzi, Anna Van den Kerchove, Pierre-Olivier Léchet (eds.), *Protestantisme et islam. Regards croisés (XVIe-XXIe siècles). Actes du colloque organisé par l'Institut Protestant de Théologie et l'École Pratique des Hautes Études, 19-21 janvier 2022*, Turnhout, Brepols, 2026.

<https://www.brepols.net/products/IS-9782503618494-1>

Elena N. Barile and Miruna-Ştefana Belea (eds.), *La vie écrite des communautés juives. Études de cas sur les pinqasim européens (XIIIe-XIXe siècles)*, Geneva, Droz, 2025.

<https://www.droz.org/france/product/9782600057578>

Susan Leslie Boynton, *Liturgy of Empire: Reading the Mozarabic Rite in Early Modern Europe, 1500-1800*, Leiden, Brill, 2026.

[https://brill.com/display/title/71438?srsId=AfmBOopTeNPCHYG-INfa6nZUVp8jXc1xXkjAXJcCs9065r0\\_HU0y4Z0C](https://brill.com/display/title/71438?srsId=AfmBOopTeNPCHYG-INfa6nZUVp8jXc1xXkjAXJcCs9065r0_HU0y4Z0C)

Tommaso di Carpegna Falconieri and Alessandra Veronese (eds.), *Saggi di storia degli ebrei nella penisola italiana. Aspetti culturali, sociali ed economici*, Rome, Viella, 2025.

<https://www.viella.it/libro/9791257010843>

Igor Chabrowski and Natalia Królikowska-Jedlinska (eds.), *Early Modern Overseas Careers: East-Central Europeans as Jesuit Missionaries and Dutch East India Employees*, Budapest, Central European University Press, 2026.

<https://www.degruyterbrill.com/document/doi/10.1515/9789633868836/html>

Lorenzo Comensoli Antonini, *Les catholiques et leur roi. Pierre Mathieu et la fin des guerres de religion (1585-1595)*, Geneva, Droz, 2025.

<https://www.droz.org/france/product/9782600066624>

Jeroen Dewulf, *La naissance du catholicisme noir dans le monde atlantique. Histoire des connexions entre le Portugal, l'Afrique occidentale et les Amériques (XVe-XVIIIe siècles)*, Turnhout, Brepols, 2026.

<https://www.brepols.net/products/IS-9782503619200-1>

Clorinda Donato, Ulf R. Hansson, Vincenzo Lagioia and Pasquale Palmieri (eds.), *Between Identities and Representations in the Eighteenth Century. Tra identità e rappresentazioni nel Settecento*, Rome, Viella, 2025.

<https://www.viella.it/libro/9791257010867>

Vincent Evener, *The Passion of Christ and the Making of Christian Selves in Sixteenth-Century Germany*, Leiden, Brill, 2026.

<https://brill.com/display/title/70059>

Morten Fink-Jensen and Charlotte Appel, *Pastors and Parishioners in Post-Reformation Denmark (1550-1750)*, Leiden, Brill, 2026.

<https://brill.com/display/title/57027>

Christine Gaullier-Bougassas (ed.), *Les discours sur la croisade. Mémoire, fiction, recours à l'antiquité, rhétorique et idéologie (XII-XVIe siècle)*, Turnhout, Brepols, 2026.

<https://www.brepols.net/products/IS-9782503600246-1>

Isabella Iannuzzi, Manfredi Merluzzi, Carlo Pelliccia, Michele Rabà and Gaetano Sabatini (eds.), *Tra Roma, Madrid e i nuovi mondi. Le canonizzazioni del 1622 e la competizione tra gli universalismi cattolici*, Soveria Mannelli, Rubettino, 2025.

<https://www.store.rubettinoeditore.it/catalogo/tra-roma-madrid-e-i-nuovi-mondi/>

Jan Machielsen, Emily Michelson and Katrina B. Olds (eds.), *The Cambridge Companion to Counter-Reformation Sanctity*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2026.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/cambridge-companion-to-counterreformation-sanctity/02960E7E0FBD64D51636801589780794>

Chelsea Reutcke, *Catholic Print Networks in Restoration London, 1600-1688: The Cross-Confessional World of Later Stuart Print Culture*, Woodbridge, Durham University IMEMS Press, 2026.

<https://boydellandbrewer.com/book/catholic-print-networks-in-restoration-london-1660-1688-9781914967108/>

Jean-Joseph Surin, *Cantiques spirituels de l'Amour divin*, introduction, édition et annotation par Benedetta Papasogli, Paris, Honoré Champion, 2025.

<https://www.honorechampion.com/fr/editions-honore-champion/13388-book-08536396-9782745363961.html>

Steffie Schmidt, *Geschichtsschreibung und Täuferum. Reformatorische Vielfalt als narrative Herausforderung 1672-1848*, Tübingen, Mohr Siebeck, 2025.

<https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/buch/geschichtsschreibung-und-taeufertum-9783161647222/>

Ruth Whelan, *Le voyage extraordinaire d'Élie Neau: du forçat pour la foi au catéchiste des esclaves noirs. Avec une édition annotée de l'Histoire abrégée des souffrances du sieur Élie Neau sur les galères et dans les cachots de Marseille (1701)*, Paris, Honoré Champion, 2025.

<https://www.honorechampion.com/fr/editions-honore-champion/13330-book-08536346-9782745363466.html>

## V. Future Events

### February-April

Online Bayle Seminar 2026. Éducation et pédagogie chez le philosophe de Rotterdam, online.

<https://calenda.org/1355515>

### 5-6 March

Conference “Mobilités contraintes et production des savoirs sur le monde à Naples, Rome et Venise au XVIe siècle,” Campus Condorcet, Paris, France.

<https://ihmc.ens.psl.eu/mobilites-contraintes-et-production-de-savoirs-sur-le-monde-naples-rome-venise>

### 12-14 March

Conference “Writing the Transcendental. Expressions of Faith and Narratives of Religion in Egodocuments,” Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland.

[https://en.uj.edu.pl/en\\_GB/events-calendar/-/journal\\_content/56\\_INSTANCE\\_W9PnfTJce6oq/81541894/159870703](https://en.uj.edu.pl/en_GB/events-calendar/-/journal_content/56_INSTANCE_W9PnfTJce6oq/81541894/159870703)

### 13 March

Journée d'étude “Une histoire sociale des pasteurs (France, XVIe siècle – XVIIIe siècle),” Centre Panthéon, Paris, France.

<https://ihmc.ens.psl.eu/une-histoire-sociale-des-pasteurs-en-france-16e-18e-siecle.html>

### 19-21 March

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

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

### 30 March

Ecclesiastical History Society Post-Graduate Online Symposium 2026 “New Directions in Church History: Theories, Frameworks and Concepts,” with a plenary lecture by Miri Rubin, online.

<https://ecclesiasticalhistorysociety.com/pg-symposium-26/>

### **30-31 March**

Hybrid Conference “Proximities, Entanglements, Comparisons: Kongo Christianity and the History of Early Modern Missions,” Schloss Hohentübingen, Tübingen, Germany (and online).

<https://www.hsozkult.de/event/id/event-159878>

### **7-9 April**

Hybrid Society for Reformation Studies 32nd Annual Conference, “Lay Religion in Reformation,” Westminster College, Cambridge, UK (and online).

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lay-religion-in-the-reformation-tickets-1968313818617?aff=oddtcreator>

### **15-17 April**

2026 Reformation Studies Colloquium, University College London, UK.

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

### **19-21 May**

Fifteenth Annual REFORC Conference on Early Modern Christianity, University of Wrocław, Poland.

<https://reforc.com/events/fifteenth-annual-reforc-conference-on-early-modern-christianity/>

## **VI. Scholarships, Fellowships, and Prizes**

### **6 March**

LECTIO Visiting Fellowships 2026-2027, KU Leuven, Belgium.

<https://www.kuleuven.be/lectio/visiting-fellowship-program/application-procedure>

### **1 April**

Gerald L. Strauss Prize, *Sixteenth Century Society. A Society for Early Modern Studies.*

<https://sixteenthcentury.org/prize/gerald-l-strauss-prize/>

### **1 April**

Harold J. Grimm Prize, *Sixteenth Century Society. A Society for Early Modern Studies.*

<https://sixteenthcentury.org/prize/harold-j-grimm-prize/>

### **1 April**

John Tedeschi Prize, *Sixteenth Century Society. A Society for Early Modern Studies.*

<https://sixteenthcentury.org/prize/john-tedeschi-prize/>

### **1 April**

Founders' Prize, *Sixteenth Century Society. A Society for Early Modern Studies.*

<https://sixteenthcentury.org/prize/founders-prize/>

### **1 April**

Roland H. Bainton Prize (Religion and Theology), *Sixteenth Century Society. A Society for Early Modern Studies.*

<https://sixteenthcentury.org/prize/roland-h-bainton-prize-religion-and-theology/>

## **VII. CFPs**

### **2 March**

Journée d'étude "Monde maritime et religion aux époques moderne et contemporaine," Institut Catholique de Paris, France (3 June 2026).

<https://calenda.org/1351813>

### **6 March**

Hybrid Twenty-Fourth Warwick Symposium on Parish Research, University of Warwick, Central Campus (16 May 2026), UK and online.

[https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross\\_fac/myparish/parishsymposia/data/](https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/myparish/parishsymposia/data/)

### **13 March**

Colloque "La christianisation de l'Afrique : trajectoires, impacts socio-culturels et défis actuels. Des origines au XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle," Université Alassane Ouattara de Bouaké, Ivory Coast (and online) (27-29 May 2026).

<https://calenda.org/1352317>

### **13 March**

Call for open panel "Invisible Religious Spaces. Interreligious and Transregional Perspectives," European Academy of Religion Conference, Rome, Italy (30 June-3 July 2026).

[https://www.hsozkult.de/event/id/event-160359?title=invisible-religious-spaces-interreligious-and-transregional-perspectives&recno=7&q=&sort=newestPublished&fq=category\\_discip%3A%22%2F104%2F72%22&total=40](https://www.hsozkult.de/event/id/event-160359?title=invisible-religious-spaces-interreligious-and-transregional-perspectives&recno=7&q=&sort=newestPublished&fq=category_discip%3A%22%2F104%2F72%22&total=40)

**15 March**

Italian Paleography Summer Institute, Newberry Library, Chicago, USA (15-26 June 2026).

<https://www.newberry.org/calendar/summer-institute-in-italian-paleography>

**15 March**

Journée d'étude "Les langues d'Afrique dans les péninsules Ibérique et italienne : usage, circulations, apprentissages, représentations (XVIe-XVIIe siècles)," Université Grenoble Alpes, France (25 September 2026).

<https://calenda.org/1357230>

**15 March**

Biweekly MEMSA Seminar Series for the spring term, Durham University, UK.

<https://medievalstudies.nl/cfp-memsa-seminar-series/>

**25 March**

Intensive course "Francescani e Gesuiti dall'Italia al mondo. Carisma, storia, arte, missioni," Rome, Italy (25-29 May 2026).

<https://www.fondazionecamillocaetani.it/bando-corso-intensivo-sugli-archivi-degli-ordini-religiosi-francescani-e-gesuiti-dallitalia-al-mondo/>

**31 March**

Conference "The Sharing of Doctrinal Knowledge and Erudition II. Memory Culture, Interconfessional Dynamism, and Transcultural Embeddedness," Kolozsvár/Klausenburg/Cluj, Romania (22-24 October 2026).

<https://reforc.com/events/call-for-papers-the-sharing-of-doctrinal-knowledge-and-erudition-ii-memory-culture-interconfessional-dynamism-and-transcultural-embeddedness/>

**31 March**

Call for papers for two conferences in Halle (12-13 October 2026) and Atlanta (8-10 March 2027) on "Renewing Faith, Improving Society. A Comparison of Protestant Reform in Prussia, England, and Georgia (first half of the 18th century)," Francke Foundation Halle and Klaus Halle Foundation Atlanta, Germany-USA.

[https://www.hsozkult.de/event/id/event-160717?title=renewing-faith-improving-society&recno=1&sort=newestPublished&fq=category\\_discip%3A%223%2F104%2F72%22+AND+category\\_epoch%3A%221%2F9%2F10%22&facet\\_field=category\\_epoch&facet\\_prefix=1%2F9%2F10&q=&total=16](https://www.hsozkult.de/event/id/event-160717?title=renewing-faith-improving-society&recno=1&sort=newestPublished&fq=category_discip%3A%223%2F104%2F72%22+AND+category_epoch%3A%221%2F9%2F10%22&facet_field=category_epoch&facet_prefix=1%2F9%2F10&q=&total=16)

**12 April**

Call for chapters “Evident Tongues, Evident Bodies: Language, Sense, and Proof in the Early Modern World,” editors Mary Katherine Newman and Rana Banna.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/institute-of-advanced-studies/news/2026/feb/call-chapters-evident-tongues-evident-bodies>

**15 April**

Ecclesiastical History Society Summer Conference “The Church and Race,” Royal Holloway, University of London, UK (13-15 July 2026).

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

**26 April**

“Reading Archival Latin,” Mediterranean Studies Summer Skills Seminar, online (18-21 May 2026).

<https://networks.h-net.org/group/announcements/20141536/enroll-reading-archival-latin-summer-skills-seminar-12-15-may-zoom>

**30 April**

International Seminar “History of the Inquisitions: Foundations, Adaptations and Rootedness,” Centro de Arte e Cultura da Fundação Eugénio de Almeida, Évora, Portugal (21-23 October 2026).

<https://networks.h-net.org/group/announcements/20142930/international-seminar-history-inquisitions-foundations-adaptations-and>

**22 May**

The Medici Archive Project Summer Seminars in Paleography and Archival Studies, Florence, Italy (25-30 May and 1-6 June 2026).

<https://www.medicini.org/education/paleography-seminars/>

**30 June**

Call for articles on “Emancipation in Early Modern England,” editors Louis André and John Delsinne.

<https://calenda.org/1358238>

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