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I. Newsletter Team Updates

Dear readers, a gentle reminder that the next Newsletter is scheduled for December 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.

Wishing you all a prosperous academic year,
Martina and Francesco

II. News from EMoDiR

Dear readers, it is our pleasure to announce that the EMoDiR's Book Series (Routledge Studies in Early Modern Religious Dissents and Radicalism) has recently published two new books:

Gabriella Zarri, *From Living Saints to Divine Mothers. Women's Religiosity in Italy, 1400–1550*, Abingdon-New York, Routledge, 2026.
https://www.routledge.com/From-Living-Saints-to-Divine--Mothers-Womens-Religiosity-in-Italy-1400-1550/Zarri/p/book/9781032935638

Francesco Quatrini and Freya Sierhuis (eds.), *Fictions of Sacrifice. Early Modern Texts, Political Theology, and Secularization*, Abingdon-New York, Routledge, 2026.
https://www.routledge.com/Fictions-of-Sacrifice-Early-Modern-Texts-Political-Theology-and-Secularization/Quatrini-Sierhuis/p/book/9781032687292

Gabriella Zarri offers a vivid account of women's religiosity in Italy between 1400 and 1550, a crucial period of spiritual ferment and ecclesiastical change, bringing to light the many ways in which women sought religious authority, pursued holiness, and contributed to broader hopes for renewal within the Church.

The collection of essays edited by Francesco Quatrini and Freya Sierhuis reconsiders how sacrificial ideas – encompassing guilt, justice, punishment, atonement, and community formation – shaped debates over sovereignty, legal authority, religious identity, and the cultural imagination in early modern political theology.

We take this occasion to remind you of the possibility of publishing your research in EMoDiR's Book Series. It addresses the discursive constructions of religious dissent and the practices of radical movements in the early modern world, transcending traditional national and confessional historiographies to examine early modern religious culture as a dynamic system that was essential in forging complex identities and encouraging dialogue among them. The editors seek manuscripts that consider questions of dissent, radicalism, dissidence, libertinism, heresy, and heterodoxy, and examine these themes historically as socio-cultural constructions.

III. Recent Books in the Field

Mette Maria Ahlefeldt-Laurvig, *A Woman's Rite. The Ritual of Churching of Women after Childbirth in Denmark, 1500–1965*, Turnhout, Brepols, 2026.
https://www.brepols.net/products/IS-9782503620695-1

AnnMarie M. Bridges, *Calvin and Perception in Early Modern Visual Culture*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2026.
https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/calvin-and-perception-in-early-modern-visual-culture/42B0760DB870A08343B50AB4B5D75E56

Javier Castaño, Michaël Gasperoni, Isabelle Poutrin, and Pierre Savy (eds.), *Jewish Inheritance: Dowries and Wills in Western Mediterranean Europe (14th-18th cent.)*, Rome, Viella, 2026.
https://www.viella.it/libro/9791257010737

Enrique J. Corredera Nilsson, *Diplomacy and the Resilience of the Spanish Monarchy: The missions of Bernardino de Rebolledo and Antonio Pimentel in Denmark and Sweden, 1648–1660*, Abingdon, Routledge, 2027.
https://www.routledge.com/Diplomacy-and-the-Resilience-of-the-Spanish-Monarchy-The-missions-of-Bernardino-de-Rebolledo-and-Antonio-Pimentel-in-Denmark-and-Sweden-1648---1660/CorrederaNilsson/p/book/9781032602424

Marta Fattori and Giuliano Gasparri (eds.), *La filosofia moderna negli archivi del Sant'Uffizio,* Rome, Viella, 2026.
https://www.viella.it/libro/9791257011611

Ulrike Gleixner, *Das Pietistische Empire. Expansive Frömmigkeit und Emotionspraktiken im Unterstützernetzwerk der Indienmission,* Wolfenbüttel, Harrassowitz, 2026.
https://www.harrassowitz-verlag.de/isbn_9783447125239.ahtml

Dorota Gregorowicz, Tomáš Černušák, and Paolo Carta, *The Post-Tridentine Apostolic Nunciatures (1562–1605)*, Abingdon-New York, Routledge, 2026.
https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/mono/10.4324/9781003656302/post-tridentine-apostolic-nunciatures-1562%E2%80%931605-dorota-gregorowicz-tom%C3%A1%C5%A1-%C4%8Dernu%C5%A1%C3%A1k-paolo-carta

Grace M. Harpster, *Carlo Borromeo and the Sacred Image in Sixteenth-Century Italy,* Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2026.
https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/carlo-borromeo-and-the-sacred-image-in-sixteenthcentury-italy/3C2838DA241D0CA1797CF0F3E5E26540

Sungkyu Joo, *Atonement in the Trinitarian Theology of Augustine, Calvin, and Turretin*, Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2026.
https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/themen-entdecken/theologie-und-religion/systematische-theologie-religionsphilosophie/60615/atonement-in-the-trinitarian-theology-of-augustine-calvin-and-turretin

Ingo Klitzsch and Jonathan Reinert (eds.), *Transformationen von Theologie und Frömmigkeit. Spätmittelalter, Reformation und ihre Deutungen*, Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2026.
https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/themen-entdecken/theologie-und-religion/kirchengeschichte/60852/transformationen-von-theologie-und-froemmigkeit?srsltid=AfmBOorT66oG8RV0I0u_wSItijWKhI2zC2rofBXrVCcAYc5cohd6vY5K

Jean-Marie Le Gall, *L'Église au village. XVIIe–XVIIIe siècles*, Paris, Éditions du Cerf, 2026.
https://www.editionsducerf.fr/librairie/leglise-au-village/

Jan Machielsen (ed.), *The Science of Demons: Early Modern Authors Facing Witchcraft and the Devil,* Abingdon, Routledge, 2027.
https://www.routledge.com/The-Science-of-Demons-Early-Modern-Authors-Facing-Witchcraft-and-the-Devil/Machielsen/p/book/9781032759159

Christian Manger, *Councils, Conflicts, Correspondence: Urban Diplomacy in Reval (Tallinn) and Lübeck (c. 1470-1570),* Turnhout, Brepols, 2026.
https://www.brepols.net/products/IS-9782503612904-1

Sarah Joan Moran, *Unconventual Women in the Habsburg Low Countries, 1585–1794: Visual Culture at the Court Beguinages*, London, Routledge, 2026.
https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/mono/10.4324/9781003708827/unconventual-women-habsburg-low-countries-1585%E2%80%931794-sarah-joan-moran

Andrii Pastuschenko, *Catholicism and Elizabethan Seafarers: Catholic Identities between England and Spain*, Liverpool, Liverpool University Press, 2026.
https://www.liverpooluniversitypress.co.uk/doi/10.3828/9781805966005

Joan Redmond, *Religion, Rebellion and Violence in Ireland, c. 1603-1649*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2026.
https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/religion-rebellion-and-violence-in-ireland-c-16031649/3D368221BE50F229366E700D8BE2F38B

Thibaut Rioult, *Illusionisme et magie à la Renaissance. Savoirs techniques et représentations sociales de l'art du merveilleux*, Turnhout, Brepols, 2026.
https://www.brepols.net/products/978-2-503-61518-9

Nathan Runham, *On Becoming a Theologian of the Cross: Revisiting Luther's* theologus crucis *from the Heidelberg Disputation to the Genesis Lecture*, Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2026.
https://www.vandenhoeck-ruprecht-verlage.com/themen-entdecken/theologie-und-religion/kirchengeschichte/60322/on-becoming-a-theologian-of-the-cross?srsltid=AfmBOorqTzZPOrTS22L3tVfRi8ewt2XikuKUSLIR3kCxqMIVlodfbvzU

Michael J. Sauter, *The Cartographic Fool: Prints, Religion, and Visual Culture in Renaissance Europe*, Berlin-Boston, De Gruyter, 2026.
https://www.degruyterbrill.com/de/document/doi/10.1515/9783111138282/html?recommended=sidebar

Anna Maria van Schurman, *Come, Lord Jesus! Two Devotional Poems. A Bilingual Edition*, eds. and trans. Albert Gootjes and John L. Thompson, Chicago, Iter Press, 2026.
https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/distributed/C/bo265677879.html

IV. Future Events

3 October
"Women and their Books in Early Modern England and Scotland," Christ Church Library, Oxford, UK.
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-and-their-books-in-early-modern-england-and-scotland-tickets-1998361250294?aff=erelpanelorg

15 October
Conference "The Voice of Prophecy: Women, Men, and Political Theology in Early Modern Reformations," The Norwegian Institute in Rome, Italy.
https://www.hf.uio.no/dnir/english/research/news-and-events/events/2026/prophecy.html

22-24 October
Conference "The Sharing of Doctrinal Knowledge and Erudition II. Memory culture, interconfessional dynamism, and transcultural embeddedness," Babeș-Bolyai University, Kolozsvár/Klausenburg/Cluj.
https://reforc.com/events/call-for-papers-the-sharing-of-doctrinal-knowledge-and-erudition-ii-memory-culture-interconfessional-dynamism-and-transcultural-embeddedness/

25-28 October

Workshop “Sacred Sensoria: Jewish and Christian Embodied Experiences in Early Modern Europe,” Israel Institute for Advanced Studies and the Prima Park Hotel, Jerusalem, Israel.
https://iias.huji.ac.il/event/sacred-sensoria-jewish-and-christian-embodied-experience-early-modern-europe

29-31 October

Sixteenth-Century Society Conference, Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL, USA.
https://sixteenthcentury.org/conference/2026-chicago/

7 November

Annual Luther Conference, Campo Santo Teutonico, Rome.
https://www.luther-stiftung.org/de/lutherstiftung/aktuell/detailansicht?tx_news_pi1%5Baction%5D=detail&tx_news_pi1%5Bcontroller%5D=News&tx_news_pi1%5Bnews%5D=86&cHash=36a51472a2805adb009478b670507f3a

11-14 November

International Conference “Footprints of Gisbertus Voetius: His Teachings, Networks, and Legacies,” Utrecht, Netherlands.
https://reforc.com/events/footprints-of-gisbertus-voetius-his-teachings-networks-and-legacies/

12-13 November

Virtual Conference (on Zoom) “Performing Magic in the pre-Modern North”.
https://performingmagicinthepremodernnorthconference.wordpress.com/

V. Scholarships, Fellowships, and Prizes

8 September

The Claremont Prize for the Study of Religion, Columbia University, New York, USA.
https://www.ircpl.columbia.edu/claremont-prize

14 September

Scuola SISEM 2026, Florence, Italy (18-21 November 2026).
https://www.lasisem.it/2026/08/02/scuola-sisem-2026-ii-edizione-18-21-novembre-2026-programma-e-bando/

14 September

Books in Progress Fellowship, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC, USA.
https://www.folger.edu/research/the-folger-institute/fellowships/apply-for-a-fellowship/books-in-progress-fellowship/

15 September

Founders' Prize, Sixteenth Century Society.
https://sixteenthcentury.org/prize/founders-prize/

15 September

Kluge Center Fellowships, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, USA.
https://www.loc.gov/programs/john-w-kluge-center/chairs-fellowships/fellowships/?loclr=eanfwk

20 September

Premio "Luigi Lanfranchi" 2026, Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti, Italy.
https://www.lasisem.it/2026/06/01/premio-luigi-lanfranchi-2026/

1 October

Nottebohm Fellowship for Book Historical Research, The Hendrik Conscience Heritage Library and the Museum Plantin-Moretus, Antwerp, Belgium.
https://consciencebibliotheek.be/en/fellowship-programme-2026

15 October

Premio "Eleonora Rai" 2026, University of Turin, Italy.
https://www.lasisem.it/2026/06/11/bando-per-lassegnazione-del-premio-eleonora-rai-per-tesi-di-dottorato-ii-edizione/

15 October

Travel and on-site care grants, The Renaissance Society of America, USA.
https://www.rsa.org/page/ConferenceGrants

15 October

I Tatti Residential Fellowships, I Tatti, The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies in Florence, Italy.
https://itatti.harvard.edu/i-tatti-fellowship

1 November

Premio Istituto Sangalli per la storia religiosa 2026, Florence, Italy.
https://www.istitutosangalli.it/it/bandi/bando-premio-istituto-sangalli-per-la-storia-religiosa-2026/

31 December

CERM 2026 Prize for the best doctoral dissertation on topics related to minority communities, University of Insubria, Italy.
https://www.lasisem.it/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/CERM-2026-Prize-PHD-dissertation-announcement.pdf

31 January

Church Monuments Society Essay Prize, London, UK.
https://churchmonumentssociety.org/get-involved/competitions/essay-competition

VI. CFPs

10 September

Conference “Broken Continuity: Anti-Jewish Motifs in Literature from Antiquity to Present,” Paris, France (June 2027).
https://www.hsozkult.de/event/id/event-163851?utm_source=hsozkult&utm_medium=htmlnl&utm_campaign=mailings-2026-7&utm_content=subject

15 September

Conference “Reformation and Participation,” Society for Reformation History and the German Historical Institute, London, UK (30 September-2 October 2027).
https://www.ghil.ac.uk/events/conferences-and-workshops/reformation-and-participation

21 September

International Interdisciplinary Conference “Sacred Conversations. The Exchange of Objects between Monastic and Secular Courts in Early Modern and Central Eastern Europe,” The Abbey of Ottobeuren, Germany (7-8 May 2027).
https://www.udu.cas.cz/en/akce/sacred-conversations-the-exchange-of-objects-between-monastic-and-secular-courts-in-early-modern-central-and-eastern-europe

1 October

International Workshop “What Makes a Diaspora? Middle Eastern Minorities, the Americas, and Jewish Studies in Conversation,” University of Cologne, Germany (24-25 May 2027).
https://networks.h-net.org/group/announcements/20151638/cfp-what-makes-diaspora-middle-eastern-minorities-americas-and-jewish

1 October

Conference “TransLATINg the Bible: The Creation, Transmission, and Reception of the Latin Bible,” KU Leuven, Belgium (7-9 April 2027).
https://reforc.com/events/translating-the-bible-the-creation-transmission-and-reception-of-the-latin-bible/

1 October

Call for articles “Silenced Knowledge: Epistemic Censorship, Invisibilisation and the Production of Ignorance in Europe (16th-21st Centuries),” *Revue d’histoire culturelle de l’Europe/Cultural History of Europe.*
https://calenda.org/1424692

1 October

International Conference “Imagining Difference in Early Modern London,” Elm Bank, Coventry University 22-23 March 2027.
https://www.rsa.org/news/733815/Imagining-Dierence-in-Early-Modern-London-.htm

9 October

Jewish Law Association International 2027 Conference “Inside/Outside: Jews, Law, and Jewish Law,” University of Vienna, Juridicum, Austria (19-21 July 2027).
https://jewishlawassociation.org/new-page-5

18 October

Call for contributions at the 13th Congress AISU (Associazione italiana di storia urbana), "The Wounded City. Urban spaces as sites of conflict, life, and memory/La città ferita. Gli spazi urbani come luogo di conflitto, vita, memorie," Genoa, Italy (7-10 September 2027).
https://aisuinternational.org/genova-2027-home/

1 November

Colloquium "Täufer-Kolloquium zu 500 Jahre Schleitheimer Bekenntnis," Liestal, Switzerland, (1-2 July 2027).
https://www.mennonitica.ch/

30 November

International conference "Sebastian Castellio and the Caesuras in the History of Tolerance," Villa Castelen in Augusta Raurica, Basel, Switzerland (11-13 March 2027).
https://reforc.com/events/sebastian-castellio-and-the-caesuras-in-the-history-of-tolerance/

1 December

International workshop "Beyond Bobadilla: Greek Learning and Religion in Early Modern Europe," Rome, Italy (27-28 May 2027).
https://reforc.com/events/call-for-papers-beyond-bobadilla-greek-learning-and-religion-in-early-modern-europe/

1 January 2027

Winter Seminars in Paleography and Archival Studies, The Medici Archive Project, Florence, Italy (4-9 and 11-16 January 2027).
https://www.medici.org/education/paleography-seminars/

15 February

Sixteenth Annual REFORC Conference on Early Modern Christianity, University of Zurich, Switzerland (7-9 June 2027).
https://reforc.com/events/sixteenth-annual-reforc-conference-on-early-modern-christianity/

30 April

Call for articles for the special issue of *Tempo* "Labyrinths of Ideas: Religious Libraries in the Iberian Worlds of the Early Modern Period."
https://calenda.org/1431737

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