

# LAY READING AND THE BIBLE IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE

24 – 26 November 2015

CESR (Centre d'Études Supérieures de la Renaissance), Salle Rapin  
59 Rue Néricault Destouches - 37000 Tours



## CONVENORS

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## MAIN TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

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- Bible
- Early Modern Europe
- Reading, Interpreting, Translating, Rewriting
- Communication and Printing
- History of Ideas: Secularization, Tolerance and Scepticism
- Knowledge and Professions (Political Science, Medicine, Natural History, Music)
- History of Religion: Catholicism, Protestantism, Radicalism

## INTRODUCTION

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Throughout a period of dramatic change in Europe, characterized by the development of printing, the literary affirmation of vernacular languages, the discovery of formerly unknown places and cultures, the definition of intellectual professions and political theories of government, and the spread of new religious doctrines, the Bible remained a book of reference for ecclesiastics and laics alike. Even in Catholic countries, in which Biblical translations were forbidden, the laity drew upon the Bible as a source of ethical, cultural and professional inspiration. The aim of the international symposium, that will mark the culmination of LE STUDIUM-CESR project entitled *The Laity and the Bible: Religious Reading in Early Modern Europe (1470-1650)*, is to illustrate recent comparative research studies of the contribution that Biblical readings made to the evolution of some of the essential aspects of modernity. Interpreting the Sacred Scriptures represented a means of reinforcing critical perspectives and autonomous behavior, and the symposium will provide an opportunity to clarify the connections between the laity and the Bible that had an impact on different aspects of early modern European countries/cultures and explore how they helped or hindered their evolution towards modernity.

## CONFIRMED INVITED SPEAKERS

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**Pr Gordon Campbell,**

Department of English,  
University of Leicester, Leicester, UK

**Pr Margriet Hoogvliet,**

Faculty of Arts, Medieval History  
Research Centre for Historical Studies  
University of Groningen, Groningen, NL

**Pr Ignacio Javier Garcia Pinilla**

Facultad de Humanidades,  
Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Toledo, ES

**Pr Wim François**

Research Unit History of the Church,  
Katholic University, Leuven, BE

**Pr Volker Leppin**

Faculty of Protestant Theology  
Tübingen Unibvertät, Tübingen, DE

**Pr Max Engammare**

Institut d'Histoire de la Réformaion  
University of Geneva, Geneva, CH

**Pr Jean-Pierre Cavailé**

Centre de Recherche Historique  
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales  
Paris, FR

**Pr Stefano Gattei**

IMT Institut for Advanced Studies, Associate  
Research Scolar at the Chemical Heritage  
Foundation, Philadelphia, USA

**Pr. Concetta Pennuto**

Centre d'Etudes Supérieures de la Renaissance  
Université F. Rabelais, Tours FR

**Dr Xavier Bisaro**

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Faculty of Arts, Medieval History  
Research Centre for Historical Studies  
University of Gröningen, Gröningen, NL

**Pr Philippe Martin**

Equipe Religions, Sociétés Et Acculturation  
Université Lyon 2, Lyon FR

**Dr. Tadhg Ó hAnnracháin**

Head of School of History and Archives  
University College Dublin, IE

**Pr François Dupuigrenet Desroussilles**

Department of Religion  
Florida State University, Tallahassee FL-USA

## CALL FOR POSTERS

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Poster presenters need to submit an abstract of no more than 2000 characters (including spaces) by **30/09/2015**. The abstracts (electronic format only – pdf files) will be published in digital proceedings (USB flash-drive).

If you are interested in giving a poster, thank you for sending the title and text of the abstract together with your affiliation and contact details to [registration@lestudium-ias.fr](mailto:registration@lestudium-ias.fr) by the 30/09/2015.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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**Deadline for early registration:** 30/09/2015

**Deadline for registration:** 15/11/2015

**Dates of the conference:** 24-26 November 2015

**Location:** CESR (Centre d'Etudes Supérieures de la Renaissance), Tours – France

**Lodging:** Hotel lists communicated upon registration

**Language:** English

## CONTACT AND REGISTRATION

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Registrations are open. Please consult the website of LE STUDIUM® for updates, details and registration form: <http://www.lestudium-ias.com>

To register click on the “**LE STUDIUM® CONFERENCES**” link and then click on “**Registration form**” for this conference. Please fill in the Word document and then return the form via the website or by email to Justine Thévenot at [registration@lestudium-ias.fr](mailto:registration@lestudium-ias.fr)

Your participation will be validated upon receipt of your payment before **15/11/2015**. You can pay the registration fees (see table below) by PayPal services on LE STUDIUM website, via wire transfers using the reference **PG-SC44** (IBAN: FR76 1870 7004 3030 5212 3281 624 - BIC: CCBPFRPPVER) or by French bank checks sent to LE STUDIUM postal address in Orleans (1, rue Dupanloup – 45000 Orléans).

## REGISTRATION FEES

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Registration fees include: Conference attendance, lunches of **24 & 25/11/2015**, lunch bags of **26/11/2015**, coffee breaks, and an USB key with the conference documents and a booklet of abstracts.

Registration Fees	Early rate before 30/09/2014	Rate After 30/09/2014
Public institutions	130€	200€
Private institutions	250€	450€
Students (PhD included)	70€	70€
Conference dinner (formal gala dinner) on <b>25/11/2015</b>	65€	65€

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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15/11/2015	Final registration and payment deadline
24/11/2015	Conference Begins
24/11/2015	Public lecture in French
26/11/2015	Conference ends

## SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZATION

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