

The Protestant Reformation and its Radical Critique

a Symposium by the Volkswagen Foundation, the University of St. Andrews,
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London, September 15-17, 2016

Venue: German Historical Institute London, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London

The Symposium “The Protestant Reformation and its Radical Critique” will focus on the radical currents within the evangelical movement. These currents have long been the focus of scholarly attention, but their study has been productively reconceptualized in recent decades under the impetus of gender history, global history and interest in issues of identification and belonging. Moreover, radicalism provides a forum where Anglophone, Dutch and German historiographies can be brought together in fruitful dialogue. The period we focus on extends from the radical early Reformation of the 1520s in Germany and Switzerland via Puritanism and later Anabaptism to the Pietist movement of the late 17th and early 18th centuries. A public lecture will address the construction of radicalism from the early modern period through to the 20th and 21st centuries. The symposium will be structured thematically around issues that cut across geographical and chronological boundaries, such as group formation, radicalism in politics, gender and family relations, missionary activity, radicalism across borders, and history writing. The global outreach of the Reformation (mainly to North America) will also receive special attention, as it is connected to a large extent to radical ideas within Protestantism.

Thursday, September 15, 2016	
2:00 p.m.	<p>Opening Addresses Andreas Gestrich, German Historical Institute London Wilhelm Krull, Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover</p> <p>Introduction Bridget Heal, University of St. Andrews</p>
2:30 p.m.	<p>Radical Identities Chair: Lyndal Roper, University of Oxford</p> <p><i>Economic Radicalism in the English Reformation (working title)</i> Ethan H. Shagan, University of Berkeley</p> <p><i>The nature of names: negotiating radical belonging in the Reformation</i> Katherine Hill, University of East Anglia</p>
4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
4:30 p.m.	<p>Radical Identities Cont. Chair: Graeme Murdock, Trinity College Dublin</p> <p><i>Radicalism and Invectivity. ‘Hate Speech’ in the German Reformation</i> Gerd Schwerhoff, TU Dresden</p> <p><i>The Birth of French Quakerism: Between Religious dissent and Political Allegiance (1685-1789)</i> Lionel Laborie, Goldsmiths, University of London</p>
6:00 p.m.	Coffee Break

6:30 p.m.	<p>Radicalism in Politics Chair: Bridget Heal, University of St. Andrews</p> <p><i>The political thought of the Radical Reformers in early German and Swiss Reformation</i> Thomas Kaufmann, University of Göttingen</p> <p><i>Scottish Protestantism and Political Radicalism 1560-1690: Myth or Reality?</i> Roger Mason, University of St. Andrews</p>
8:00 p.m.	Dinner at nearby restaurant

Friday, September 16, 2016	
9:30 a.m.	<p>Chair: Michael Schaich, German Historical Institute London</p> <p>Keynote <i>Radicalism Turned Upside Down in Revolutionary England</i> Alec Ryrie, University of Durham</p>
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.	<p>Radicalism in Print and Play Chair: Andrew Pettegree, University of St. Andrews</p> <p><i>Textual Communities and Political Dissent in an Ostensibly Pacifist Tradition; or, Revolutionary Mennonite Publishers in the 1780s as Late Representatives of a Long Radical Reformation?</i> Michael Driedger, Brock University</p> <p><i>The Drama of the Two Word Debate among Liberal Dutch Mennonites, c. 1620-1660: Preparing the Way for Baruch Spinoza?</i> Gary Waite, University of New Brunswick</p>
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m.	<p>Gender and Family Relations Chair: Xenia von Tippelskirch, Humboldt-University Berlin</p> <p><i>Gender and Family Relations in Radical Pietist Circles</i> Mirjam de Baar, University of Groningen</p> <p><i>Erben des Himmelreichs. Familie, Verwandtschaft und Erlösung in der Radikalen Reformation</i> Anselm Schubert, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg</p>
3:30 p.m.	Coffee Break

4:00 p.m.	<p>Missionary Activity and Radicalism Chair: Crawford Gribben, Queen's University Belfast</p> <p><i>Millenarian Hope and the Pietist Empire</i> Ulrike Gleixner, Herzog August Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel and TU Berlin</p> <p><i>Radical Reformation and the Black Atlantic</i> Jon F. Sensbach, University of Florida</p>
5:30 p.m.	Tea
6:30 p.m.	Walk to the British Museum
7:00 p.m.	<p>Public Lecture: Venue: British Museum Chair: Andreas Gestrich, German Historical Institute London</p> <p><i>Martin Luther's Unruly Offspring: The Protestant Reformation and Radical Critique</i> Hartmut Lehmann, em., Universities of Kiel and Göttingen</p>
8:00 p.m.	Possibility to attend the Chuseok festival at the British Museum

Saturday, September 17, 2016	
9:30 a.m.	<p>Radicalism Across Borders Chair: Johannes M. Müller, Leiden University</p> <p><i>Radical Reputations in 'Magisterial' England</i> Susan Royal, University of Durham</p> <p><i>The Puritan Revolution as England's Radical Reformation</i> John Coffey, University of Leicester</p>
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:30 a.m.	<p>Radical History Writing Chair: Glenn Burgess, University of Hull</p> <p><i>Radical patristics in the Interregnum and the Royal Society: John Beale on pantheism and philosophy in early Christianity</i> Dmitri Levitin, All Souls College, Oxford</p> <p><i>The Servetus-case in the Early-Modern Anabaptist-Reformed Polemic</i> Mirjam van Veen, University of Amsterdam</p>
1:00 p.m.	<p>Final Remarks Wilhelm Krull, Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover</p>
1:15 p.m.	Lunch and end of conference