

Colloquium Origenianum Tertium Decimum
Origen and the Development of Christian Thought
Tuesday, August 17th - Friday, August 20th, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the scientific committee we are pleased to invite you to attend the 13th international conference on Origen studies: *Colloquium Origenianum Tertium Decimum*. It will take place at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago de Chile, on August 17-20, 2021. The focus of the conference will be:

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«It is all but impossible to overestimate Origen and his importance for the history of Christian thought» (H.U. v. Balthasar, *Geist und Feuer*). This statement highlights the crucial role that Origen of Alexandria played in the development of Christian thought. It is possible to distinguish two aspects of this matter. On the one hand, many early Christian doctrines reached their achievement in the master of Alexandria. On the other, his teaching was the departing point for further improvements. For example, many early intuitions about biblical interpretation reached a coherent theory in Origen's writings; besides, it is possible to understand the IV century controversies as the struggle between competing versions of, or reactions against Origen's theology. Therefore, the *Colloquium Origenianum Tertium Decimum* welcomes, roughly speaking, two categories of papers: those that examine the reception of earlier Christian thought in Origen, and those that study the influence of Origen on the later Christian thought. The *Colloquium* gives attention to the notion of development, stemming from the idea of reception and influence. Consequently, the Conference will not have a particular thematic topic, but a specific perspective, namely, the place of Origen in the dynamic process leading to the formation of Christian thought.

The programme will include plenary lectures (by invitation), communications and workshops specifically designed to follow diverse aspects of the development of Christian thought. Papers—restricted to one per person—may be presented in one of the following languages: English, French, Italian, German and Spanish. Younger scholars are especially encouraged to participate in the conference. We hope to provide cheap rooms and registration fee exemption for doctoral students.

The deadline for submission of themes for workshops is November 30, 2020; and of communications abstracts is January 31, 2021.

We would like to encourage to forward the circular to all potential attendees. More information about practical matters will follow in the next circular.

Yours sincerely,

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