

Colloquia on the History of Origen's Reception



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Participation is free.
We request an answer by October 29th, 2010.

I. The “Cambridge Origenists“

George Rust's *Letter of Resolution Concerning
Origen and the Chief of his Opinions* (1661)

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The "Colloquia on the History of Origen's Reception", which take place annually at Münster University, focus upon the eventful reception history or *Nachleben* of the Origenian metaphysics of freedom and, in particular, its significance in the shaping of the modern concept of man.



I. The "Cambridge Origenists"

The time between 1658 and 1662 may rightly be termed an Origenist moment within English theology. It produced editions and translations of Origen's writings as well as entire philosophical systems informed by his metaphysical genius. Not only is the work by the Anglican bishop George Rust (published anonymously in 1661) the first defence of key Origenian doctrines, but a daring manifesto of early modern Origenism at that: Critically taking stock both of the new philosophies of Thomas Hobbes and René Descartes and the theology of Calvinism, the author expounds basic insights of Origen's freedom metaphysics in the light of the crucial controversies and epoch-making changes of his day.

Public Evening Lecture Friday, November 12th

- 18.00–20.00 Douglas HEDLEY, Cambridge
The problem of freedom and the legacy of Origen in 17th century Cambridge

Workshop Saturday, November 13th

- 9.00–9.15 Greeting and Introduction
Ein Origenismus *more geometrico* – Die Bedeutung von George Rusts *Letter of Resolution Concerning Origen and the Chief of his Opinions*
- 9.15–10.45 Margit WASMAIER-SAILER, Münster
Ethischer Realismus und das Universalitätsprinzip in der Religionsphilosophie George Rusts
- 11.00–12.30 Thomas KARMANN, Regensburg
Güte, Weisheit und Allmacht – Platonismus und Origenismus in der Trinitätstheologie des *Letter of Resolution*
- 12.30–14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00–15.30 Andreas REITINGER, Cologne
Emanatianismus und Präexistentialismus – George Rusts origeneische Theodizee-Strategie
- 16.00–17.30 Christian HENGSTERMANN, Münster
Der Niedergang der Hölle – Auferstehung und die Wiederherstellung aller Dinge im *Letter of Resolution*