

Colloquia on the History of Origen's Reception

Organization

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Conference venue

Friday, October 9th, Robert-Koch-Str. 40,
RK.40.13, 48149 Münster

Saturday, October 10th, Liudgerhaus,
Überwasserkirchplatz 3, 48143 Münster

Participation is free.

We request an answer by October 5, 2015.

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V. Origenes Platonicus

Henry More
Immortality of the Soul (1659)

October 9–10, 2015

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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 and the legacy of the Origenian metaphysics of freedom and, in particular, its significance in the shaping of the modern concept of man's autonomy and dignity.



V. Origenes Platonicus

Henry More (1614–1687) was by far the most prolific writer among the Cambridge Platonists, the chief spokesmen of the “Cambridge Enlightenment”. Not only was he key in the dissemination of René Descartes' new philosophy in early modern England, but he also drew on Origen, whom he praised as the “miracle of the Christian world”, for his rational theology of an essentially good and just as well as ubiquitous deity. Espousing the Alexandrian theologian's infamous doctrine of the soul's pre-existence in his early poetry (1647) to justify the ways of God to man, he went on to produce a deeply Origenian system of moral and religious philosophy in his mature philosophical and theological treatises, notably *The Immortality of the Soul* (1659) and the *Grand Mystery of Godliness* (1660)

Public Evening Lecture Friday, October 9th

18.00–20.00 Sarah HUTTON, Aberystwyth
Origenism in the Writings of
Henry More

Workshop Saturday, October 10th

- 10.00–10.15 Alfons FÜRST, Münster
Welcome and Introduction
- 10.15–11.15 Christian HENGSTERMANN, Essen
More poeta. Spirit and Ether.
Origenian Preexistence in Henry
More's Early *Philosophicall Poems*
- 11.30–12.30 Douglas HEDLEY, Cambridge
More philosophus. Origenism in Henry
More's Platonism
- 12.30–14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00–15.00 David LEECH, Bristol
More theologus. Preexistence and
Apocatastasis in More's Theological
Writings
- 15.00–16.00 Marilyn A. LEWIS, Oxford
Expanding the “Origenist Moment”.
Nathaniel Ingelo, George Rust and
Henry Hallywell

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