



## NEWSLETTER

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In this ITN newsletter, you will find an overview of the news posted on our webpage since the last newsletter as well as a calendar of important events in 2017. The calendar includes dates, contact information and a note on for whom the event is relevant.

### NEWS FROM THE PHD FELLOWS



Elisa Bellucci's has written a description of her research project and her experiences with her work in Halle and at the Francke Foundations. Follow [this link](#) to read the article.

In February, ESR Johannes Renders presented his project at the Centre for Contemporary Religion (AU) with a particular focus on his Foucauldian-ethnographic approach to human freedom.

Also in February, the course and conference "Ancient Thought from a Global Perspective: Human Freedom and Dignity" was held in Canterbury. Together with the organizer, Prof. Karla Pollmann, the four participating ESRs have shared their experiences [here](#).

In Cambridge, four of the ITN ESRs participated in a workshop on Religion and Philosophy in Origenism - Old and New. Follow [this link](#) to read about their experiences.



In [this article](#), Ilaria Scarponi writes about her life as an ITN ESR in Reading and about her research topic - the reception of Origen's thought in the Early Middle Ages.

*Find earlier ESR reports and videos by Giovanni Tortoriello, Morten Koch Møller, Karen Felter, Josh Roe, and Elisa Zocchi on our [website](#).*

### OTHER RESEARCH NEWS

Prof. Alfons Fürst has been offered to participate in a research collaboration at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem from September 2017



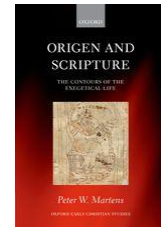
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to July 2018. During this time, Dr. Hengstermann from Cambridge University has kindly accepted to come to WWU, among other tasks to help supervise the ESRs. Read about Dr. Hengstermann as well as Fürst's research stay [here](#).

### PUBLICATIONS

Oxford University Press has arranged for Peter W. Martens' book Origen and Scripture (2012; paperback, 2014) to be translated into Spanish and published by Editorial Sigueme. The translation should be available in about one year. Read more about the book and its contents [here](#).



Recently, a new book on Origen and the metaphysics of freedom by Dr. Christian Hengstermann was published by Aschendorff Verlag, called Origenes und der Ursprung der Freiheitsmetaphysik (Origen and the Beginning of Freedom Metaphysics). Read an English summary via [this link](#).

In May, a new book on the justification of human rights - Die Begründung der Menschenrechte - will be published by Mohr Siebeck. Follow [this link](#) to read an English summary of the content.

### UPCOMING ITN EVENTS 2017

What (where)	Date and time	Who	Confirm participation
Course: Web presentation of research results (AU)	April 20-21 + follow-up on April 27	Optional	Closed
NWW seminar (AU)	June 12, 9:00- June 13, 17:30	Mandatory for supervisors/ESRs - partners, SAB and externals are invited	May 15 (bb@cas.au.dk)
SB meeting (AU)	June 14, 9:00- 12:00	SB members	May 15 ( <a href="mailto:bb@cas.au.dk">bb@cas.au.dk</a> )



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Course: Sociological theory and methods (AU)	June 14, 13:00- June 16, 12:00	Optional	May 15 ( <a href="mailto:bb@cas.au.dk">bb@cas.au.dk</a> and <a href="mailto:lk@cas.au.dk">lk@cas.au.dk</a> )
ITN panel on Origen on Body and Mind (Jerusalem)	June 25-29	Optional	Questions on registration can be asked via <a href="mailto:origeniana@mail.huji.ac.il">origeniana@mail.huji.ac.il</a>
Course: Training in archive studies, exhibitions and archive material (MLU)	August 21-25	Optional	Information will follow
SB meeting and dinner (WWU)	Oct. 18, 18:00- 21:00	SB members	August 31* ( <a href="mailto:bb@cas.au.dk">bb@cas.au.dk</a> and <a href="mailto:altkg@uni-muenster.de">altkg@uni-muenster.de</a> )
Midterm Review Meeting (WWU)	Oct. 19, 9:00- 17:30	Mandatory for all ITN participants (supervisors, ESRs, partner organization representatives - SAB are invited)	August 31* ( <a href="mailto:bb@cas.au.dk">bb@cas.au.dk</a> and <a href="mailto:altkg@uni-muenster.de">altkg@uni-muenster.de</a> )
Course: Origen's philosophy of freedom in early modern/modern times (WWU)	Oct. 19, 20:00- Oct. 21, 19:00	Optional	August 31* ( <a href="mailto:altkg@uni-muenster.de">altkg@uni-muenster.de</a> ) * Absolute final deadline is August 31, but before June 30 is preferred
ITN seminar on AAR Annual Meeting (Boston)	Nov. 18-21	Optional	Information will follow

*Remember to keep us updated. We post news, events and other matters related to our research theme on the project's website [www.itn-humanfreedom.eu](http://www.itn-humanfreedom.eu) and on our social media profiles. This includes anything related to the project's research, to Origen and to the theme of human freedom and dignity. Send your news to [bb@cas.au.dk](mailto:bb@cas.au.dk).*



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