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NEW MARIE CURIE POSTDOC AT AU



Miriam DeCock is completing a doctorate in Early Christianity at McMaster University's Department of Religious Studies in Hamilton, Canada. Her doctoral work has focused on the interpretation of the New Testament Gospel of John in the Greek tradition. At Aarhus, she will be working on a postdoctoral research project on the recently discovered Greek text of Homilies on the Psalms by Origen with Prof. Anders-Christian Jacobsen, in which she will explore Origen's interaction and use of the prior exegetical tradition and will situate the new homilies within his extant corpus.

MARTENS APPOINTED TO THE ORIGENIANA COMMITTEE



Prof. Peter Martens, one of the members of the Scientific Advisory Board, has recently been appointed to the Scientific Committee for the next Origeniana conference in Santiago, Chile, taking place in 2021.

You can find an ESR report about the last Origeniana conference via [this link](#) and listen to three keynotes [here](#).



READER ON SOCIAL THEORIES AVAILABLE

Where to start when you want to apply reception theory and other social theories to your own sources, but you are not familiar with these? A good suggestion is to get your hands on this: *A reader of materials concerning reception theory/reader-response criticism and social network theories*, written by Christian Jaque Stub, recently created for the ITN participants. [Get it here](#).

CALL FOR PAPERS

Dr. Hengstermann has arranged [two seminars](#) in Cambridge on Origen and Platonism to take place July 7 and October 20, 2018. For the seminar in October, there is still the opportunity for PhD fellows and postdocs to give papers on their current research. Please send titles and abstracts to Dr. Hengstermann (hengstec@uni-muenster.de) no later than August 17, 2018.

UPDATED EVENTS LIST AND MEDIA CENTER

We often receive expressions of interest for network-related seminars and workshops and. To make it easier to plan ahead, we now list all events on the front page of our website as soon as we hear about them: www.itn-humanfreedom.eu. You can also visit our [Media Center](#) where all our audios, folders, etc., are now collected.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE NETWORK?

SECONDMENTS

As written in the last newsletter, many of our ESRs have been on secondments in different partner organizations and universities, which have been a fruitful experience in many different ways. In addition to transferable and academic skills, they are also enriched with new cultural experiences and knowledge – and much more. In the last newsletter, we featured a [secondment report](#) by Ilaria Scarponi who was seconded to Prague University. Now, you can read what the secondment was like for two ESRs who went on secondment (or internships, as it is usually called outside of EU terminology) in some of our partner organizations.



Joshua Roe went to The Christian Heritage Centre in Pécs. During his stay he learned about the work and impressive library of the Centre, but he was also introduced to Hungarian dishes ... and some surprising facts about Hungary. Follow [this link](#) to read the report.



Andrea Bianchi went to the Franckesche Stiftungen in Halle from January to March. If you wonder how an Italian experiences three months of cold winter in Germany working with Latin manuscripts from the 17th century, you can read in [his report](#) what made this such a good experience.



SEMINARS, COURSES AND CONFERENCES

As usual, our ITN participants have been busy. Below, you can read a summary of the events that have taken place since the last newsletter and find links to audios of some of the numerous papers that have been presented during these seminars.



In connection with the stays of visiting researchers from South America working on Augustine and Origen, Aarhus University hosted two seminars in **January** (Augustine's anthropology) and **February** (Origen's theology and philosophy). ESR Valeria Dessy participated in the latter, and she has written [this article](#) about the seminar.



Also in **February**, at the University of Reading, ESRs Ilaria and Sara as well as other PhD fellows were treated with a three-day full immersion into Origen when Professor Samuel Fernández from Chile came to visit in mid-February. Sara Contini has shared her experiences with us [here](#).



From **February 25** – March 1, we had our Network-wide seminar 2 in Drübeck, near Halle. The main focus of the seminar was the ESR subprojects related to the early modern period, but we also had sessions on career planning, a tour to Halle and much more. Some of our ESR presented their research, and their lectures have been published as audios [here](#).



On **March 10**, Karen Felter, one of the ESRs, [conducted a workshop](#) in Cambridge in co-operation with the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism on Anne Conway - part of an influential group of philosophers called the Cambridge Platonists. Anne Conway plays a central role in Karen's PhD project, as you can read under her profile [here](#).



From **April 15-20**, almost the entire group of ESRs and some of the supervisors participated in the ITN course on human freedom and dignity in Palestine, arranged by CUNI and Dar al-Kalima Collega. It included a meeting with the German representative to Palestine, visits to two NGOs, a refugee camp, a research institute and other persons and places in Hebron, Ramallah, Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

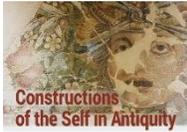


Another workshop arranged by the University of Cambridge took place on **April 25**. This was a day-long symposium on Origen, which mainly focused on the re-thinking of Origen in various times and contexts. Find the program via [this link](#).





In **May**, from the 14th-16th, several ITN members joined the conference on *Origen and the Origenian tradition on progress* in Rome. The conference was co-arranged by Maria Fallica and the Sapienza University of Rome and the ITN. You can find a detailed presentation of the theme here in the [call for papers](#) - the entire program is available on our [front page](#).



Later in **May** (27-31), a conference co-arranged by the ITN took place in Jerusalem. The title of the conference was *Constructions of the Self in Ancient Mediterranean Cultures*, and it included a lecture by Prof. Alfons Fürst on Origen on Individuality and Self-Agency. Find the entire program [in this post](#).

On **June** 2-4, Dr. Hengstermann hosted two seminars. On June 2, it was the 2nd Colloquium Adamantium at the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism. This time, the presentations and discussions centered on the work on Origen by the ITN's Network Coordinator, A.-C. Jacobsen: *Christ – The Teacher of Salvation*. In the following days, another seminar was conducted, this time on *Concepts of God and Man in Henry More's Critique of Spinoza*. Follow [this link](#) to find out more about these two seminars.

NEW ITN AUDIOS



The recorded papers from the two seminars held at Aarhus University in January and February and the network-wide seminar in Halle are now available on the project's SoundCloud playlist:

Augustine's Anthropology, AU

- Augustine on the resurrection of human beings (Anders-Christian Jacobsen)
- Erasmus and the Church Fathers: A Critique of the Augustinian Tradition? (Christian Houth Vrangbæk)
- Text Mining Augustine (Eva Elisabeth Houth Vrangbæk)
- Augustine's anthropology in *De trinitate* (Fabio Dalpra)
- The Soul-body Relationship in Augustine's Early Works (Lenka Karfikova)
- Augustine's Anthropology in tract. in loh. XV (Monnica Klöckener)
- Augustine, Hilary of Syracuse and Origen: Possible reception of Origen's Commentary on Romans in Augustine's Epistle 157 (Morten Koch Møller)

[Find the audios here.](#)

Origen's Theology and Philosophy, AU

- Origen's Interpretation of 1. Cor 15 (Anders-Christian Jacobsen)
- Natural law in Origen (Anne Achternkamp)



- "It is right to keep the secret of a king" (Tobit 12:6) – the King's secret as a metaphor for the "mysterium Dei" in Origen (Fabian Tilling)
- The theological use of metaphors of eating and drinking in the Origen's De principiis (Fernando Soler)
- The Soteriological Role of a Subordinate Spirit: Holy Spirit, Subordinationism and Soteriology in Origen of Alexandria (Giovanni H. de Reichenfeld)
- Angelic humans, glorious flesh: Jerome's reception of Origen's teachings on the resurrection body (Katarina Pålsson)
- Bodily Souls? Paradoxical Bodies in Origen's Theology of Progress (Lavinia Cerioni)
- Cosmological and anthropological implications of the Prologue of the Gospel of John in patristic thought (Marcos Ruffa)
- Origenian inheritance of 1 Cor 15 in Erasmus, Locke and the Cambridge Platonists (Maria Fallica)
- Origen's doctrine of freedom (Christian Hengstermann)

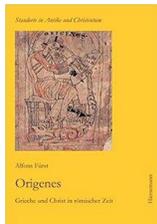
[Find the audios here.](#)

Network-wide Seminar II, Halle

- Freedom as obedience to God: Reflections on Jean Le Clerc's Origenism (Andrea Bianchi)
- The doctrine of the apokatastasis according to Johann W. and Johanna E. Petersen (Elisa Bellucci)
- Why this Origen? Critical Goals behind Balthasar's Interpretation of Origen (Elisa Zocchi)
- Human reason and divine wisdom: A journey through the labyrinths of freedom (Giovanni Tortoriello)
- Lessing's use of the ring parable in Nathan the Wise (Kristian Bunkenborg)
- Origen of Alexandria at the dawn of the Reformations (Maria Fallica)

[Find the audios here.](#) On the same page, you can also find a PDF with abstracts from the seminar.

NEW PUBLICATION



Origenes: Griechen und Christ in römischer Zeit

A new book (in German) by Prof. Dr. Dr. Alfons Füst has recently been published, entitled Origenes: Griechen und Christ in römischer Zeit. If you still haven't read it, you can check it out by reading the English and German summaries of the content in [this post](#).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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What (where)	Date and time (2018)	Confirm participation
ISNS panel on Origen's Platonism (Los Angeles)	June 13-16	Register here before June 6: https://isns2018.wordpress.com/registration/ . Registration after June 6 is possible, but the price increases
Beierwaltes Seminar III on Origen and Christian Platonism (Cambridge)	July 7	Please send an email to hengstec@uni-muenster.de
Network-wide Seminar III (Münster)	August 26-30	Mandatory for ITN supervisors and ESRs. Partners and SAB will receive invitation.
Beierwaltes Seminar IV on Origen and Christian Platonism (Cambridge)	October 20	Please send an email to hengstec@uni-muenster.de . Deadline for paper proposals: August 17
PhD Course: Revival of Origenian ideas in the 20th century (Münster)	October 25-27	Please send an email to altkg@uni-muenster.de for further information on registration
ITN panel at the AAR 2018 Annual Meeting (Denver)	November 17-20	Will be announced on https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting
Seminar: Verurteilung des Origenes – Kaiser Justinian und das Konzil von Konstantinopel 553 (Münster)	November 29-30	Please send an email to altkg@uni-muenster.de for further information on registration
PhD course in Human Resource Management (Aarhus)	December 12-14	Please send an email to renze.klamer@cas.au.dk for further information on registration

Remember to keep us updated about news you would like to share. This includes anything related to the project's research, to Origen and to the theme of human freedom and dignity. We post news, events, publications and other matters related to our research theme on the project's website www.itn-humanfreedom.eu, on our social media profiles and in this newsletter. Send your news to bb@cas.au.dk.

