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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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NEW MEMBER OF OUR SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD



To ensure the highest possible quality of the ESRs' training, the ITN works together with a Scientific Advisory Board, consisting of external experts from the non-academic and academic world. Professors Peter Martens and Theo Kobusch have been assisting us all along, and last year, they were joined by Benedict Ryan, Head of Research of the British think tank Theos. Read [this article](#) to learn more about the work of Ryan and Theos.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April: Origen and Political Theology (Aarhus)



In April (5-7), AU will host a seminar on Origen and political theology with both contemporary and ancient perspectives. The program presents international scholars offering a variety of lectures with perspectives on Origen in antiquity and pre-modern times as well as on religion, human freedom and dignity in contemporary society. Everyone interested in attending and/or giving a short paper is welcome. [Follow this link.](#)



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April: International Colloquium for Early Career Researchers in Early Christianity (Fulda)



On April 9, a one-day International Conference for Early Career Researchers in Early Christianity takes place in Fulda. The event gathers researchers working on Early Christian authors from different European countries. This includes our own ESRs Sara Contini and Ilaria Scarponi who will be presenting on Origen and his legacy. [Find the program here.](#)

May: Origenism in Late Antiquity II – Schenute's Anti-Origenist Treatise (Münster)



The second colloquium on Late Antiquity in the series *Colloquia on the History of Origen's Reception* deals with Schenute's Anti-Origenist Treatise from Late Antiquity Egypt and takes place May 10-11, 2019. The flyer with program, venue and contact information [can be seen here.](#)

October: Final ITN Conference (Pécs)



The dates for the final conference in our network have been set. The conference is entitled "Human Freedom and Innovative Humanities" and takes place in Pécs, Hungary, from October 30 – November 3, 2019. We will send out invitations and more information later, but mark the dates in your calendar already now if you want to join us.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE NETWORK?

SECONDMENT EVALUATION REPORT



Based on input from ESRs and partners, we have now finalized an evaluation report on the ITN secondments. By November 2018, all ESRs had completed their secondments with our partner organizations. We had hoped that the secondment would be a good and educational experience for our ESRs as well as a fruitful and positive experience for our partners. But to know whether this was indeed the case, we sent out questionnaires to both ESRs and partners. Through the questionnaires, we wanted to gain knowledge of the outcome of the secondments and learn what had been successful and what could be improved in future ITNs.

Thankfully, all partners and ESRs evaluated the secondments as 'positive'. All ESRs had been received in a friendly and helpful partner organization and, on their side, the partners were happy about the



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ESRs' efforts and results and had generally enjoyed the pleasant company of our clever ESRs. Most ESRs had reached most or all of their goals, resulting in invaluable work experiences relevant to their future careers and (in many cases) also their thesis work. They had learned or trained an impressive range of skills and competencies and gained new insights into workplace realities of different cultural, relational and organizational natures.

SECONDMENT RESEARCH IN PÉCS



During their secondment in Pécs, ESRs Morten and Josh found the manuscripts of Mihály Virág (1806-67) in the well-equipped library of the diocese and investigated their contents. They presented the fruits of their labors at the Szépešy Ignac conference in October 2018. You can listen to the audio found below, or you can read the paper [in this post](#).

SEMINARS, COURSES AND CONFERENCES

During the past months, we have continued to conduct many seminars and conferences in the framework of the ITN. Below, you can read a summary of the events that have taken place since the last newsletter.

Platonizing heresy in the early modern period - the case of Origen's revival (Los Angeles)



As mentioned in [this presentation and call for abstracts](#), ESRs Bianchi and Tortoriello had organized an ITN panel on Origen's Platonism at the 16th Annual Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies. This event took place in June 2018. The panel focused on the early modern period - a new era in the history of the reception of Plato in the West, which also led to the rediscovery of Origen. Find more details of this development via the link above and see below for links to audios of three of the papers that have been uploaded to our SoundCloud playlist.

Network-wide seminar III



In August 2018, the final ITN network-wide seminar took place in Münster. The participants were our ESRs as well as other PhD fellows, supervisors, and the Scientific Advisory Board. The seminar focused on presentations by the fellows on their research and results in the framework of the project. Further, as continuation of the career session at the previous seminar, the program also included a session on career planning as well as a dissemination and outreach session. [Find more information on the content here](#).



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Freedom as Key Category in Origen and in Modern Theology (Münster)



The 13th ITN course took place in Münster in October 2018. The course was arranged as a workshop and was planned and conducted in connection with the 10th anniversary of the Origen Research Center, which was established at the Department of Catholic Theology of Münster University in October 2008. The course focused on a central theme in our research project, Freedom as Key Category in Origen and in Modern Theology. [Read more here.](#)

ITN panel at the AAR 2018 Annual Meeting (Denver)



As announced in [an earlier post](#), the ITN team was granted the opportunity to host five AAR seminars focusing on our research. In 2018, the AAR's Annual Meeting took place in Denver in November 2018. The theme was the anthropology of Origen, which was addressed in a lecture by Karl Shuve as well as five other, shorter presentations.

Origenism in Late Antiquity I



Also in November, the Colloquium on the History of Origen's Reception VIII took place. The colloquium, co-organized by WWU and University of Innsbruck, was the eighth in the Colloquia on the History of Origen's Reception and was dedicated to the topic Condemnation of Origen - Emperor Justinian and the Council of Constantinople 553. It will be followed up by a second colloquium on Origenism in Late Antiquity. Read about this as well as the upcoming Colloquium [via this link](#).

Theology and Philosophy and Organization Studies



ESR Renze Klamer from Aarhus University had organized a course entitled Theology and Philosophy and Organization Studies, which took place in December 2018. This event brought together researchers from many different studies, ranging from Old Testament exegetes to management scholars, all interested in and contributing with insights on different aspects of theology and philosophy in HR management. Find a report on the event [in this post](#).

For upcoming events in the network, [see below](#).





NEW ITN AUDIOS



The following audios are now available on the project's SoundCloud playlist:

From *Platonising heresy in the early modern period: the case of Origen's revival* (ISNS 2018):

- "Handle with care": Jean Le Clerc and the threat of Origen's Platonism (Andrea Bianchi)
- Philipp Melanchthon and the twofold reception of Platonism (Giovanni Tortoriello)
- Cudworth on the Platonic Trinity: Origen to the rescue (Natalia Strok)

[Find the audios here.](#)

- Language, Humour And Human Nature: Hamann's challenge to Enlightenment philosophy (Joshua Roe, *Ischia philosophy festival* 2018)

[Find the audio here.](#)

- "Luther demolished the roofs of Babylon, Calvin the walls, but Socinus destroyed the foundations": The ambivalence of religious tolerance in Hungary according to Mihály Virág (Morten Koch Møller and Joshua Roe, *Szépešy Ignac conference in Pécs* 2018)

[Find the audio here.](#)

The ITN SoundCloud profile now contains 40 recorded papers. [Click the link to see the list.](#)

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Two of our ITN members have published books and a third is on its way:

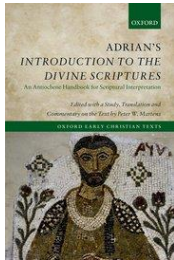


Origenes, Die Homilien zum Buch Jeremia (Alfons Fürst and Horacio E. Lona)

The volume provides a new German translation along with detailed explanations in the footnotes. All preserved fragments are included, even those whose authenticity is not certain. The most important facts of the transmission and the content of the sermons are outlined in the introduction.

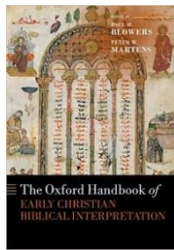


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Adrian's Introduction to the Divine Scriptures. An Antiochene Handbook for Scriptural Interpretation (Peter W. Martens)

Peter Martens has published the first critical edition of Adrian's *Introduction*. The book contains an English translation and extensive commentary of the treatise and a substantial study on Adrian and a number of the important features of his work.



The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Biblical Interpretation (Peter W. Martens and Paul M. Blowers)

This book, to appear in May 2019, explores a wide array of themes related to the reception, canonization, interpretation, uses, and legacies of the Bible in early Christianity. Each section contains overviews that expands understanding of the field.

[In this post](#), you can find more details on the content of the three publications.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

What (where)	Date and time (2019)	For more information
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International Colloquium for Early Career Researchers in Early Christianity (Fulda)	April 9	Please contact baumann@thf-fulda.de
Origenism in Late Antiquity II: Schenute's Anti-Origenist Treatise (Münster)	May 10-11	Please contact altkg@uni-muenster.de
Final ITN conference (Pécs)	Oct 30-Nov 3	Please contact bb@cas.au.dk

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.



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