'Reformed theology and conformity in England's long Reformation'

Trinity College, Cambridge
Junior Parlour

21-22 November 2019

Sponsored by the Cambridge School of the Humanities and Social Sciences and the Cambridge School of Arts and Humanities.

Convenors:
Jake Griesel (Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge)
Esther Counsell (Faculty of History, Cambridge)
Samuel Fornecker (Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge)
Alice Soulieux-Evans (Faculty of History, Cambridge)

This symposium aims to be the first of its kind to focus on the influence of Reformed theology on understandings of conformity in the early modern English church. It will seek to interrogate how Reformed theology inspired arguments for and against conformity in the Church of England, and indeed, how conformity was defined in a post-Reformation Church wielding the powers of the civil magistrate. The symposium will draw together scholars from a range of disciplines, including historical theology and political, religious and intellectual history. Our two plenary speakers are Prof. Anthony Milton (University of Sheffield) and Dr. Jacqueline Rose (University of St Andrews).

Non-speakers are welcome to register and attend. Registration includes lunch as well as morning and afternoon tea/coffee for both days.

Register on Eventbrite here.
Registration closes on Friday 8 November 2019.

For any queries about the symposium, please contact Jake Griesel (ajg218@cam.ac.uk).
Day 1 (Thursday 21 November)

09:00-09:25 Registration
09:25-09:40 Welcome and opening – Jake Griesel
09:40-10:40 Session 1 (Plenary)
  • Jacqueline Rose (University of St Andrews) – ‘Negotiating co-existence in early Restoration England: John Locke, Catholicism, and (non-) conformity’
10:40-11:10 Coffee Break
11:10-12:20 Session 2
  • Esther Counsell (University of Cambridge) – ‘Reformed jurisdictionalism and puritan arguments against subscription, 1583-1604’
  • Steven Foster (University of Liverpool) – ‘“I acknowledge to belong to this Church a political Magistrate”: Romans 13 and Royal Supremacy in the Elizabethan Church’
12:20-13:20 Lunch
13:20-14:30 Session 3
  • Philip Hobday (Durham University) – ‘Richard Hooker - Reformed Conformist’
  • Jonathan Harris (Independent scholar) – ‘“He stood so stifflie in these poyntes”: Sir Francis Hastings, nonconformity and the House of Commons 1604-1610’
14:30-15:40 Session 4
  • Arnold Hunt (University of Cambridge) – ‘Did the Laudians have a doctrine of predestination?’
  • Stephen Hampton (University of Cambridge) – ‘John Prideaux and the consecration of the chapel of Exeter College, Oxford’
15:40-16:10 Coffee Break
16:10-17:20 Session 5
  • Polly Ha (University of East Anglia) – ‘Anti-Episcopacy: the structure of a prejudice’
  • Yi-Jye Christy Wang (University of Oxford) – ‘Edward Reynolds: Presbyterian or Episcopalian?’
17:20-18:30 Session 6
  • John Coffey (University of Leicester) – ‘From General Baptist to Arminian Conformist: Theology and Conformity in the Writings of William Allen (d. 1686)’
  • Niccolò Aliano (University of Edinburgh) – ‘James Ussher’s godly circles in England: Sociability and Theological Thought in early Stuart Religion’
18:30-21:00 Optional drinks and dinner in pub (not officially part of programme)
Day 2 (Friday 22 November)

09:30-10:40   Session 7
  • Alice Soulieux-Evans (University of Cambridge) – ‘Cathedrals and the Reformed in the Church of England, c. 1570-1662’
  • Hunter Powell (University of Texas) – ‘Schism from what? Catholicity and Britain's Fractured Interregnum Churches’

10:40-11:10   Coffee Break

11:10-12:20   Session 8
  • Samuel Fornecker (University of Cambridge) – ‘The Appropriation of Continental Reformed Sources in English Anti-Remonstrant Polemic, 1674–1714’
  • Jake Griesel (University of Cambridge) – ‘Reformed orthodoxy as conformity in the post-Restoration Church of England’

12:20-13:20   Lunch

13:20-14:30   Session 9
  • Ann Hughes (Keele University) – “Walking in old Puritan steps”: the Gells of Hopton and Restoration (non)/conformity’
  • Elliot Vernon (Independent scholar) – “Bang the Bishops”? Zachary Crofton and the dilemma of Restoration dissent’

14:30-15:15   Coffee Break

15:15-16:15   Session 10 (Plenary)
  • Anthony Milton (University of Sheffield) – ‘Reformed conformity 1640-62’

16:15-16:30   Closing – Esther Counsell

16:30-17:30   Wine reception