



***The Reformation (1517-2017) : What Legacy for Europe ?***  
***International Conference***  
***Paris, 30<sup>th</sup> november, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017***  
**Call for papers**

The anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, that was initiated in Germany by Martin Luther (1483-1546) 500 years ago, should be an invitation to think about this historical event that deeply impacted Europe, the Western World and even beyond, to draw up the balance on its implications as well as to open up new ways of questioning its long-term significance.

This project was started at the University Paris-Sorbonne within the team of researchers REIGENN (Representations and Identities. Germanic, Nordic and Dutch spaces) that mainly works on the political and cultural history of the Germanic, Nordic and Dutch spaces, and of course of France.

The aim of the project is not to compete with famous works by specialists of the Reformation and the 16<sup>th</sup> century, particularly in the field of religious studies or theological research. It wishes to consider the mental and discursive representations and perceptions of the Reformation today from an external and transdisciplinary point of view, and to analyse the possible legacy according to a 'cross history' that deals with the long-term formation of identities and modelling of outstanding cultures.

The conference will look back at the reasons, the stakes and consequences of the German Reformation for the political, social and cultural history of European countries. This project also raises the question of the Reformation in border regions such as Lappland, Greenland, the Baltic space, etc.

A wider approach concerns the social use of the past. While the former GDR praised the « pre-bourgeois-Revolution » and its incarnation by Thomas Münzer, the commemoration of great 'heroes' of the Reformation in Germany today (as well as in other European countries) can be considered as part of a construction of genealogies and symbolic identities.

The conference seeks to investigate this topics in an inter- and transdisciplinary manner and put it into a historical perspective, in order to shed light on the Legacy of the Reformation and overcome the long-standing antagonism between memorialization, denial and oblivion, and to open new perspectives to the younger generations, that are often overwhelmed by the crucial evolutions of the modern world.

This international and interdisciplinary conference would like to invite both specialists and younger fellow researchers to discuss the following topics:

- The political, religious, social and cultural Legacy of the Reformation in Europe and different forms it has taken (confessionalization, secularization and secularity, relationships between State and Church etc.)
- Ethics and individual rights
- Reformation, women's rights and Gender
- Reformation and religious minorities, tolerance and persecution
- Exile and diaspora
- Protestant Reformation and colonization ; post-colonization.
- The impact of the Reformation / Counter-Reformation on culture and arts (literature, music, painting and architecture, images, etc.)
- Reformation and National languages: translations into vernacular languages/idioms. The Myth of a linguistic unification of the German language. Linguistic Heritage : is there a 'confessionalization' of languages ?

- History, myth and memories: Representations and imaginations of the Reformation and its hero Martin Luther in different European countries (Luther in film and images, Literary re-writing in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Luther as a saint or as a devil). Memories of the Reformation in Germany: places and people (Luthers' birth city in Eisleben, the Wartburg, the university of Wittenberg, etc.), etc..
- Libraries as sites for new memory of the Early Modern Period: sketching cultural history of Europe in the 21<sup>th</sup> century.

Paper proposals for all the topics suggested above should be submitted by **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**, with a title and an abstract (10 lines) by email to :

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An answer will be given by May 2017.

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