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4. The Council of Trent

Titel research project

The Council of Trent - an interdisciplinary, interconfessional and international perspective.

Name of the organizing institution

K.U.Leuven - University of Leuven. [Catholic University Leuven]

Name of coordinator of the project

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Duration of the project

Now - until 2014.

Description

On the 4th of December 2013 it will be 450 years since the Council of Trent closed its session. This Council had an enormous impact on developments in religion, politics, arts and culture, in Europe and beyond. Therefore, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, the Melanchthon-Akademie in Bretten (Germany), joint with the foundation Refo500 has taken the initiative to organize an international colloquium in December 2013, which most probably will take place in Leuven. This colloquium aims at placing the Council of Trent again on the contemporary research agenda, by bringing together researchers from different disciplines and (confessional) backgrounds. Before, we plan to organize a series of expert meetings to prepare this colloquium. The first one will be hosted on 9th of February 2012 in Leuven, with members of the Evangelical Theological Faculty Leuven, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and the Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII, all members of RefoRC.

Further information

Click [here](#) to read further information on the project.

Possibilities to join this research project

All ways of organizing joint expert meetings or research projects are welcomed.

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Function in this project: Promotor.

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Call for papers international Conference on the Council of Trent, December 2013

19-03-2012

The Catholic University of Leuven invites to submit proposals for the international conference on the Council of Trent, December 2013. On the 4th of December 2013, it will be 450 years since the Council of Trent (1545-1563) was solemnly brought to a close. This Council had an enormous impact on developments in religion and politics, not only in Europe but also beyond.

The international conference, to be held in Leuven from the 4th to the 6th of December 2013, will first shed light on the Tridentine theology and perspective on pastoral care, as the consequence of both the internal struggle to bring about reform within the Catholic Church and the controversy with Protestant Reformation.

Along the same lines, attention will be paid to initiatives subsequently taken by Rome in order to interpret and implement the Council, while at the same time giving shape to the Catholic identity, in confrontation with the Protestant confessions. Further, the conference focuses on three key questions: What kind of changes in the local religious life may be considered as the outcome of the Council? To what degree has the Council contributed, on a European level, to political polarization and confessionalisation? And finally, how were the Tridentine reforms implemented on a more global level, through mission and evangelization?

In each of the above mentioned questions, special attention is given to the contribution of the religious orders, in addition to the interplay between the Catholic and the Protestant Reformation. It is the explicit aim of the conference to bring together junior and senior researchers from different disciplines and confessional backgrounds.

Read more information [here](#) or go directly to the [Call for Papers](#).

Organizing partners: KU Leuven (B), Université Catholique de Louvain (B), Europäische Melanchthon-Akademie Bretten (D), Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII (I), under the auspices of RefoRC (Reformation Research Consortium).



KU Leuven—Katholieke Universiteit Leuven—Catholic University Leuven

<http://www.kuleuven.be/about/>

Mission statement

KU Leuven fulfills its mission by providing high-quality interdisciplinary research and education with a Catholic signature.



History of KU Leuven

Situated in the heart of Western Europe, KU Leuven has been a centre of learning for almost six centuries. Founded in 1425 by Pope Martin V, KU Leuven bears the dual honour of being the oldest extant Catholic university in the world and the oldest university in the Low Countries.

Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII—*John XXIII Foundation for Religious Studies*

<http://www.fscire.it/en/who-we-are/>



The *John XXIII Foundation for Religious Studies* of Bologna is a research institution with one of the largest libraries in Europe in the field of religious history, which publishes, educates, serves, organizes, hosts and communicates research in the field of religious studies, with particular attention to Christianity and the religions with which it has been in contact.

The initiatives started in 1953 developed into the actual Foundation, recognized by Decree of the President of the Republic of Italy, with a research staff of some twenty people. The Foundation is in convention with the University of Bologna, other universities and research centres worldwide, participates in international networks, operates in full autonomy of the churches and is partner of the Italian Biographical Dictionary, produced by the *Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana Treccani*. Italian banks, foundations, international charities and the Italian state have generously supported the funding of our research activities.

The Foundation intends to continue the activity of scientific research in religious history started by Giuseppe Dossetti (1913-1996), who has been one of the fathers of the Italian Constitution, later peritus at the Second Vatican Council and founder of a monastic community. His initiative developed under the presidency of the widely known politician and economist Beniamino Andreatta (1928-2007) and thanks the intellectual passion of Giuseppe Alberigo (1926-2007), who has been for nearly fifty years soul and motor of the Foundation, and is now directed by Alberto Melloni and presided by Valerio Onida, former President of the Italian Supreme Court. In 2003, the Foundation was granted the *UNESCO Chair John XXIII for Religious Pluralism and Peace* of the Bologna University.



International Conference
"The Council of Trent: Reform and Controversy in Europe and Beyond (1545-1700)"
Call for papers

Leuven
4 to 6 December 2013

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Keynote speakers include, amongst others, Robert Bireley (Loyola University Chicago), Pierre-Antoine Fabre (EHESS, Paris), Ignacio Fernández Terricabras (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona), John O'Malley (Georgetown University, Washington), Adriano Prosperi (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa), Alain Tallon (Paris-Sorbonne), and Marc Venard (Paris X, Nanterre).

Call for papers

We invite proposals for contributions that deal with the following topics:

From Trent to Rome

- Theology: Scripture and Tradition, the doctrine of original sin and justification, the mass and the sacraments, the veneration of relics and saints, ...
- Pastoral care: the bishop as pastor, the seminaries, the episcopal visitations, ...
- Post-conciliar initiatives: the Tridentine liturgy, music and visual culture, the confession of faith and the catechism, the reform of the apostolic Inquisition, ...

Trent and the local religious life

- Religious practices: the veneration of saints, Eucharistic piety, devotions stimulated by several orders and congregations
- Ecclesiastical structures: parishes, appointments of pastors, Episcopal visitations
- Education and catechesis: Sunday schools, schools run by orders and congregations

Trent and the confessionalisation of Europe

- Religious-political polarization with regard to the promulgation of the Council
- Confessionalisation, state formation, and collaboration between Church and State
- Rome, European politics, and diplomacy

Globalization of Tridentine Catholicism

- Global impact of Trent through missions overseas
- The role of the religious orders in evangelization
- Mission as a race between Catholics and Protestants

Proposals for presentations of 20-25 minutes that address any of these topics will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary steering committee. The conference languages are English, French and German. Please send a 250-500 word abstract by January 31, 2013 to wim.francois@theo.kuleuven.be and violet.soen@arts.kuleuven.be, along with information regarding your professional affiliation and a brief C.V. or a reference to your personal website. Acceptance will be confirmed no later than April 30, 2013. Graduate students are especially invited to present their research in PhD-sessions during the conference.

The keynote lectures as well as a selection of the other papers will be published in the Refo500-series edited by Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht (Göttingen).

Steering committee: Robert Bireley (Loyola University Chicago), Sylvène Edouard (Université Lyon 3), Pierre-Antoine Fabre (EHESS, Paris), Ignacio Fernández Terricabras (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona), Joseph Freitag (Universität Erfurt), Nicole Lemaitre (Paris I, Sorbonne), Guido Marnef (Universiteit Antwerpen), John O'Malley (Georgetown University), Adriano Prosperi (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa), Alain Tallon (Paris-Sorbonne), Marc Venard (Paris X, Nanterre).

Organizing committee: Jean-Pierre Delville (Université Catholique de Louvain), Wim François (KU Leuven), Günter Frank (Europäische Melanchthon-Akademie Bretten), Alberto Melloni (Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII), Silvia Mostaccio (Université Catholique de Louvain), Herman Selderhuis (RefoRC), Violet Soen (KU Leuven).