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Registration

All are welcome, and attendance at the conference is free of charge.

Prior registration is essential, however, as places are limited to 70.

A light lunch and refreshments are included.

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Dissenting Experience, Experiencing Dissent
Scandal, Controversy, Persecution: Shaping Dissenting Identities

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This one-day conference, organised by the Centre for the English-Speaking World of Aix-Marseille Université in association with the Dr Williams’s Centre for Dissenting Studies and the University of Liverpool, focuses on the shaping of dissenting identities in seventeenth- and eighteenth-century England. It will consider how dissenters were named and viewed, both within and without their own communities, and what determined the formation of these identities, nationally and locally. Because the experience of dissent for both members and ministers of gathered churches was often one of negotiating scandal, controversy, and persecution, this conference will address the consequences of identifying with a dissenting church or sect, both before and after Toleration, and which factors – political and social, denominational and intellectual – helped to shape dissenting identities across the period, both individually and collectively. How dissenting identities were established, debated, and challenged, across a range of networks – denominational and sectarian, literary and scientific – and in the contexts of revolution and persecution as well as of toleration and Enlightenment, is what this conference aims to explore. This is the third in a series of three annual events exploring the collective experience of the dissenting churches in the period 1600-1800.

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9.00  Registration and coffee

9.20  Introduction

Session 1: Identifying and Naming the Dissenters
Chair: N. H. Keeble (University of Stirling)

9.30-10.00, ‘Names, Sects, Parties: The Problem of Denominational Labelling, 1640-1672’, John Coffey (University of Leicester)

10.00-10.30, ‘The View from Lambeth’, Grant Tapsell (University of Oxford)

10.30-11.00  Discussion

11.00-11.30  Coffee

Session 2: Debates, Controversies, and Identity Formation
Chair: Michael Davies (University of Liverpool)

11.30-12.00, ‘Letter Writing and Puritan Factional Identity’, Johanna Harris (University of Exeter)

12.00-12.30, ‘“Threshing amongst the people”: Quakers, Ranters and Public Debate in the Revolutionary Public Sphere’, Kate Peters (University of Cambridge)

12.30-1.00, Discussion

13.00-14.00  Lunch

Session 3: Competing or Cooperating?: The Quest for Self-Interest
Chair: W. R. Owens (University of Bedfordshire)


14.30-15.00, ‘The Scandal of Corruption’, Mark Knights (University of Warwick)

15.00-15.30  Discussion

15.30-16.00  Coffee

Session 4: Identity and the Debate of Ideas in the Enlightenment
Chair: Isabel Rivers (Queen Mary University of London)

16.00-16.30, ‘A Natural Sciens of Spirits?’ Expressions of Identity in Dissenting Philosophies of the Mind, c.1660-1727’, Mark Burden (University of Portsmouth)

16.30-17.00, ‘Jane Lead and the Philadelphian Society, c.1697–1704’, Ariel Hessayon (Goldsmiths University of London)

17.00-17.30  Discussion & Close