

Program Closing Conference of the Project “16th Century Exegesis of Paul”, Zurich, April 10th–11th, 2026

“Exegesis and Theology: Pauline Exegesis between Biblical Scholarship, History of Christianity, and Systematic Theology”

Locations: Faculty of Theology, KIR (Kirchgasse 9, 8001 Zurich)

Friday, April 10th, 2026

13:00– Welcome and Introduction to the Conference
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13:15– Panel 1: *1 Tim 3 – The Theology of Ministry*
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13:15– Luc Bulundwe (Université de Genève)
13:45 *From Episkopos to Diakonoι in 1 Timothy 3: Norms for Leaders or Leaders as Norms?*

13:45– Ueli Zahnd (Université de Genève)
14:15 *Reformation Readings of 1 Tim 3 and the Theology of the Ministry*

14:15– Emma van Dorp (Université de Genève)
14:45 *Is Ministry Authoritarian or a Quest for Purity? A Systematic Proposal Based on 1 Timothy 3*

15:00– Panel 2: *Röm 1,16f. : 3,21–26 – Der „Scopus“ des Römerbriefs*
16:30

15:00– Michael Wolter (Universität Bonn)
15:30 *Röm 1,16–17; 3,21–26 und der „Scopus“ des Römerbriefes*

15:30– Hannes Haas (Universität Leipzig)
16:00 *Der „Scopus“ des Römerbriefes in der Auslegung Melanchthons und darüber hinaus*

16:00– Florian Sylvester (Universität Leipzig)
16:30 *Sünde, Gesetz und Gnade als regulative Topoi. Systematisch-theologische Überlegungen im Anschluss an Melanchthons Loci communes*

17:00– Panel 3: *Hebr 1:2 – The Interpretation of “in these last days”*
18:30

17:00– Stefano De Feo (Universität Bern)
17:30 *The Unique Expression ἐπ’ ἐσχάτου τῶν ἡμερῶν τούτων (Hebr 1:2): Origins and Significance*

17:30– Matteo Colombo (Université de Genève)
18:00 *Translation as Interpretation: Hebrews 1:2 in the Vulgate and Its Early Modern Revisions*

19:00– Keynote Lecture 1: Systematic Theology
20:00

Michael Allen (Reformed Theological Seminary)
The Singularity and Sufficiency of the Word

20:00 *Apéro*

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

09:00– Panel 4: *Rom 5:12–21 – The Problem of Original Sin*
10:30

09:00– Stefan Krauter (Universität Zürich)
09:30 *Rom 5:12-21: Hamartiology in the Making*

09:30– Jeb Ralston (Trinity International University)
10:00 *Theology, Philology, and the Quest for Coherence: Reading Romans 5:12 in the Reformation*

10:00– Gray Sutanto (Reformed Theological Seminary)
10:30 *Original Sin in Modern and Contemporary Theology*

11:00– Keynote Lecture 2: *New Testament Exegesis*
12:00

Kathy Ehrensperger (Universität Basel)
Who is Paul - for whom? Reformation Readings and 'within Judaism' Readings in Conversation

12:00– *Break*
14:00

14:00– Panel 5: *Eph – Christologisch und pneumatologisch begründete Perspektiven im Gespräch*
15:30

14:00– Noemi Schürmann (Universität Zürich)
14:20 *Der Kirchenbegriff im Epheserbrief in der frühen Reformation der Eidgenossenschaft*

14:20– Christine Gerber (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
14:40 *Ekklesiologie im Epheserbrief*

14:40– Dorothea Sattler (Universität Münster)
15:00 *The Letter to the Ephesians in an Ecumenical Perspective*

15:00– *Panel Discussion*
15:30

16:00– Panel 6: *Loving Your Enemies and Rom 12:17–21*
17:30

16:00– Lea Hümbeli (Universität Zürich)
16:30 *Love of the Enemy: Between Moral Instruction and the Transformation of Emotions — A Theological-Ethical Reflection*

16:30– Benjamin Manig (Universität Zürich)
17:00 *Emotion and Ecclesia: The Communal Shaping of Emotions in Paul*

17:00– Ulrike Treusch (Freie Theologische Hochschule Gießen)
17:30 *Love, Wrath, and Vengeance – Reformation Interpretations of Romans 12*

18:00– Keynote Lecture 3: *History of Christianity*
19:00

Barbara Pitkin (Stanford University)
A Radical Paul in the Theology of Sebastian Franck (1499-1542)

19:30 *Conference Dinner Le Cèdre Bellevue, Schiffflände 5, 8001 Zürich*