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Historically, one of the central features of medieval biblical exegesis is its constant dialectic between old and new, grounded, among others, in the idea that the Bible implies an “infinite reading” (G. Dahan) to which the reader of the text actively contributes. It is this idea that has yielded or favored a number of material and formal innovations, in particular in the twelfth and thirteenth century, and which has thus enriched medieval exegesis. One can think of the appearance of glossed Bibles, exegetical techniques such as textual criticism and the demarcation of the literal versus the spiritual sense, the introduction of theological and philosophical *quaestiones* into the biblical commentary under the influence of the rediscovery of Aristotle, the influence of Jewish exegetes, and the like.

This dialectic is particularly present in the Pauline corpus, which by itself is already characterized by an exploration of the relation between old and new (Old Law-New Law; Old Testament-New Testament) in order to establish a coherent and comprehensive Christian worldview. The Pauline corpus, which in the Middle Ages included the Letter to the Hebrews, has furthermore been extremely influential in the formation of systematical theology in such areas as anthropology, ecclesiology, and Christology. The influence of the Pauline corpus is also visible in the areas of the liturgy, canon law, the question of supersessionism, and so forth.

Although in recent years new editions and translations have drawn attention to the medieval reception of the Pauline Letters, much remains still unexplored, both in terms of known and anonymous authors (as is apparent from Stegmüller’s *Repertorium Biblicum Medii Aevi*) and of the authority of the Letters in the development of medieval exegesis as an interplay of various sources, methods, and interpretations.

## Thursday, June 29, 2023

Plenary Session 1	
9.15	Introduction
9.45	KEYNOTE LECTURE: <b>Martin Mayerhofer FSO</b> (ITI, Trumau): <i>Important lines of Pauline interpretation in the Middle Ages</i>
10.45	Coffee break
11.00	<b>C. K. Rothschild &amp; J. Thompson</b> (Lewis University): <i>Introducing the Corpus Paulinum in the Middle Ages: The Prologues to the Letters of Paul in the Latin Bible</i>
11.30	<b>Peter O’Hagan</b> (Christendom College): <i>‘Ut esset basis sub columna’. St. Paul’s Role as Teacher of God’s Mysteries in Peter Lombard’s Collectanea in epistolas Pauli.</i>
12.00	<b>Shawn Colberg</b> (Saint John’s University): <i>Aquinas’ Reading Paul on Predestination, Grace, and Human Freedom</i>
12.30	Lunch
14.00	Visit to the manuscript section of the university library

15.00	Concurrent Session 1
	<b>Nicolas De Maeyer</b> (KULeuven): <i>The Early Medieval Reception of Paul's Epistles in England. The Case of Beda Venerabilis</i>
	<b>Alessia Berardi</b> (Christendom College): <i>Stephen Langton and the education of preachers and prelates through the Letters to Timothy</i>
	<b>Tomasz Bednarek</b> (Adam Mickiewicz University): <i>Pauline Privilege in Medieval Exegesis</i>
	Concurrent Session 2
	<b>Wojciech Baran</b> (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris): <i>Who should be ordained? Characteristics of deacons, priests, and bishops in the interpretation of the 1 Tim. from the Glossa Ordinaria to Nicholas of Lyre</i>
	<b>Matteo Parente</b> (Università degli Studi di Salerno): <i>'Principium omnis creaturae'. Exemplarism of the Divine Word in Thomas Aquinas' Super Epistolam ad Colossenses Lectura</i>
	<b>Kenny Ang</b> (Holy Cross University): <i>Aquinas's Creation Doctrine in Light of his Commentaries on the Pauline Letters</i>
16.30	Break
17.00	Concurrent Session 3
	<b>Marcin Janecki</b> (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris): <i>'Spiritualis diiudicact omnia'. La reception du 1 Cor 2, 9-16 chez Hugues de Saint Victor et Thomas d'Aquin</i>
	<b>Lukasz Libowski</b> (Catholic University of Lublin): <i>'Per visibilia mundi invisibilia Dei cognoscimus'. Rom 1:20 in the Reception of the Authors of the School of St Victor</i>
	<b>Christian Thomas Leitmeir</b> (Oxford University): <i>Cantare in corde: Medieval commentaries on Paul between doctrine and practice</i>
	Concurrent Session 4
	<b>Richard J. Dougherty</b> (University of Dallas): <i>Thomas Aquinas on St. Paul and the Old Law</i>
	<b>Hanna Hemphill</b> (Carroll College): <i>The Senses and Causes of the Ceremonial Precepts according to Thomas Aquinas</i>
	<b>Janusz Pyda OP</b> (Thomistic Institute Warsaw): <i>The concept of 'lex fomitis' in the Summa Theologiae and the Commentary on Romans of St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
	Concurrent Session 5
	<b>Marcin Trepczyński, Andrea Nannini, Marcin Będkowski</b> (University of Warsaw): <i>Reasoning in Selected Medieval Commentaries on Pauline Letters: Stephen Langton, Robert Grosseteste, Thomas Aquinas</i>
	<b>Antonio Sordillo</b> (University of Salerno): <i>'Templum Dei sanctum est quod estis vos' (I Cor 3, 14): Pauline exegesis in the Sermo de dedicatione ecclesie of Godfrey of St. Victor</i>
	<b>Adam Machowski</b> (Jagiellonia College): <i>Political philosophy as an interpretative tool in Aquinas's Pauline Commentaries</i>
18.30	End
19.30	Conference Diner

## Friday June 30, 2023

Plenary Session 2	
9.45	KEYNOTE LECTURE: <b>Volker Leppin</b> (Yale University): <i>Paul a mystic? Medieval perceptions</i>
10.45	Coffee break
11.00	<b>Randall Smith</b> (University of St. Thomas): <i>A Comparison of the divisiones textus between 13th century figures</i>
11.30	<b>Jan Klok</b> (Theological University Kampen): <i>Paulusexegese in Kreisen der Devoten</i>
12.00	<b>Ulrike Treusch</b> (Freie Theologische Hochschule Giessen): <i>The Commentary on Paul's Letter to the Romans by Marsilio Ficino (1433-1499)</i>
12.30	Lunch
Plenary Session 3	
14.00	<i>Paul in the Reformation</i>
	<b>Stefan Krauter</b> (University of Zürich): <i>Medieval and Reformation Commentaries on the so-called Pastoral Epistles</i>
	<b>Noemi Schürmann</b> (University of Zürich): <i>Discourses of Old and New in Reformation Commentaries on Ephesians from a Historical-Religious Studies Perspective</i>
	<b>Benjamin Manig</b> (University of Zürich): <i>Rhetoricizing Paul: New Perspectives on Romans in the 16th Century</i>
15.30	Break
16.00	<b>Wanda Bajor</b> (Catholic University of Lublin): <i>Mysterium caritatis. Pauline inspirations in the Polish medieval doctrine of ius gentium</i>
	<b>Brandon L. Wanless</b> (University of St. Thomas MN): <i>Aristotle's 'Metaphorical Justice' and Paul's 'Justified by Faith'. Aquinas's Account of the Justification of the Sinner in his Pauline Commentaries</i>
	<b>Jacco Verburgt</b> (Tilburg University): <i>'Et mutaverunt': On Challenging the Politicisation of St Paul with Aquinas</i>
17.30	End
18.00	Members' Assembly of the Internationale Gesellschaft für Theologische Mediävistik

## Saturday July 1, 2023

Plenary Session 4	
9.45	KEYNOTE LECTURE: <b>Dominique Poirel</b> (CNRS, Paris): <i>Les lettres de Paul à Saint-Victor de Paris</i>
10.45	Coffee break
11.00	<b>Timothy Bellamah, OP</b> (Leonine Commission, Paris): <i>'Sicut facula ardens': Paul as an Incendiary Peacemaker in Gueric of St. Quinton's Postilla Super Epistolam ad Romanos</i>
11.30	<b>John Mortensen</b> (Wyoming Catholic College): <i>Divine Filiation in the commentary of Aquinas to the Letters of St. Paul</i>
12.00	<b>John O'Callaghan</b> (University of Notre Dame): <i>"He names the good vessels of mercy."</i>
12.30	Conclusion and Farewell
13.00	Lunch
	Optional: Guided tour of Medieval Torun

As is usual for IGTM annual conferences, selected papers of the conference may lead to an edited volume in the peer-reviewed series *Archa Verbi. Subsidia* (Münster: Aschendorff) or to a special theme issue of the *Archa Verbi Yearbook*.

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