

# Reading Dissent and Dissenting Readers in the Reformation World, 1500-1800

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

Plenary Speakers: Marie-Louise Coolahan (NUI Galway), Crawford Gribben (Queen's University Belfast), Johanna Harris (Exeter), Nicholas Seager (Keele)

'Reading Dissent' is a major multi-disciplinary and international conference which seeks to investigate the multifarious ways reading proved vital, or potentially fatal, to the everyday lives of Puritans, Dissenters and/or Nonconformists, both to themselves, their households, wider communities and churches during the Long Reformation, 1500-1800.

### POSSIBLE TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Tracing manuscript readers (marginalia/interlining/erasing/re-copying/editing).
- The buying, circulating & borrowing of prescribed/proscribed religious texts.
- Dissenting academies/libraries (their sponsors/users/legacies).
- Seditious reading (controversies/plots/debates/apologetics).
- Communal reading (at conventicles/homes/prisons/chapels).
- Ungodly reading (jestbooks/playbooks/romances/foreign histories/lewd poetry).
- Reading the ministry (through clerical 'lives'/diaries/church & court books/parish registers/wills).
- Cross-confessional readers (of prayers/psalters/meditations/catechisms/devotional manuals).

Please send a biography (100 words), along with a CV, title and brief abstract (250-words) of a 20-minute paper or for panels (3 x 20 minute papers) – no later than **15 September 2021** – to: Robert W. Daniel ([IJBSSecretary@outlook.com](mailto:IJBSSecretary@outlook.com)).

Modest travel bursaries (on request via e-mail) are available for postgraduate students whose papers are accepted. Selected papers will form a special issue in the Society's peer-reviewed journal: *Bunyan Studies: The Journal of Reformation and Nonconformist Culture*.

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