

Dr Hugh Houghton awarded €1.5 million research funding

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Dr Hugh Houghton (</staff/profiles/tr/houghton-hugh.aspx>) has been awarded a grant of €1.5 million by the European Research Council to lead a team studying the **Earliest Commentaries on Paul as Sources for the Biblical Text** (the COMPAUL project). The project will be based at ITSEE and run for five years from autumn 2011. It will investigate Latin and Greek commentaries on the Pauline Epistles from the fourth and fifth centuries, examining the commentators' treatment of the biblical text, the manuscript transmission of these works and the re-use of these texts in later writings.

The Project will run alongside the AHRC-funded project on the new critical edition of the Greek text of the *Gospel according to John* (*Editio Critica Maior*) led by Prof. D.C. Parker at ITSEE. It will contribute to the planned editions of the Pauline Epistles in the same series by the **International Greek New Testament Project** (<http://www.igntp.org/>).

The European Research Council was set up in 2007 as a pan-European funding organisation for frontier research. Its highly-competitive Starting Grant competition for early-career researchers received a record number of 4080 applications in 2011; Dr Houghton is one of only 89 European scholars in the Humanities and Social Sciences to have been successful in the competition this year. The scheme and this year's results are described further in the **ERC press release** (http://erc.europa.eu/pdf/press_release_stg2011_results.pdf).