Welcome to the Autumn edition of the CMR1900 newsletter.

This edition is particularly publication-heavy with lots of new titles to explore, but you will also find other news items and details of forthcoming events which may be of interest. This issue includes an update from David Thomas now we have completed the 17th century, and a call for your suggestions regarding one of the CMR-related side projects, ‘Teaching CMR’. As ever, we welcome your contributions, please send details to Sinéad Cussen.

CMR: The completion of the 17th-century

I am delighted to say that we have completed work on all four of the 17th century volumes of CMR. CMR 8 and 11 were published some time ago, CMR 10 was published in October, and CMR 9 will be published before the end of the year.

We are very happy with them, and I trust you will be when you see them. This is an occasion for congratulations to all who have contributed.

Of course, what lies ahead still presents a considerable challenge. From our calculations, it seems that the 18th century entries will occupy three or maybe four volumes, and the 19th century volumes a huge eight volumes. There is a great deal still to do.

The dedication of contributors, section editors, editorial staff, proof readers, and all those who have brought these volumes to completion exceeds expectations. I trust you are rewarded by knowing that you are contributing towards a work that will sustain scholarship for years to come.

David Thomas, CMR Project Director
Teaching CMR: call for suggestions!

The aim of Teaching CMR is to make use of the information in the CMR volumes, together with extracts from some of the texts, to produce curriculum-enhancing classroom materials appropriate for use in English secondary school religious education or history classes.

These materials will help students explore and reflect on how Christians and Muslims have perceived each other over the past thousand years; their knowledge of each other’s religion and cultures; their positive and negative assumptions; evidence of hostility and understanding. In September we had an initial meeting with some teachers, educationalists and curricula/textbook authors, and this went very well.

We have had some feedback from the teachers with regard to lesson topic areas in history where we could perhaps introduce some classroom materials derived from CMR entries. We have summarised those that seem to have the most potential to intersect with CMR entries below.

If anyone can think of any entries or authors that might be relevant for these topic areas, please contact Claire Norton.

Topic areas identified so far:

1. The English East India Company and British Empire in South Asia, 1600 - partition. Any first-hand accounts? Sources describing interactions or perceptions?
2. The Afro-American Atlantic slave trade. Any relevant sources?
3. Renaissance period. Any influential Muslim thinker commenting on Christian-Muslim relations at this time?
4. Reformation. Any sources/entries on Muslim views of the Reformation?

CMR in the 18th and 19th centuries

In October we held a team meeting in Brussels to discuss the changing nature of Christian-Muslim relations in the 18th and 19th centuries, and how this can best be represented in the project volumes. The 18th century has yielded fewer entries than the 17th century, reflecting changing geopolitical and cultural interests during this period. With this in mind, we discussed the events and themes to be covered in the introductory essays, in order to contextualise the shifting borders and attitudes of these centuries. The 19th century, although by no means small with over 1000 entries currently planned, brings its own challenges. A key issue under discussion is that of identity; how should we deal with authors who increasingly may not identify with a particular religious appellation, even if their work remains influential for CMR? In short, as David Thomas mentioned, there is a great deal of work to be done, but we look forward to the exciting challenges ahead.
News

David D. Grafton (Section Editor, North America) attended and presented a paper at the Inaugural Conference of the Christian-Muslim Studies Network, organized by the School of Divinity, the University of Edinburgh. The Network is scheduled to meet annually (Beirut 2018, Atlanta 2019). A call for papers will be issued in early 2018.

Lejla Demiri (Team Leader, MENA) co-organised the annual conference of the working group Das osmanische Europa entitled The Power of Connections: Interpersonal Networks and Agency in the Ottoman Empire and Ottoman Europe. This was held at the University of Tübingen.

At the University of Birmingham, a seminar was recently held to showcase the research projects within the Department of Theology and Religion. This was in collaboration with Hugh Houghton, who presented his forthcoming AHRC-funded project Codex Zacynthius, and Oliver Scharbrodt, who is soon to begin his ERC-funded ALTERUMMA project looking at transnational Shi'i Islam. David Thomas and the Birmingham team joined them to outline the character and aims of CMR.

We welcome Charles Ramsey, a specialist on Christian-Muslim relations in the Indian subcontinent, who has joined Alan Guenther and Gordon Nickel to oversee work on the huge number of entries we expect from that region in the next few years.

We also welcome Charles Tieszen to work on the Thematic History Volumes, another of the CMR spinoff projects, with Douglas Pratt.

Dates for your diary

- Workshop: Muslim societies and Islam University of Birmingham, 23 November 2017
- Conference: Ethical Approaches to Peaceful Coexistence joint event organised by the Muslim Council of Wales, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, and the Knowledge Exchange Program. City Hall, Cardiff. 5 December 2017
- Symposium: Islam, Muslims, and education in Britain Cardiff University, 15 January 2018
- Public lecture: Forbidden Fruit: Translating the Qur’an in early modern Europe by Alastair Hamilton, followed by book launch of CMR volumes 9 and 10, University of Birmingham, 25 January 2018
- Conference: Emergent Religious Pluralism(s) Woolf Institute, 16-17 April 2018
What is CMR1900?

Christian-Muslim Relations 1500 - 1900 (CMR1900) traces the history of relations between followers of the world’s two most populous religions in the early modern and modern periods. The project seeks to explore the question of what happened to Christian-Muslim relations in the period 1500-1900, looking at how Christians and Muslims deployed inherited depictions, as well as assessing how far they moved beyond them.

CMR1900 builds on the successful AHRC funded project CMR600 which examined the time period 600—1500 and was published by Brill (Leiden) in 5 volumes. CMR1900 is set to comprise a further 17 volumes. All volumes are published by Brill as a sub-series of the History of Christian-Muslim Relations (HCMR) series.

Each volume contains introductory essays on various topics, in addition to the entries which provide:
- biographical details of authors
- full descriptive accounts of the contents of their works
- explanations of the significance for Christian-Muslim relations
- and exhaustive lists of manuscripts, editions, translations and studies.

For more information about the project please visit our website: www.birmingham.ac.uk/cmri900

If you have any questions about the project, or would like to be involved, please contact the project team: cmr1900@contacts.bham.ac.uk

For further updates and links to articles and projects that could be of interest, you can also follow us on Twitter at @cmr1900project.

Recent and forthcoming publications

Click on the images to be taken to the website for each book

- **Sufism, Pluralism and Democracy**
  - Edited by Clinton Bennett and Sarwar Alam
  - Fadi Daou and Nayla Tabbara

- **DIVINE HOSPITALITY**
  - A Christian–Muslim Conversation

- **Cross Veneration in the Medieval Islamic World**
  - Christian Identity and Practice Under Muslim Rule
  - Charles Y. Tilmon

This volume provides an overview of contemporary Sufi involvement in politics, using a range of approaches and disciplines.

The co-authors (who chair the Adyan Foundation, Beirut) explore Christian and Muslim teaching with regard to religious “otherness”.

This book explores the theme of cross veneration as represented in medieval Christian & Muslim writing.

- **The Muslim World**
  - Special Issue on the Protestant Reformation and Islam
  - Open access!

- **KAUM KOLONIAL BELANDA DAN ISLAM DI INDONESIA**
  - (1596–1942)
  - Now translated into Indonesian with new material, this book examines encounters between Dutch colonialism and Islam in Indonesia.

- **Fortune in the Roman Church**
  - Commentary on the Gospels
  - Open access!

Long-lost 4th C Gospel commentary now available, with introduction and English translation by Hugh Houghton.

Digital News

Oxford Bibliographies

Oxford Bibliographies was designed to help researchers navigate the growing mass of academic output available both in print and online. We are pleased to announce that CMR will soon be listed, which will hopefully help even more scholars access our resources.

As you may be aware, we publish in both online (Christian-Muslim Relations Online II) and print format. So that more contributors can see their work published more quickly, we are now moving to a process whereby 19th century entries are published online in advance of the print format. Watch this space!

And finally… we have recently reached 100 followers on Twitter! We are finding this a useful way to engage with colleagues and institutions, and to hear about events and publications—do join us.