



Christian-Muslim Relations
A Bibliographical History 1500—1900

CMR1900 Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to the CMR1900 newsletter. We will aim to produce a newsletter quarterly to keep you up to date on the CMR1900 project and similar projects and events.

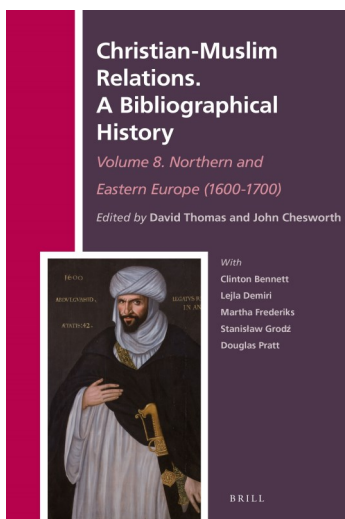
This issue will cover our meeting with the Team Leaders in April, news from the Birmingham team, and details of the forthcoming publication of Volume 8, due in August this year.

View from the Ashmolean Museum, taken during our meeting in Oxford.



We would like this newsletter to be as comprehensive as possible, and to include any events, books, or other issues that you feel are relevant to the CMR1900 project and to Christian-Muslim relations in general. We would welcome your input; please send details to s.e.cussen@bham.ac.uk.

Coming soon! A Bibliographical History—Volume 8



Click on the image for more information about the volume.

Volume 8 of the Bibliographical History is due to be published in August this year and will cover Northern and Eastern Europe from 1600 to 1700.

The volume will include illustrations for the first time, and so the Birmingham team have been busy working through the list of images suggested by contributors.

Volume 8 Section Editors:

Clinton Bennett, Luis F. Bernabe Pons, Jaco Beyers, Lejla Demiri, Martha Frederiks, David Grafton, Stanisław Grodz, Alan Guenther, Emma Loghin, Gordon Nickel, Claire Norton, Reza Pourjavady, Douglas Pratt, Radu Păun, Peter Riddell, Umar Ryad, Karel Steenbrink, Davide Tacchini, Ann Thomson, Serge Traore, and Carsten Walbinder.

Christian-Muslim Relations in art



*Madonna and Child
Enthroned*

Gentile Bellini

Late 15th century

The throne is placed upon a carpet from Anatolia, which strongly resembles a Muslim prayer mat.



Portrait of Mehmet II

Gentile Bellini

Late 15th century

This style of European portrait influenced some Turkish miniature painting.

Team Leader Meeting in Oxford, April 2016

The CMR Team Leader meeting, held at St Stephens in Oxford on the 21-22 April, brought together the 5 leaders of the regional teams, a representative from Brill, and the Birmingham team.



The team hard at work over dinner in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the role of the Team Leaders, and to find out about their experiences of working on the project. We also discussed possible side projects which could develop from, and make use of, the resources created by the core CMR project. These include a Reader (to feature new translations of key texts); Thematic Volumes to explore themes raised in CMR in more detail; and a General History, to broaden the impact of the project beyond academia. These ideas, and others, are all in the preliminary planning stage for now but it will be exciting to see how the CMR resources could lend themselves to a variety of uses in years to come.

News

A new book series has recently been established with the German academic publisher Mohr Siebeck. *Sapientia Islamica: Studies in Islamic Theology, Philosophy and Mysticism* will feature works which focus on Islamic theology, philosophy and mysticism, as well as the interrelationship between these disciplines, across the geographical spread of the Islamic civilization. The editors are Professor Lejla Demiri (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Tübingen); Samuela Pagani (Università del Salento, Lecce); and Sohaira Zahid Siddiqui (Georgetown University SFS-Qatar, Doha). For more information click [here](#).

Congratulations to Rev Dr David D. Grafton who has been appointed Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at the Duncan Black Macdonald Center for Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Hartford Seminary. Read more [here](#).

The 4th International Conference of 'Interreligious Relations and Ecumenical Issues' will be held at the University of Bern, 27-29 October 2016. The theme will be 'Belief Diversity and the Lived Experience of Religion: Narratives and Interpretations' (Glaubensvielfalt und gelebte Erfahrung von Religion: Zeugnisse und Interpretationen). The conference aims to address issues pertinent to the intersecting themes of religious diversity and the day-to-day 'lived experience' of religion in the 21st century. The conference is organised by the Departement für Christkatholische Theologie and convened by Professors Angela Berlis and Douglas Pratt. For more information click [here](#).

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 period.

Each volume contains introductory essays on various topics, in addition to the entries which provide:

- biographical details of the authors,
- full descriptive accounts of the contents of their works,
- explanations of their significance,
- and exhaustive lists of manuscripts, editions, translations and studies.

CMR1900 further 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.

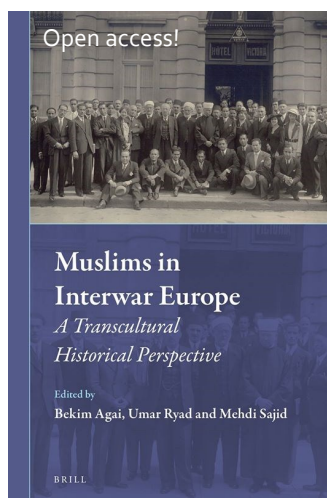
For more information about the project please visit our website at www.birmingham.ac.uk/cmr1900

If you have any questions about the project, or would like to be involved, contact Dr John Chesworth or Dr Emma Loghin (j.a.chesworth@bham.ac.uk), (e.g.loghin@bham.ac.uk).

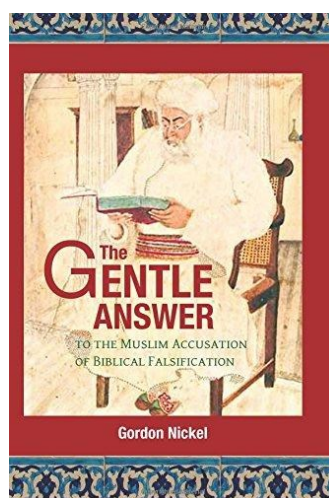
For further updates and links to articles and projects that could be of interest, you can also follow us on twitter at [@cmr1900project](https://twitter.com/cmr1900project).

Recent and forthcoming publications

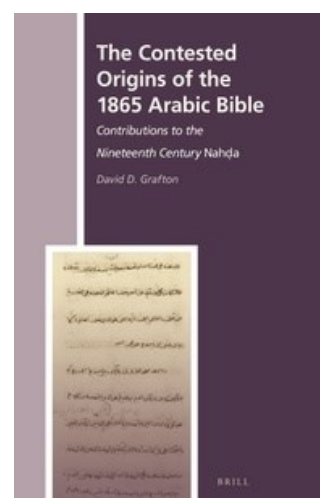
Click on the images to be taken to the website for each book



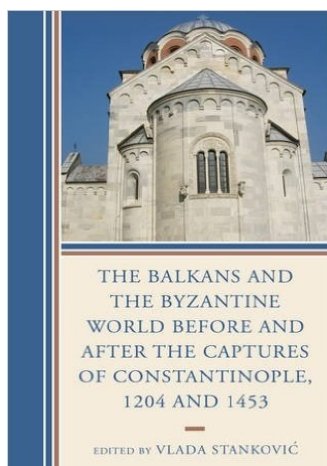
A comprehensive overview of the history of Muslims in interwar Europe based on personal and official archives, memoirs, press writings and correspondences.



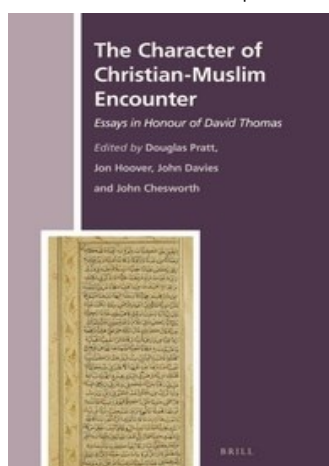
This book places the Bible and the Qur'an on a level scholarly playing field in order to review critical research and the questions it raises about the origins & contents of Muslim & Christian scripture.



This study examines the history of an Arabic Bible translation of American missionaries in late Ottoman Syria.



This book examines the dichotomy between the almighty centre—Constantinople—and the periphery that is rarely visible in both contemporary sources and modern scholarship.



This is a *Festschrift* in honour of CMR1900 Director David Thomas, Professor of Christianity & Islam, and Nadir Dinshaw Professor of Inter-Religious Relations at the University of Birmingham.



This book is based on a project, funded by the International Forum for Religions and Democracy (FIDR) and the Italian government, which explored the integration processes of Islam in Italy.

The project website has been updated!

www.birmingham.ac.uk/cmr1900

The project website, hosted by the University of Birmingham, has been updated by our new Project Assistant, Sinead Cussen. It now contains:

- information about both the CMR600 and CMR1900 projects
- sample entries from various volumes
- information about the regional teams and their members
- links to our fully searchable online reference resources hosted by Brill

If there are any details you would like to add (or amend!) please email

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