

CALL FOR PAPERS

9th CISSR Annual Meeting on Christian Origins

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Women in Early Christianity

(Chairs: Maria Dell’Isola and Mario Resta)

In the last decades, a growing interest in gender-related aspects has shaped academic research in the field of history of Christianity. Building upon the scientific heritage of feminist theory over the second half of the past century, new approaches are continuing to spread. This panel aims to explore the experiences that underlie the religious and social agency of women in the first four centuries. The papers should address the following questions in relation to literary texts, inscriptions, archaeological and iconographic evidences and legislative practices (e.g. laws, canons etc.): how was women’s religious and social agency perceived by contemporary Christians? What was the difference between female and male agency in Christian religious experiences and practices? How did this difference reflect social discrepancies between men and women within society? Has the spread of Christianity through the ancient Mediterranean world changed women’s role both on the religious and social level? How did new forms of temporality, such as the rise of eschatology, contribute to shape and redefine women’s role, and what happened after the decline of eschatological tendencies and a consequent initial restoration of a time within history? How could emphasis on use, occupancy and appropriation of place and space be a reflection of changes in women’s agency?

How to submit a paper

Applicants must submit their paper proposals via e-mail to the coordinators of the Programme Unit, by the date indicated on the Call for Papers (**May 15, 2023**).

The paper proposals should be sent as attached files and should not exceed the limit of 250 words in English (please use Unicode fonts for ancient languages). Proposals must include a title and a clear indication of the selected Programme Unit. Applicants are also requested to specify their current academic position (Ph.D. student, Ph.D., Research Fellow, Junior or Senior Lecturer, Professor, etc.). Paper proposals will be peer-reviewed by the Programme Unit chairs, and applicants will receive information concerning acceptance or non-acceptance within fifteen days after the Call for Papers deadline. The only criterion for acceptance or refusal is the relevance of paper proposals to the theme of the unit. Acceptance and refusal of a paper are final and unappellable.

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