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All papers to be held in Room GR 06/7, Faculty of English, 9 West Road, Cambridge

Thursday, 19 September

1.30–2: Registration (Faculty of English Social Space)

2–2.30: Welcome (Máire Ní Mhaonaigh)

Opening Address by the Right Honourable Rowan Williams (Master, Magdalene College, Cambridge)

2.30–4: Session 1, The Conversion Process

Bernhard Maier (Tübingen), 'Early Christianity in South-West Germany: the Conversion of the Alemanni'

Krisztina Szilagyi (Cambridge), 'Muslim Conversion to Christianity in the Islamic World, 700–1000 AD'

Moderator: Roy Flechner (University College Dublin)

4–4.30: Tea/Coffee

4.30–5.30: Keynote Lecture

Chris Wickham (Oxford), 'The Comparative Method and Religious Change'

Chair: Edel Bhreathnach (The Discovery Programme)

5.30–6.30: Reception hosted in Faculty of English Social Space by the Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic

Friday, 20 September

9.30–11: Session 2, Francia and Northern Europe I

Ingrid Rembold (Cambridge), 'The Christian Message and the Laity: Vernacular Literature in Post-Conquest Saxony'

Geneviève Bühner-Thierry (Université Paris-Est), 'Why and for Whom is the Conversion Helpful? Missionaries on the Margins of Francia between Royal and Aristocratic Power (7th–10th centuries)'

Moderator: Erik Niblaeus (Cambridge)

11–11.30: Tea/Coffee

11.30–1: Session 3, Francia and Northern Europe II

Erik Niblaeus (Cambridge), 'Liturgies of Conversion in the Early Middle Ages'

Stanislaw Rosik (Wrocław), 'The Conversion of the Pomeranians. History and Memory in the 12th Century'

Moderator: Nora Berend (Cambridge)

1–2.30: Lunch

2.30–4: Session 4 The Meanings of Conversion

Tomas Sundnes Dronen (Stavanger), 'Conversion in Context: Anthropological and Missiological Perspectives from African Studies'

Fenella Cannell (London School of Economics), 'The Meaning of Conversion in the Anthropology of Christianity'

Moderator: Lesley Abrams (Oxford)

4–4.30: Tea/Coffee

4.30–5.30: Keynote Lecture

Jean-Michel Picard (University College Dublin) and Sébastien Bully (Bourgogne), 'Mensa in Deserto: Reconciling Jonas's Life of Columbanus with Recent

Archaeological Discoveries at Annegray and Luxeuil'

Chair: Nancy Edwards (Bangor)

Saturday, 21 September

9.30–11: Session 5, Insular Missionaries Abroad

James Palmer (St Andrews), 'Martyrdom and the Rise of Missionary Hagiography'

Sven Meeder (Nijmegen), 'The Carolingian Memory of Insular Missionaries'

Moderator: Máire Ní Mhaonaigh (Cambridge)

11–11.30: Tea/Coffee

11.30–12.30: Session 6, 'Converting the Isles' Round Table Discussion