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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 (Maire Ni 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
    Geneviève Bührer-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

Saturday, 21 September
9.30–11: Session 3, Francia and Northern Europe II
    Erik Niblaeus (Cambridge), ‘Liturgies of Conversion in the Early Middle Ages’
    Stanislaw Rosik (Wroclaw), ‘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)
11–11.30: Tea/Coffee
11.30–12.30: Session 6, ‘Converting the Isles’ Round Table Discussion