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Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Five Centuries of Global Calvinism(s)



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Calvinism was one of the most extraordinarily revolutionary movements to develop in the Renaissance and Reformation, with an impact that Calvin himself could hardly have anticipated. Calvin's inner tensions – between a driving activism for change and a deep-seated quest for order – defined the Calvinist legacy and have resonated down through the centuries. In its many manifestations, Calvinism has profoundly affected the cultural and social contours of the world since the sixteenth century.

This interdisciplinary conference marking the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth will examine Calvin's own historical context and explore Calvinism's subsequent impact around the globe.

Featuring Plenary Speakers:

Alister McGrath "The Shaping of Reality: Calvin and the formation of Theological Vision"

Serene Jones "My Three Calvins: Politics and Religion Revisited – U.S. Style"

Marilynne Robinson "Calvinism and Classic American Literature"

Calvin by the Book: A Rare Book Exhibition Commemorating of the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of John Calvin

This exhibition, on view at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library from 8 June – 4 September 2009, tells the story of Calvin's life and influence through books – the ones that formed him, the many that he wrote, those that his followers penned to shape his legacy, and the ones his opponents published to counter the movement that bears his name. From medieval manuscripts to contemporary authors, this exhibition offers a different way to approach and examine John Calvin, reformer, theologian and author.

For further information please visit the website at <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/fisher/index-exhibitions.html>

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