



Call for Papers

Reframing the Catholic Epistles: Apostolic Traditions and the Margins

30 September – 2 October 2026 | University of Glasgow

We invite paper proposals for the upcoming international conference, *Reframing the Catholic Epistles: Apostolic Traditions and the Margins*, to be held at the University of Glasgow from **30 September to 2 October 2026** (in-person and hybrid participation possible).

This conference explores fresh approaches to the Catholic Epistles, examining their role in early Christian literature and theology, their textual and paratextual transmission, their relationship to pseudepigraphal writings and apostolic traditions, and interpretive problems with their texts. We especially welcome contributions that engage with one or more of the following themes:

- **New Approaches to the Catholic Epistles**
- **The Catholic Epistles and the Pseudepigraphal Writings**
- **Texts and Paratexts of the Catholic Epistles**
- **Manuscripts and material culture of apostolic traditions**
- **Epistolography and epistle collection in early Christian literature**
- **Other areas relevant to research on the Catholic Epistles and their tradition**

The conference includes **Keynote Addresses** from Tommy Wasserman (Ansgar University College), Wolfgang Grünstäudl (WWU Münster), Kelsie G. Rodenbiker (Copenhagen), and Katherine Hockey (Aberdeen).

We encourage submissions that cover any of these themes from scholars at all career stages. Proposals should consist of a **200-word abstract**, along with your name, institutional affiliation (if any), and contact details.

Deadline for submission: 1 February 2026

Submission email: paratexts@glasgow.ac.uk

Conference registration for those with accepted abstracts will open in early 2026.

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