

The religious and cultural contribution of the Ibero-American Jesuits in Northern and Central Europe

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Jesuits from Spain, Portugal and Latin America were present in the Baltic, Scandinavia and Northern and Central Europe throughout the early modern period (XVI-XVIII centuries). Their cultural and religious impact in these regions was enormous. This workshop will attempt to set the Jesuits in the panorama of cultural history, going beyond the narrower historiographical traditions which focus on provinces, colleges, institutional procedures and the biographies of leading figures. It will test the thesis that the Jesuits exerted a major influence for three distinct but inter-related reasons.

Firstly, the Jesuits were of major importance because of the diplomatic missions with which they were entrusted by both the Holy See and the governments of Spain and Portugal. To give one example, Alfonso Salmerón was sent as an ambassador to Poland at the behest of the Holy See. Another important case would be the Portuguese ambassador in Sweden who had a Portuguese chaplain, P. António de Macedo, who played a major role in the conversion of Christina of Sweden.

The second reason for the prominence of the Jesuits was due to the institutional presence of the Order. Thus, for instance, the first 'provincial' of Poland was the Spaniard Francisco Sunyer. Members also often were entrusted with religious-cultural tasks, such as censors of books.

Lastly, the Jesuits were extremely prominent in post-Tridentine intellectual engagement and cultural production. Figures such as Juan de Mariana, Francisco Suarez, Gregorio de Valencia, or even the same Baltasar Gracián played prominent roles in the debates and polemics of this period. In some cases they are little known, which have not deserved a modern biography or even an entry in the main biographical dictionaries.

Therefore, this Seminar aims to recover their names and actions through a transverse history, and analyze the extent to which Jesuits from Iberia and Latin America migrated from their own countries to leave an indelible cultural and religious effect on countries such as Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Poland, Germany, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Russia.

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Speakers

José García de Castro (Universidad P. Comillas), ***Pedro Fabro y la espiritualidad ignaciana***

Enrique García Hernán (CSIC), ***Íñigo de Loyola y el norte de Europa***

Joanna Partyka (Universidad de Varsovia), ***Obras de los jesuitas españoles (Ignacio de Loyola, Francisco Arias, Diego Alvarez, Luis de la Puente) como la lectura de las religiosas polacas***

Ryszard Skowron (Universidad de Silesia), ***El antimaquiavelismo sármata. Traducción polaca del año 1662 del "Tratado de la religión y virtudes que deve tener el Príncipe Cristiano", de Pedro de Ribadeneira***

Eduardo Javier Alonso Romo (Universidad de Salamanca), ***Dos jesuitas portugueses ante Cristina de Suecia***

Stanisław Cieślak SJ (Academia Ignaciana de Cracovia), ***Stefan Batory y los jesuitas españoles***

Antonio Suárez Varela (Universidad de Friburgo, Suiza), ***Jesuitas españoles en Suiza***

Francisco J. Aranda y David Martín López (Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha), ***El toledano Alonso de Pisa y Palma, S. I., "apóstol de Posnania" (1527-1598).***

Paul Oberholzer SJ (Universidad de Friburgo, Suiza), ***Diego Laínez y las provincias de lengua alemana***

Invited Lecturers

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