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Call for Papers for the conference:

'The Most Perfect School of Christ':

Intellectual Relations between Geneva and Scotland in the 16th and 17th Centuries

University of Geneva, 3–4 November 2023. The conference is organised by the research project *A Disregarded Past: Medieval Scholasticism and Reformed Thought*, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and based at the Institut d'Histoire de la Réformation, University of Geneva.

Inaugurated in 1917 for the four-hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, the 'Reformation Wall' is a monument to the international Calvinist Reformation. It features four main statues for each of the great Calvinist reformers: Guillaume Farel, Jean Calvin, Théodore de Bèze and John Knox. Knox thought that Geneva was 'the most perfect school of Christ'. The agreeable connections between Geneva and Scotland are well known but they have rarely been studied in a comparative and comprehensive way. The aim of the conference is to look at the intellectual relations between Geneva and Scotland before and after the Reformation, from the combined perspectives of intellectual history, history of theology and history of philosophy.

Submissions are welcome on topics such as individual thinkers, specific themes, the relations between institutions and confessions, as well as between late medieval, Reformed thought and early modern thought. Submissions are also welcome which broaden the scope of the conference to include, for example, other Swiss Cantons, France and the United Provinces.

Confirmed speaker: Simon Burton (School of Divinity, The University of Edinburgh).

Practical information: Submissions for individual papers should include a max. 300-word abstract, contact information and a short biographical note in one file (word or pdf).

Submissions for panels (2 or 3 participants) are also possible. Papers can be given in English and French. The deadline for submissions is 31 May 2023. Submissions should be sent by email to Giovanni Gellera (giovanni.gellera@unige.ch). Please note that participants will be invited to submit their papers for publication.

Funding towards travel and accommodation is available for speakers. The conference will be in a hybrid form. The organisers are committed to ensure a reasonable gender balance.

For any further queries, please contact Giovanni Gellera (giovanni.gellera@unige.ch). For updates about the conference and information on the project *A Disregarded Past* please click [here](#).