

**Call for Papers: 'Beliefs Under Pressure: Religion, Community and Identity in the Early Modern World'.**  
10 September 2015, University of East Anglia.

This one-day conference will provide a lively and informal forum where graduate students and early career researchers can exchange and discuss ideas about the social and cultural history of religion and community, c. 1500-1800. Particular emphasis will be placed on varied modes of communication across the period, and different ways in which identities were formed, contested and transformed. We welcome proposals for papers lasting no more than twenty minutes, especially ones advancing innovative methodologies and interdisciplinary tools and concepts.

Please submit an abstract of 300 words and a brief CV to [beliefsunderpressure@gmail.com](mailto:beliefsunderpressure@gmail.com)

**Deadline: 6th July 2015**

Themes addressed may include, but are not limited to:

- Religious practice and the development of religious identities
- The Reformation and the Counter Reformation
- The nature of Dissent, dissenting communities and nonconformity
- The Restoration and its impact
- Toleration and co-existence
- Eighteenth-century religiosity
- The "Secularizing Process" and the Disenchantment debate
- Regional tensions & conflict with authority
- Migratory communities

- Life-writing

- Functions and practices of correspondence
- Secrecy and the spread of illicit information
- Networks and Network formation

- Digital Humanities

- Memory and emotion

The conference will run 9:30-18:00, followed by dinner. Students and researchers who wish to attend as peer reviewers without submitting a paper are also welcome – just send us an email. In addition to the traditional conference environment this event is also dedicating time for open discussion of papers and themes, making it a worthwhile experience for attendees and speakers alike.

This event is being organised and run by Sarah Hall and Tory Lewis from the School of History at the University of East Anglia.

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