

# Belief and Disbelief: Encounters with the Other

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The University of Warwick  
Scarman House, Lecture room 6

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*The Spaces of the Past: Renaissance and Early Modern Cultures in Transatlantic Context*

This one-day workshop aims to open the debate on the relation of belief to the unknown, the unexpected, or the exotic, and to explore the potential for creative or destructive encounter between Christian and non-Christian outlooks in the early modern period.

**10-10.30**      **Registration (entrance hall) and coffee (in the foyer)**

**10.35**          **Welcome and Introduction (Dr Ingrid De Smet, Director, Centre for the Study of the Renaissance)**

## **Session 1: *Old vs. New, or Constructing the Pagan***

**10.45**          **Dr David Lines (U of Warwick): "Christianity and Philosophy in the Renaissance: The Sixteenth-Century Turn"**

**11.30**          **Prof. Andrew Laird (U of Warwick): "Aztec and Roman Gods: Evangelists, ethnographers and polytheism in early colonial Mexico"**

**12.15**          **General discussion**

**12.30**          **Buffet Lunch**

## **Session 2: *Alterity and Identity: Constructing Belief, Constructing the Believer***

**1.45**          **Prof. Miri Rubin (Queen Mary, U of London): "Christians and Jews in contention over the Virgin Mary"**

**2.30**          **Prof. Nabil Matar (U of Minnesota): "Christianity and Christians through Arab-Muslim Eyes, 1578-1727"**

**3.15**          **General discussion**

**3.30**          **Tea (in the foyer)**

**4.00**          **Prof. Jonathan Bate (U of Warwick): "Jew and Muslim in Marlowe's plays"**

**4.45**          **Plenary Discussion**

**5.15**          **End**

Participation in the event is free, but you must REGISTER IN ADVANCE: note that PLACES ARE LIMITED and will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis. Registration will close when capacity is reached or on Friday 15 February 2008, whichever is earlier.

To register please write or e-mail Mrs Lisa Cook, Secretary, Centre for the Study of the Renaissance, University of Warwick CV4 7AL, [L.D.Cook@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:L.D.Cook@warwick.ac.uk) (write: 'Encounters with the Other workshop registration' as the subject of your e-mail).

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