Memory and Memories in Early Christianity
Proceedings of the International Conference held at the Universities of Geneva and Lausanne (June 2–3, 2016)
Ed. by Simon Butticaz and Enrico Norelli

Published in English.

Bringing together thirteen talks given at the international conference «Memory and Memories in Early Christianity», held at the Universities of Lausanne and Geneva in June 2016, this interdisciplinary volume explores a fresh problem in the study of the origins of Christianity and of the New Testament, namely the work of memory undertaken in the discourses and practices of the believers in Jesus. The studies collected here not only not only apply a heuristic analytical tool – «social memory theory» – to the literature and history of Christian beginnings, but also endeavour to show the socio-religious resonance of this «work of memory» in the language and ideology of the early believers. The historical Jesus, the Pauline writings, the Gospel of John, the Acts of the Apostles, Marcion, ancient Christian epistolography, Hesegippus, Irenaeus, etc. are explored by some of the world's top specialists in «social memory studies» as applied to Christian origins.

Survey of contents
Simon Butticaz/Enrico Norelli: Introduction

I. Memory Studies and Nascent Christianity: Challenges, Approaches and Problems
Sandra Huebenthal: «Frozen Moments» – Early Christianity through the Lens of Social Memory Theory – Adriana Destro/Mauro Pesce: Remembering and Writing: Their Substantial Differences – Jens Schröter: Memory and Memories in Early Christianity: The Remembered Jesus as a Test Case

II. Memory, Authority and Modalities (Personal, Ritual, Textual, etc.)

III. Memory, Identity and the Construction of Origins

IV. Early Christianity, Memory and Theology

Simon Butticaz Born 1980; since 2014 tenure-track Assistant Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Traditions at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland).

Enrico Norelli Born 1952; Doctor of Classical Philology (University of Pisa) and of Theology (University of Geneva); professor emeritus of History and Literature of Early Christianity at the University of Geneva and invited professor at the Facultad de Literatura Cristiana y Clásica San Justino (Madrid).