Multiple Reformations?
The Many Faces and Legacies of the Reformation
Ed. by Jan Stievermann and Randall C. Zachman

Published in English.
This volume explores the inherent pluralism of the Reformation and its manifold legacies from an ecumenical and interdisciplinary point of view. The essays shed new light on several key questions: How do we interpret and assess the Reformation as a historical and theological event, as a historiographic category, and as a cultural myth? What are the long-term global consequences of the Reformation period as manifest in the rise of competing confessional cultures and distinct Christian world religions, producing different types of modernities? How did these confessional cultures interact with the development of empires and nation-states, with the emergence of the sciences, as well as with divergent legal cultures and traditions in education and social welfare? What kind of modalities emerged in these confessional cultures for engaging with the humanistic study of the Bible and, later on, Higher Criticism?

Survey of contents

Jan Stievermann/Randall Zachman: Preface
The Many Faces of the Reformation
Interpretations of Scripture in the Reformation Period
Manfred Oeming: The Importance of the Old Testament for the Reformer Martin Luther – Greta Grace Kroeker: Erasmus and Scripture – Paul Silas Peterson: »The Text of the Bible is Stronger«: The Rebirth of Scriptural Authority in the Reformation and Its Significance

The Reformation as an Interpretative Event

The Aftermath of the Reformation Period
Confessional Empires, Missions, and Nations
Simon Otchiliev: The »Making« of Roman Catholicism as a »World Religion« – Patrick Griffin: The Last War of Religion or the First War for Empire? Reconsidering the Meaning of The Seven Years’ War in America – Hartmut Lehmann: Nationalism as Poison in the Veins of Western Christianity, c. 1800 – c. 1950
Confessional Modernities, Enlightenment and Secularization
John Betz: J. G. Hammann as a Radical Reformer: Two Mites Toward a Post-Secular, Ecumenical Theology – Volker Leppin: Friedrich Gogarten’s Theology of Secularization
Confessional Cultures: Legal and Diaconical Traditions
Christoph Strohm: Confession and Law in Early Modern Europe – Johannes Eurich: The Influence of Religious Traditions on Social Welfare Development: Observations from the Perspective of Comparative Welfare State Research
Scripture and the Evangelical-Pietist Tradition
Scriptural Authority and Biblical Scholarship in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Jan Stievermann Born 1975, 2005 PhD in American Studies from the University of Tübingen; since 2011 Professor for the History of Christianity in the USA at the University of Heidelberg.
Randall C. Zachman  Born 1953; PhD from the University of Chicago Divinity School; 1991–2017 Professor of Reformation Studies at the University of Notre Dame; since 2017 Emeritus; currently Adjunct Instructor of Church History at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Order now:
order@mohrsiebeck.com
Phone: +49 (0)7071-923-17
Fax: +49 (0)7071-51104