

Fifth Conference of Research on the 16th and 17th Centuries January 22–23 2026 Call for Papers



The Network for Early Modern Research in Finland, in collaboration with University of Helsinki and Uniarts Helsinki's Sibelius Academy and Historiaforumi, invites proposals for the Fifth Conference of Research on the 16th and 17th Centuries in January 22–23 2026. We welcome contributions from researchers, students, and other professionals working on the early modern period, particularly the 16th and 17th centuries.

The theme for the 2026 conference is **spirituality and religion**, broadly defined. Spirituality and religion were central to politics, governance, art, culture, and everyday life during the 16th and 17th centuries, shaping experiences across all social classes, regions, and contexts. Proposals outside the main theme are also welcome.

Keynote speakers:

Mattias Lundberg (Uppsala Universitet)

Meelis Friedenthal (Tartu Ülikool)

We invite papers and session proposals that explore these themes from diverse disciplinary perspectives and all stages of academic careers. We also welcome professionals from outside academia, such as representatives of archives and museums. Languages for presentations are Finnish, Swedish and English.

Please submit your proposal by **October 31, 2025** to uudenajanalku@gmail.com.

We also plan to publish conference proceedings. Please express your interest for contribution along with your proposal.

