

INVITATION TO THE THIRD LECTURE IN THE 2015-16 SERIES "CONTEMPORARY  
PERSPECTIVES ON MARTYRS IN JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY."

## Seeking God: Origen's "Midrash" on Martyrdom

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At the STUDIUM THEOLOGICUM SALESIANUM, Rh Shmuel Hanagid 26

Origen composed c. 235 CE the *Exhortation to Martyrdom* to provide consolation for his friend and patron, Ambrose, and the presbyter, Protocletus, both of whom had been imprisoned. How do scholars presently read the conception of martyrdom in Origen's work(s)? Some academics argue that Origen refers to a religiously motivated death, others hint at the proper Christian life that can substitute as a type of martyrdom. Arguably, few patristic scholars know Origen's writings as well as Professor Perrone. He will present the contemporary discussion of Origen's views on martyrdom and, essentially, suggest his own reading of that notion.

Lorenzo Perrone is the editor and co-translator of *Origenes Werke XIII. Die neuen Psalmenhomilies. Codex Monacensis Graecus 314* (GCS NF 19, 2015). Only in 2012, the Psalms in that Codex were identified, and approved by Perrone's expert opinion, as being part of Origen's oeuvre. Perrone then made the discovery publicly available, in record time.

Please join us for light refreshments from 7.30 P.M.

Yours Fraternally,  
Rev Dr Petra Heldt  
ETRFI General Secretary

NB. The next lectures in this series are on 21 January at the Dormition Abbey, 25 February, 31 March, 21 April. The lecture on 21 January will be given by Fr. Ralph Greis, osb, Prior Dormition Abbey.