

[AGAPE Launch: Mapping Greek Patristics in the Early Modern Book World](#)

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14 October 2022 marked the official launch of **AGAPE**, a **new open-access database** which maps **the reception of the Greek Church Fathers in print throughout early modern Europe**. AGAPE represents the main outcome of the four-year FNS Ambizione project *The Greek Imprint on Europe: Patristics and Publishing in the Early Swiss Reformation*, based at the Institut d'histoire de la Réformation, University of Geneva.

agapepatristics.net

In contrast to the Renaissance interest in the pagan Antiquity and classical literature, **the highly significant rediscovery of the Greek Fathers remains untold and largely understudied**. The number of inaccuracies in the regional, national and collective online repertoires available at present turns bibliographical research into a time-consuming and little-rewarding exercise, severely affecting the development of the subject.

To tackle this issue, AGAPE records **any edition of Greek patristic works printed in Europe from 1465 to 1600** in the original language, as well as in Latin and vernacular translations. AGAPE refines the available data and substantially improves their level of detail: not only does it link each work to the ID of the *Clavis Patrum Graecorum (CPG)*, the standard authority in the field, but also thoroughly describes all contents (**text as well as paratext**) and strictly relies on the analysis of at least one copy of each edition.

AGAPE currently provides access to **all editions printed in the fifteenth century** (c. 310). Data related to the sixteenth century will be disclosed decade by decade (1501-1510, 1511-1520, 1521-1530 etc.) to ensure reliability.

Users are encouraged to give their **feedback and suggestions** through the AGAPE email address available in the colophon of the website homepage.

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