Miri Rubin and Ulinka Rublack organised a study-day, which was held on 1 April 2003 in St John’s College, Cambridge. The meeting, ‘Tasks and Themes in the Study of Late Medieval and Early Modern Religion’ was the second in a series of workshops bringing together senior academics and research students to discuss the common themes which emerge in studies of popular religion in this period. Papers were given by Judith Pollmann (Oxford) on *The making of Catholic militants in sixteenth-century France and the Netherlands*; Francisco Bethencourt (Gulbenkian Foundation, Paris) on *Religion and ethnicity in southern Europe: the policies of the Catholic Church concerning Jewish, Muslim, Native American and African communities in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries*; and Peter Marshall (Warwick) on *The return of Old Mother Leakey: Ghosts and Stories in Early Modern Britain and Ireland*. Steve Hindle (Warwick) introduced and chaired the final discussion session which sought to identify themes in the papers which might inform future study of this period. The group agreed that the papers had raised three issues in particular: the importance of political context when investigating belief and the dangers of generalizing even within a political polity; the advantages of examining religion as a body of believers rather than beliefs; and the insights to be gained by exploring practices of cultural exchange in multi-ethnic societies.

The meeting was attended by approximately 25 research students and faculty members from Cambridge, London, Warwick and Oxford and was considered a great success by all involved.