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In recent decades there has been considerable discussion of the Long Reformation. In particular, the contested relation of the Late Middle Ages and Reformation is a central theme of Brad Gregory's *The Unintended Reformation* and features prominently in Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*. Yet the metaphysical theses underpinning these works have proved highly controversial and have been much critiqued by medieval and Reformation scholars, especially for their monolithic account of theology and their assumption of a "decline" narrative in medieval thought. This paper takes up afresh the topic of the metaphysics of the Reformation and argues that the theme of Christian philosophy, a major topic of debate from the thirteenth to the eighteenth centuries, forms an important but neglected thread of the Long Reformation. For it allows a richer narrative of the complex relation between philosophy and theology during this era and the way that this engendered wider social, political and ecclesiological transformation. It thus seeks to situate the Long Reformation at the confluence and convergence of multiple currents of reform. Following a wide programmatic discussion, this paper will seek to illustrate this by focussing on the development of Christian philosophy in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, including its relation to projects of further reformation and universal reform in Germany and Transylvania. In doing so, it seeks to show how the drive towards a Christian philosophy energised an idealistic vision of Reformation and fuelled the desire to reunite a fragmented Christendom.

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Institute for Literary Studies
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1st floor, Lecture Room

PROGRAMME

15:00-15:15 Welcome Address

Zsombor Tóth (Institute for Literary Studies, Research Centre for Humanities)

15:15-16:15 Simon Burton: *Christian Philosophy in the Long Reformation*

16:15-16:30 Discussion



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