



CALL FOR PAPERS

Toronto Renaissance and Reformation Colloquium
International Conference

After the Fall

**Sieges, Sacks, and Surrenders
in the Early Modern World**

University of Toronto
12-13 November 2027



On 6 May 1527, mutinous imperial troops breached the walls of Rome. Using the Sack of Rome that followed as our point of departure, this conference explores the multiple dynamics of siege and sacking across the broader historical, geographical, and cultural contexts of the Renaissance: looting, pillaging, violence, massacre, sexual violence, mutiny, ransom, flight, and the reverberating impacts of destruction: famine, plague, religious conflict, depopulation, economic collapse, and dispersal.

How is the early modern world a time of collapse as much as construction? And what is born or reborn, formed, and reformed, in the aftermath? With the Sack of Rome as our touchstone, this conference is concerned with **the global experience of siege, sacking, and surrender** across the early modern world, as it explores the impact, consequences, and afterlives of traumatic and transformative events.

We invite discussions that cross ethnic, religious, and cultural boundaries. Investigations of how these events were portrayed in various media and across disciplines are especially encouraged.

Submissions: Please send an abstract with your name, institutional affiliation, and email address of no more than 150 words and a one-page CV (both in MS Word) to Prof. Konrad Eisenbichler at **konrad.eisenbichler@utoronto.ca** by Nov. 30, 2026. Please use "TRRC 2027" as the email subject line. Papers should be no more than 20 minutes. Proposals from graduate students and early-career scholars are warmly welcome.