



– CALL FOR PAPERS –

Thomas More's *CORRESPONDENCE 1*

Thursday-Saturday, 6-8 November 2025

Call for Papers: You are invited to submit short position papers on any aspect of Thomas More's *Correspondence*. Papers exploring literary, philosophical, historical, political, theological, rhetorical, legal, or cultural dimensions of More's *Correspondence* are welcome, as are papers exploring the intertextual play of More's sources, his rich ironies, and the dialectical thinking his work provokes in readers. Of special interest will be

- More's understanding in selected letters of liberty, education, virtue, counsel, writing and thinking, friendship, modes of correction, leading citizenship, conscience, piety, humanism, or tyranny.
- Significant patterns or issues in More's professional or business letters
- More's self-representation in his personal letters
- More's "ars poetica" in his Letter to Brixius or significant patterns or issues in his literary letters
- Rhetorical, linguistic, and stylistic issues.

Important: For the conference and for the papers submitted, we ask that you use the CTMS edition, English and Latin, of More's *Complete Correspondence*. We will mail copies to all whose abstracts have been accepted with the written understanding that you will not distribute or share this draft-copy. With your abstract, therefore, please send us your mailing address. This year's conference and next are devoted to the preparatory work needed to publish the first complete, edited collection of More's correspondence – many of the letters translated or edited for the first time.

Accepted papers will be distributed to the other members of your seminar group, and **each participant agrees to read the others' papers of your seminar group before** coming in November. The **maximum length** is ten double-spaced pages. Since we are using the seminar format, attendance is limited.

Deadlines:

Seminar paper abstracts are due by **January 30, 2025**. Acceptances will be sent by **February 15, 2025**.

Completed papers must be received by **August 15, 2025**.

Send these to: morestudies@gmail.com

N.B.: Our second conference on this topic will be November 5-7, 2026.