This conference marks the 2017 commemorations of the German Reformation. It offers a novel framework within which to understand the nature and impact of Protestantism. The Reformations are predominantly presented as a European story, and much research remains confined within national boundaries. Conversely, this conference assumes that the next generation of scholarship will have to investigate religious change as multi-centric and globally interconnected. The incorporation of the neglected global dimension will emphasize the variety of reformed traditions and demonstrate the ways in which they not only challenged the political and cultural ideas of mainstream European faiths but also, in turn, reshaped European society itself.