Conference Programme

12th – 15th June 2016, University of Warsaw
Conference Room, Level -1.
Faculty of “Artes Liberales”
Dobra Street 72

The COST Action IS 1310 “Reassembling the Republic of Letters” is in its third year of work towards assembling the blueprint of trans-national digital infrastructure to support collaborative work on early modern intellectual history. Having previously explored scholarly work from the perspective of shared technical standards, this conference will pursue the opposite path: digital functionality will be discussed from the perspective of current scholarly strands about the Republic of Letters. Following the structural logic of the Action’s working groups, the topics addressed will include (amongst others) intellectual geography; the social history of knowledge and network analysis; topic modelling and conceptual history; descriptive techniques and the material turn; visualization and the visual turn.
SUNDAY 12nd JUNE

8.00 – 9.00  Welcome and registration

9.00 – 9.30  WELCOME ADDRESS
Prof. Piotr Wilczek, Head of the College of Liberal Arts

9.30 – 11.00  DATA EXCHANGE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING (WG5)
Part I: European Letters Online (EULO)
  › Welcome by Thomas Stäcker
  › EULO and Horizon 2020. Howard Hotson
  › EULO: A technical perspective. Arno Bosse
  › Next steps and further applications. Howard Hotson, Vladimír Urbánek, Thomas Wallnig

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee and tea break

11.30 – 13.00  DATA EXCHANGE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING (WG5)
Part II: COST Action outputs
  › Reassembling the Republic of Letters: a blueprint for multilateral collaboration. Arno Bosse

Discussion

13.00 – 14.00  Lunch

14.00 – 15.30  DOCUMENTS AND COLLECTIONS (WG 4)
Part I: EROL Panel
  › Compiling EROL: the opportunities and limitations of Zotero. Lara Bergers
  › Expanding EROL: different levels of digitization as a problem and an opportunity. Emma Mojet
  › Visualising EROL: what can intellectual historians learn from digital techniques to analyse a bibliography? Riccardo Bellingacci
  › Crowdsourcing EROL: towards tens of thousands of new records with metadata of early modern learned letters. Dirk van Miert
15.30 – 16.00

Coffee and tea break

16.00 – 17.30

DOCUMENTS AND COLLECTIONS (WG4)
Part II: Printed Letter Collections

› What is a Letter? Tracking printed letter collections in Ireland, Scotland and Wales from 1500-1800. Elizabethanne Boran
› Researching book dedications in foreign-language prints (mostly Latin) printed between 1501 and 1600 in the territory of the present Czech Republic. Jana Svobodová
› Some methodological issues concerning early-modern printed Latin letters. Antonio Dávila Pérez
› Estonian printed letter collections. Kristi Viiding
› Genres of the Modern Greek epistolography. Alexandra Sfoini
› Some recent online publications of early modern letters from Scandinavia. Per Pippin Aspaas
› Exploring genre: The many guises of the epistolary form. Marie Isabel Matthews-Schlinzig

Roundtable discussion

Optional Conference Dinner (Details TBA)
MONDAY 13th JUNE

9.30 – 11.00  SPACE AND TIME (WG 1)
Questioning the space of the Republic of Letters: Huguenot Perspectives, Part I

› Huguenot Networks. Ruth Whelan
› Exploring space and time in the correspondence of Jacob Spon and Elie Bouhereau: Methodological approaches. Catherine Porter
› Space and time in Huguenot networks: questions rather than answers. Ruth Whelan

11.00 – 11.30  Coffee and tea break

11.30 – 13.00  SPACE AND TIME (WG 1)
Questioning the space of the Republic of Letters. Huguenot Perspectives, Part II

› WG1 Review of work, forward planning. Format TBC

Discussion

13.00 – 14.00  Lunch

14.00 – 15.30  PEOPLE AND NETWORKS (WG 2)
Part I: Data Models and Tools

› Welcome and Introduction. Eero Hyvönen, Howard Hotson
› EMLO – the prosopographical data model. Mikkel Munthe Jensen
› Bio CRM: Extending CIDOC CRM to represent biographical data for prosopographical research. Jouni Tuominen, Eero Hyvönen
› Demonstrations of person identity resolution and linking tools. Jouni Tuominen

15.30 – 16.00  Coffee and tea break
16.00 – 17.30

PEOPLE AND NETWORKS (WG 2)
Part II: Sources and Applications

› Linked Life and Death: Reassembling the life stories of historical persons based on Linked Data. Eero Hyvönen
› Prosopographies (I): Universities. Mikkel Munthe Jensen, Howard Hotson
› Prosopographies (II): Religious Orders. Thomas Wallnig (with text by Georg Vogeler), Dagmar Mrozik, Nada Zecevič

Discussion and outlook

Official Dinner (Details TBA)
TUESDAY 14th JUNE

9.00 – 11.30  TEXTS AND TOPICS (WG 3)
Part I

› Introduction. Charles van den Heuvel
› Different communities, different vocabulary: Comenius’s rhetorical strategies in expanding his correspondence network. Vladimír Urbánek, Lucie Storchová, Ștefan Trăușan-Matu
› A language-driven network analysis of letters from the Hartlib Papers. Barbara McGillivray (with text by Federico Sangati)

11.30 – 11.50  Coffee and tea break

11.50 – 13.00  TEXTS AND TOPICS (WG 3)
Part II

› Uncovering the secret of Venus: Keywords, texts, and Beverland. Karen Hollewand
› Traveling Echoes: Studying text reuse in correspondence. Sinai Rusinek

13.00 – 14.00  Lunch

14.00 – 15.30  VISUALIZATION AND COMMUNICATION (WG 6)
Part I

› (Co)design with the Humanities. Paolo Ciuccarelli
› Presentations from the Como design sprint:
  - Text reuse in correspondence. Sinai Rusinek, Tommaso Elli
  - VIA (Virtual Itineraries of Academics). Marco Quaggiotto
  - Philus. Guy Lazure
  - Visualising EMLO. Glauco Mantegari

15.30 – 16.00  Coffee and tea break
16.00 – 17.30  VISUALIZATION AND COMMUNICATION (WG 6)
   Part II
   › Corpus of Ioannes Dantiscus’ Texts & Correspondence: challenges and achievements. Anna Skolimowska
   › Erasmus meets Dantiscus: The reconciliation of two major datasets. Christoph Kudella
   › Presentation of the Action’s visual dissemination. Paolo Ciuccarelli
   Discussion

WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE

9.30 – 12.00  IS 1310 Management Committee Meeting
   (for members of the MC only)

12.00 – 13.00  Lunch