

## COST Action IS1310

### Reassembling the Republic of Letters

Event: WG5 Meeting Wolfenbüttel

Date: February 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Local Organiser: Dr Thomas Stäcker

**Meeting participants:** Thomas Stäcker, Ian Gregory, Neil Jeffries, Christof Kudella, Charles van den Heuvel, Paolo Ciuccarelli, Arno Bosse, Mustafa Dogan, Gertjan Filarski, Ian Gregory, Eero Hyvönen, Stefan Schmunk

**Meeting Goals:** 1). Review and expand the draft outline for the COST volume, 2). Coordinate standardization efforts, 3). Coordinate grant application activities.

**Meeting Report:** At the Wolfenbüttel meeting, the draft outline for the planned 2018 COST volume was reviewed with special attention to a) adding important content areas not yet included in the draft, b) assigning potential authors to the respective sections, c) assigning preliminary page lengths to the respective sections, d) identifying which areas might benefit from the addition of interactive visualizations which could be prepared at the upcoming Como II Design Sprint in July. The outcome of the discussions and outcomes in these four areas can be reviewed in the attached PDF and in the #WG5 channel on the Action's Slack forum.

Next, the draft W&BP for 2017/2018 was reviewed and agreed by the members of the working group without further changes.

Following this, further discussions were held on the publication process for the (printed) volume and for an (online) 'enhanced' version with visualizations and comments. Chris Kudella offered a summary of his presentation on these two topics at the Lisbon historiographical meeting. He suggested that the Action contact MIT Press and UChicago Press as potential publishers for the volume. The suggestion was approved, and Kudella was asked to pursue these two leads further with his colleagues in Göttingen. For the enhanced (online) volume, Kudella recommended Scalar. Mustafa Dogan agreed to investigate whether (depending on technical requirements and anticipated costs) Scalar could be hosted at Göttingen for this purpose. In addition, Thomas Stäcker offered to prepare an estimate for the cost of marking up the text in TEI-Simple. The group also briefly discussed how best to coordinate the organization of the upcoming Como Design Sprint with the visualizations anticipated for the print and online versions of the COST volume. Charles van den Heuvel offered to take-up these discussions with Howard Hotson after the meeting.

Finally, a portion of time was set aside at the meeting to discuss ways to coordinate future EU grant applications as well as some of the relevant technical standards. A brief overview on two upcoming Horizon 2020 RI proposals were presented to the group by their respective PIs, Gertjan Filarski for 'CommonPlace' (e-infra-21-2017) and Stefan Schmunk for 'Alfred' (infradev-01-2017), and by Arno Bosse for Stage I of 'EMLOD' (cult-coop-09-2017) which was submitted in February 2017.