

REASSEMBLING THE REPUBLIC OF LETTERS

1500-1800

A digital framework for multi-lateral collaboration
on Europe's intellectual history

Conference Programme

22nd - 23rd March 2015

St Anne's College, University of Oxford

This conference is part of a multi-faceted event combining Working Group meetings and a public-facing two-day conference, with the aim of providing all participants with a comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of current developments relevant to the network. Running alongside these, a digital humanities Training School will induct newcomers into the current state of the field.

The conference is composed of a series of brief 'flash presentations', which present problems or developing solutions relevant to some of the key items in each Working Group's agenda. It is co-organised by COST Action IS1310 and Cultures of Knowledge.

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

10.30 – 12.00

Training School Introduction, trainees only

11.00 – 12.00

Steering Group Meeting, invitation only

12.00 – 13.00

Conference registration and buffet lunch
(Mary Ogilvie Foyer and Dining Hall)

13.15 – 13.35

Introduction to the Conference:
Howard Hotson (Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre)

13.35 – 14.00

Introduction to 'the Republic of Letters':
Dirk van Miert (Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre)

14.00 – 16.00

SPACE AND TIME

(Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre)

- Introductory remarks: Ian Gregory
- Research questions and cognate projects: Patricia Murrieta-Flores, Oyvind Eide, Howard Hotson (*tbc*)
- Metadata standards and authorities for spatial and temporal data: Robert McNamee
- Spatial data and metadata within text corpora: Ian Gregory, Claire Grover
- Mapping and other visualisation options: Nicole Coleman

16.00 – 16.30

Tea and Coffee break (Dining Hall)

16.30 – 18.30

PEOPLE AND NETWORKS

(Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre)

- Introductory remarks: Eero Hyvönen
- Identifying research questions for Working Group 2: Ruth Ahnert and Sebastian Ahnert
- Representing prosopographical data for problem solving: Tanya Gray Jones
- Electronic data resources for Working Group 2: Eetu Mäkelä
- Tools for data and ontology creation, reconciliation, data fusion, and publishing: Eetu Mäkelä and Eero Hyvönen
- Discussion and next steps

19.00 – 21.00

Optional Conference Dinner (Dining Hall)

MONDAY 23rd MARCH

8.45 – 10.45

TEXTS AND TOPICS

(Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre)

- Introductory remarks: Charles van den Heuvel
- Coding Text: Pip Wilcox
- Text Editions and Shared Canvas: Neil Jefferies
- Natural Language Processing and Topic Modelling: Stefan Trausan-Matu
- CKCC and the ePistolarium: Charles van den Heuvel
- From Digital to print: Otfried Czaika
- Virtual Research Environments: Gertjan Filarski

10.45 – 11.15

Tea and Coffee break (Dining Hall)

11.15 – 13.15

DOCUMENTS AND COLLECTIONS

(Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre)

- Introductory remarks: Elizabethanne Boran
- How to access collections in Sweden: Per Cullhed
- How to access collections in Denmark: Ivan Boserup
- Lithuania: How to access collections locally and internationally: Axel Walter
- How to access collections in Poland: Patryck Sapala
- How to access collections in the Austrian National Library: Andreas Fingernagel
- How to access collections in Hungary: Noemi Viskolc
- How to access collections in Spain: Antonio Davila Pérez
- How to access collections in Portugal: Vanda Anastacio

13.15 – 14.15

Buffet lunch (Dining Hall)

14.15 – 16.15

DATA EXCHANGE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

(Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre)

- Introductory remarks: Thomas Stäcker
- Generating large quantities of digital catalogue records - Scanning and Keying: Michael Popham
- Generating large quantities of digital catalogue records - crowd-sourcing catalogue metadata: Victoria van Hying
- Unique identifier scheme for individual letters - utility and prospects: Thomas Stäcker
- Examples of web-mounted archives of printed an

manuscript correspondence: Gregor Pobezin

- Digitizing learned correspondence - creating a master plan of distributed digitization: Karen Skovgaard-Petersen
- Sharing digital metadata - possible scholarly conventions for quoting portions of text: Jeanine De Landsheer
- Sharing digital metadata - brief introduction to Open Access policies for metadata, images, documents, and full digital editions: István Monok (tbc)
- Recruiting contributions: Howard Hotson
- Preservation and sustainability: Zeljka Salopek

16.15 – 16.45

Tea and Coffee break (Dining Hall)

16.45 – 18.45

VISUALISATION AND COMMUNICATION

(Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre)

- Introductory remarks - why visualisation is important: Paolo Ciuccarelli
- Existing tools and approaches - an overview: Giorgio Uboldi
- Data visualisation and information design for humanistic inquiries - four perspectives: Paolo Ciuccarelli (chair), Nicole Coleman, Marian Doerk, Glauco Mantegari and Min Chen
- Communication within the scholarly community: Giorgio Uboldi and Howard Hotson
- Communication with broader publics: Howard Hotson

19.00 – 21.00

Optional buffet dinner (Ruth Deech building foyer)

TUESDAY 24th MARCH

Working Group meetings

(only open to Action members and invited affiliates)

Training School hands-on sessions

(only open to trainees/trainers)

WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH

Management Committee meeting

(only open to Management Committee members and approved substitutes)

Training School hands-on sessions

(only open to trainees/trainers)