RETHINKING
THE REPUBLIC
OF LETTERS

New tools, models and methods
to serve new scholarly aspirations

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.

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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
› The (Oxford) Handbook of the Republic of Letters.
  Howard Hotson, Thomas Wallnig

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
› Neo-Latin letter writing and text technology. Workshop report and future plans. Thomas Wallnig
› Different communities, different vocabulary: Comenius's rhetorical strategies in expanding his correspondence network. Vladimír Urbánek, Lucie Storchová, Ştefan Trăuşan-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
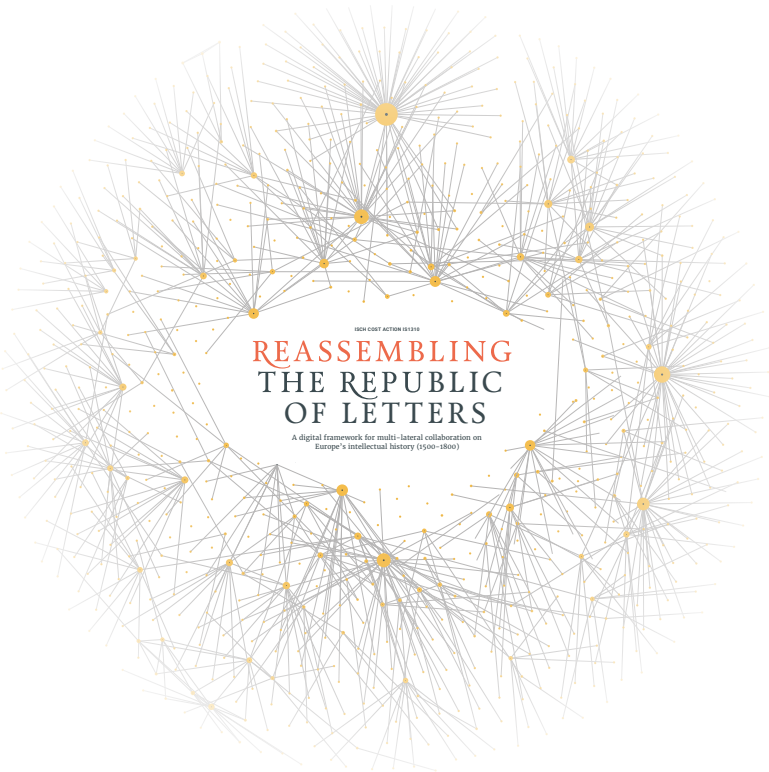
WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE

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

12.00 – 13.00   *Lunch*

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Europe's intellectual history (1500–1800)

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