

“Transmission of Texts in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe. Tools and Techniques for Dealing with Complicated Textual Traditions”.

Training School COST Action IS1301 - Rome, 23-25 March 2015

Organisation & Aims

COST Action IS1301, studying „New Communities of Interpretation. Contexts, Strategies and Processes of Religious Transformation in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe“ is a research network uniting over 120 researchers from 21 European countries. To contribute to the creation of research networks within and outside academia, it furthers connections between experienced scholars, regional and national archives and libraries as well as the upcoming generations of researchers.

The COST Action is proud to present a Training school on “Transmission of Texts in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe. Tools and Techniques for Dealing with Complicated Textual Traditions”. The venue of the Training School is the early 16th century Villa Lante al Gianicolo, the seat of the Institutum Romanum Finlandiae, in Rome.

The focus of the Training School is on the ways and mechanics of dissemination of texts, on one hand, and on the various scholarly methods of tracing and dealing with textual transmission, on the other.

Organizers: Prof. Tuomas Heikkilä (Institutum Romanum Finlandiae) & Prof. August den Hollander (University of Antwerp/Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam).

Call for Applications: Closing 15 February, 2015!

The second Training School of the COST Action IS 1301 will be organized in cooperation with the Finnish Institute in Rome (local organiser). This Training School will be devoted to various theoretical and practical approaches in dealing with textual variation, including the (computer-assisted) building of stemmata. The Training School will be of special interest to PhD-students working with (complicated) text traditions, and/or those editing (parts of) texts.

Ten Ph.D. or advanced M.A. candidates can be offered the opportunity to participate in lectures and workshops during a three-day event and to present their own research. Much emphasis will be given to working with textual variants, using traditional textual criticism as well as the recently developed computerised methods of stemmatology. The participants will have the opportunity to present their own material and ponder its challenges together with their peers and the teachers of the TS. The three-day Training School will include lectures, workshops, and visits.

All participants will be asked to prepare a list of variants of part of their own textual tradition, as well as a second list on the basis of parts of *Julius Caesar (Shakespeare)*, which will be made available in advance. Further, a reader will be provided that needs to be studied in preparation of the first plenary discussion on theoretical backgrounds. Some of the lectures will be open for other MA- and PhD-students as well, the workshops will be limited to just the ten TS participants.

The teachers of the Training School include: Prof. August den Hollander (University of Antwerp/VU University, Amsterdam); Prof. Tuomas Heikkilä (Institutum Romanum Finlandiae); Prof. Teemu Roos (University of Helsinki); Dr Barbara Bordalejo (University of Leuven); Mr Marko Halonen (Institutum Romanum Finlandiae).

How to apply

The Training School can accept no more than ten participants. A selection will be made on the basis of a letter of motivation, sent to prof. dr. Tuomas Heikkilä and prof. dr. August den Hollander ultimately the 15th of February. The training is free and limited refund for three nights' accommodation can be provided (up to max. 70 euro). During these three days, lunches will be provided and one other meal for each of these three days can be refunded up to 20 euro, according to COST-regulations. If travel cannot be subsidized at the home university, a letter documenting the unsuccessful application can be sent in to obtain a contribution towards travel cost, to be reimbursed within 60 days after the event. Sessions will be conducted in English and participants should bring a portable computer.

Commitment: Each participant should present a relevant research project in a ten minute presentation, and write up experiences in a short report after the event.

Application papers

Applicants should submit a single PDF document containing:

- Cover sheet stating name, nationality, permanent address (including e-mail and telephone), university affiliation, last degree obtained, degree in progress, research director/advisor, research topic.
- Curriculum vitae (including level of competence in Latin/English/other languages, e.g. good/fair/poor).
- Letter of incentive describing your experience in the areas of teaching proposed by the Training School, explaining why you are applying and what you expect from the training in the framework of your current research (suggested length c. 500 words).
- Attestation documenting suitability/thematic relevance from research advisor or director.
- Copy of student ID card.

Please send e-mails containing the application as a single PDF document to (August den Hollander) a.a.den.hollander@vu.nl by 15 February 2015. Successful applicants will be notified by 22 February 2015.

Applications must be submitted by midnight, 15 February, 2015.

Preliminary Programme

Day 1: Monday 23 March		
9:30-10:00	Opening	Heikkilä/Den Hollander
10:00-12:00	1 st plenary discussion. Theoretical backgrounds (on the basis of the reader)	participants/Heikkilä
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-15:00	Workshop. 10 min. presentations of research on textual traditions by participants	10 participants
15:00-15:45	Lecture (open) "Case Vita et Miracula s. Symeonis" or "Stemmatology of a 16th Century Chronicle"	Heikkilä/Halonen
15:45-16:30	Drinks	
16:30-19:00	Excursion to library: BAV (difficult), Casanatense, Angelica, Biblioteca Nazionale ???	
Day 2: Tuesday 24 March		
9:30-10:15	Lecture (not open) "making a list of variants; working with (sub) categories of variants; (e)valuation of variants"	Den Hollander
10:15-10:45	Drinks	
10:45-12:15	Workshop. Presentation and discussing of lists of variants of shared textual traditions	Heikkilä/Den Hollander
12:15-13:15	Lunch	
13:15-15:15	Workshop. Presentation and discussing of 5 individual lists of variants by participants	Heikkilä/Den Hollander
15:15-15:45	Drinks	
15:45-17:45	Lecture (open) and discussion	Bordalejo
17:45-19:00	Reception (open for other MA and PhD-students)	
Day 3: Wednesday 25 March		
9:30-10:45	Workshop. Presentation and discussing of 5 individual lists of variants by participants	Heikkilä/Den Hollander
10:45-11:15	Drinks	
11:15-12:30	Lecture (open) and discussion "Computer-assisted building of stemma's"	Roos
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	Evaluation and final discussion	
14:30-17:00	Excursion (voluntary)	