

# **"Late Medieval and Early Modern Book Culture - Book Production, Book Ownership, and Book Collecting"**

**5th TRAINING SCHOOL COST ACTION IS 1301**

**Including a masterclass by David McKitterick!**

**Deventer, 27-30 November 2016**

**Partners: Public Library Deventer; Deventer Verhaal [Heritage Centre];  
COST Action IS1301**

## **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 proudly presents a Training school on "Late medieval and Early Modern Book Culture - Book Production, Book Ownership, and Book Collecting". This COST Action Training School focusses on late medieval and early modern book culture. Particular attention will be given to bookproduction and -reception, the Modern Devotion and Erasmus, but also to late medieval book collecting. In the master class and workshops of this Training School the original objects (manuscripts; books; etc) will have a prominent role. Also field trips will be made into the historic cities of Deventer and nearby Zutphen. In the latter city also the original medieval city library will be visited.

The venue of the Training School is the Athenaeum Library, in the city centre of Deventer. The organizers are drs. Garrelt Verhoeven (director Deventer Verhaal, local organizer) and prof.dr. August den Hollander (COST-Action).

Situated at one of the most beautiful rivers of the Netherlands, the IJssel, lies Deventer, one of the oldest cities of the Netherlands. As a Hansa town Deventer grew into a thriving centre of trade, flourishing in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. Also otherwise the city had a prominent place. It was in Deventer that the religious movement of the Modern Devotion arose. This movement, guided by Geert Groote, deeply influenced spiritual life in large parts of Western Europe at the end of the Middle Ages and thereafter. Due to the quickly growing number of houses and monasteries that were affiliated with this movement, a high demand for books arose. The Modern Devotion therefore also had great influence on book culture in Deventer and its vicinity (Zwolle; Zutphen; etc), a book culture that was already rather prominent due to the presence of a flourishing Latin school. In 21<sup>st</sup>-century Deventer traces of this period are still clearly visible and sensible: in the ancient buildings of the city: the House of Geert Groote; the heritage collections; the museums; the Athenaeum Library with its splendid collections, including (parts of) the library of the *Heer Florens House*.

## Call for Applications: Closing 6 November, 2016!

The fifth Training School of the COST Action IS 1301 will be organized in cooperation with Deventer Verhaal (Heritage Centre) Deventer and the Athenaeum Library Deventer. Ten Ph.D. (or advanced M.A. candidates) can be offered the opportunity to participate in lectures and workshops during a three-day event. The participants will have also the opportunity to present their own research project and ponder its challenges together with their peers and the teachers of the TS. The three-day Training School will include lectures, workshops, and field trips.

### 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. August den Hollander ultimately the 6th of November. For this Training School a fee of 100 euros is required, to be paid in cash upon arrival. Participants will be fully refunded: three nights' accommodation (up to max. 100 euro per night), real travel costs (max. 250 euro), lunches (3x20 euro), and dinners (3x20 euro), according to COST-regulations. All expenses will be reimbursed as soon as possible 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. 400 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 [a.a.den.hollander@vu.nl](mailto:a.a.den.hollander@vu.nl). Successful applicants will be notified by 8 November 2016. Applications must be submitted by midnight, 6 November, 2016.

## Programme (preliminary)

Sunday 27 November - Deventer, City Hall			
	What?	Who?	Where?
15:30	Welcome		Deventer
15:40	Opening	drs. Garrelt Verhoeven	Deventer
15:50	Introduction	prof.dr. Sabrina Corbellini	Deventer
16:00	Public Lecture, incl.discussion "What is the use of all these old books"	prof.dr. David McKittrick	Deventer
17:30	Reception		Deventer
19:00	Dinner (only on invitation)		Deventer

**Monday 28 November - Deventer, Athenaeum Library**

	<b>What?</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>Where?</b>
9:00	Lecture on "A shared reading culture? Reading, exchanging and bequeathing books in fifteenth century Europe", incl. 15 min discussion	prof.dr. Sabrina Corbellini RUG, Groningen	Deventer
10:00	coffee break		
10:30	Lecture on "Gerard Zerbolt from Zutphen, his plea for Bible Reading in the vernacular, and his influence on Erasmus", incl.15 min. discussion	prof.dr. Wim François KU-Leuven	Deventer
11:30	Three presentations by participants	chair: Den Hollander	Deventer
13:00	Lunch		Deventer
14:00	Guided tour in Athenaeum Library, and presentation of treasures from collections	dr. Ina Kok, curator Athenaeum Library	Deventer
15:30	Tea		
16:00	Guided tour in historic city of Deventer, and visiting Gisbert Cuper exhibition	Anne van Geuns/Garrelt Verhoeven Erfgoed Deventer	Deventer
18:00	Drinks in local bar		Deventer
19:00	Dinner (voluntary)		Deventer

**Tuesday 29 November - Deventer, Athenaeum Library & Zutphen**

9:00	Masterclass on Early Modern Book Production	prof.dr. David McKitterick Trinity College, Cambridge	Deventer
11:00	coffee Break		
11:30	Workshop on "15th and 16th Century Bible Production in the Low Countries"	prof.dr. August den Hollander VU-University, Amsterdam	Deventer
12:30	Lunch		Deventer
13:00	Departure (on ferry) to Zutphen		Deventer
14:30	Guided tour in Zutphen, incl. visit of medieval city library		Zutphen
17:30	drinks in local bar		Zutphen
18:30	Dinner (voluntary) and return to Deventer by train		Zutphen

**Wednesday 30 November - Deventer, Athenaeum Library**

9:00	three presentations by participants	chair: August den Hollander	Deventer
10:30	coffee break		
11:00	four presentations by participants	chair: August den Hollander	Deventer
13:00	Evaluation Training School		
13:30	End of program		