

CALL FOR PAPERS

Winning Back with Books and Prints. At the Heart of the Catholic Reformation in the Low Countries (16th - 17th centuries)

Conference – University of Liège (23-24 February 2017)

Often considered as the first phenomenon of mass media in history, the use of the printing press by Protestants has been widely studied and has generated an abundant bibliography. In contrast, the production and use of books and printed images by the partisans of the Catholic Reformation have not received the attention they deserve, especially in the context of the Low Countries. Though there are studies on a few core figures - such as Christopher Plantin - or a few important publishing enterprises, many other less well-known cases are still as yet unstudied. However, these need to be addressed in order better to apprehend the extent, dynamism and underlying mechanisms of the processes set up to support Catholic Reform. This symposium aims to take an interdisciplinary approach in order to deal with the complexity of this phenomenon. Organised by the Research Unit *Transitions* of the University of Liège, in partnership with the FNRS group « Documents rares et précieux », the symposium will take place in the context of Liège's celebrations of the 500th anniversary of the early Reformation.

Papers might consider:

1/ The actors, the networks:

- Relationships between authorities – civil or religious - and the « intermediaries » of the Catholic Reform (writers, printers, publishers, *inventores* and engravers ...);
- Confraternities and religious orders in relation to literary production;
- The geography of exchanges: peddlers, travellers, collectors.

2/ Book and Print Market:

- Auctorial and publishing strategies ;
- The trade in books and printed images;
- Censorship and controlling book production and circulation.

3/ Use of book and image:

- Illustrated books: function and use of images in relationship with text, repertoires of models;
- Public and private libraries ;
- Reading practices.

Please submit a proposal in French or English (title and abstract of roughly 10 lines, a short CV with the mention of your five most important publications) by the **30 July 2016** to Renaud Adam (renaud.adam@ulg.ac.be) and Rosa De Marco (rdemarco@ulg.ac.be). Participants will be notified by the end of August. The conference proceedings will be published in English.

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