



ESPRit Newsletter No. 8, March 2015

1. Welcome

Welcome to the eight newsletter of ESPRit: European Society for Periodical Studies. In this newsletter we will give you an update on the upcoming conference in Stockholm on 10-11 September. We are also happy to announce that we plan to publish the first edition of the *Journal of European Periodical Studies* in the beginning of 2016. Of course, this newsletter also includes a list of events and Calls for Papers of interest to periodical researchers.

2. Conference Deadline

Firstly, we would like to let our members know that the proposals deadline for the upcoming conference on Politics and Periodicals has been moved up to 1 June 2015. We hope this will give you enough time to hand in proposals.

3. Conference Update

Unfortunately, keynote speaker Ben Harker has had to pull out, but we are glad to announce he will be replaced by Professor Brian Maidment. Professor Maidment will offer an extended workshop on reading periodicals, politics and illustration between 1820 and 1860. Keynote lectures will be given by Professor Núria Triana Toribio and Dr Marianne van Remoortel.

We are also proud to announce that the conference will be held at the beautiful Nordic Museum in central Stockholm. This is the web address of the venue:

<http://www.nordiskamuseet.se/en>

4. Our Intern's Research

As announced in a previous newsletter, the ESPRit intern, Max Hermens, is currently working on his research on methodological approaches in periodical studies from a European perspective. He is writing an essay in which he brings together various perspectives on the value of *network theory* for periodical studies. The essay will also include a list of methodological works on network theory. As he is new to the field, any suggestions for further reading are very welcome and can be sent to esprit@let.ru.nl.

5. Journal of European Periodical Studies

After several meetings, the *Journal of European Periodical Studies* is finally under way. We happily welcome Dr Maaike Koffeman (Radboud University Nijmegen) to our editorial team. Her experience as editor-in-chief of *TS: Tijdschrift voor Tijdschriftstudies* (Magazine for Magazine Studies) will be very helpful. She will form the editorial team together with Kristin Ewins, Marianne van Remoortel and Matthew Philpotts. We aim at publishing our first issue in the spring of 2016 and are now actively looking for submissions. For more information about the upcoming journal, such as author guidelines, content and scheduled deadlines, see the new website: <http://www.espr-it.eu/>

For submissions write to: Marianne.VanRemoortel@ugent.be

6. Upcoming Events of interest to ESPRit members

#Call for Papers: *Working with Nineteenth-Century Health and Medical Periodicals*

The nineteenth century saw an explosion in the number of medical periodicals available to the interested reader. The period also saw a huge range of smaller journals appearing, as practitioners increasingly organised themselves into more discrete medical 'specialisms' towards the end of the century. As digitization projects advance, an increasing number of these medical periodicals are becoming available to researchers. The organisers are interested in learning more about the nature and

methodologies of current research projects that involve working with these journals, as well as broader issues surrounding this kind of research: digitizing material, locating journals (particularly obscure ones), and using and searching collections. They will be asking questions about how to read periodicals, how to situate these materials within a broader historical medical context, and how to construct narratives based on periodical research. Organized at St. Anne's College, Oxford on 30 May 2015, this conference welcomes proposals from researchers working on medical periodicals across the world. For questions, or if you would like to send an abstract, contact Amelia Bonea at medperiodicals@ell.ox.ac.uk.

#Call for Papers *The Configuration of the Spanish Public Sphere, XVIII-XXI centuries*

Since the appearance of the first modern newspapers in Spain in the eighteenth century, the notion of a public sphere has structured both anxieties and hopes in the Spanish-speaking world. Although this emergence has often been tied to notions of cultural, political and economic 'modernization', constant change in types of media, in the logistics of dissemination and in the status of those who intervene in it has underpinned the ever-shifting dynamics through which the public sphere has operated in society, as well as its relationship to political power. The arrival of the digital age has only reinforced the richness and potential of, but also the anxiety over, these processes. This richness has also provided a conceptual challenge for contemporary scholars, both in terms of arriving at a suitable understanding of what the public sphere is, and of the role it plays in societies. This symposium aims to establish a dialogue among different periods and aspects of the above-mentioned processes in order to arrive at a fuller understanding of the workings of the public sphere in the Spanish-speaking world in the past few centuries.

Proposals are due 16 March 2015. For more information and proposals, send an e-mail to publishsphere2015@gmail.com or find their Call for Papers on the ESPRit website: <http://www.espr-it.eu/index.php/news/events>.

7. Next Newsletter

You can expect our next newsletter in about two months' time. If you have any news of interest to ESPRit members, such as research projects, conferences, articles, Calls for Papers, submissions, journals, please do send an e-mail to esprit@let.ru.nl and we'll try to include it in our next newsletter and / or on our website.