



ESPRit Newsletter No. 5, November 2011

1. Welcome

We are a month away from the inaugural conference of *ESPRit*, which will be held at the The Burgess Foundation in Manchester on December 9 and 10. Below you can find details about the conference programme and registration. One of the aims of the conference is to explore how periodical researchers working on “European” themes can join forces for shared publications, organisations of conferences, etcetera. We plan to start a discussion on the *ESPRit* listserv (see: www.ru.nl/esprit) after the conference and invite you to post your ideas for panels, theme issues of journals, etcetera. With nearly 100 members, *ESPRit* offers a unique opportunity to connect researchers working on periodicals and we hope that this will lead to fruitful collaborations.

2. ESPRit events

Announcement inaugural conference of ESPRit

To mark the foundation of the *European Society for Periodical Research*, the Centre for Periodicals Research at the University of Salford is hosting the *Periodicals Across Europe* Conference on 9-10 December 2011. The theme of the conference is the comparative study of European periodicals and periodical cultures. We take ‘periodical’ in its widest sense to mean magazines, journals, newspapers and any other form of serial publication. ‘Comparative study’ is equally broadly defined. The conference aims to consider the differences or similarities in periodical cultures between European nations and languages; between historical periods; and between European and non-European periodical cultures. This comparison will arise from the juxtaposition of papers, so individual papers may not be explicitly comparative. The programme includes keynote speeches from Professor Sophie Levie (Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen), Professor

Barbara Mittler (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg), and Professor Sascha Bru (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).

You can find the conference programme here:

[http://www.espach.salford.ac.uk/page/Periodicals Across Europe](http://www.espach.salford.ac.uk/page/Periodicals%20Across%20Europe)

Details about registration are here:

http://shop.salford.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?modid=1&prodid=0&deptid=0&compid=1&prodvarid=57&catid=167

3. Upcoming events of interest to *ESPRit* members

Registration is now open for W.T. Stead: Centenary Conference for a Newspaper Revolutionary, British Library, 16-17 April 2012.

William Stead died on the Titanic in 1912, the most famous Englishman on board. One of the inventors of the modern tabloid, his exposé of child prostitution raised the age of consent to 16, yet got him thrown in jail. This conference, held on the anniversary of Stead's death, examines his influence on the last century of journalism, and looks ahead at how digital technology will shape the next. Speakers include Laurel Brake, John Durham Peters, Roy Greenslade, Tristram Hunt MP, and Geoffrey Robertson QC.

The full program is here: <https://sites.google.com/site/stead2012/program>, or can be downloaded here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1htpsjdIvEJMwmZQkkcsALB4BSGKNRAWpIXnuKxZb7I/edit?hl=en_US

Registration is £70 (£60 for postgraduates and over 65s) and includes attendance, refreshments and lunch for both days, and a wine reception on Monday evening sponsored by Gale Cengage. After 2 January 2012 registration will increase to £85 (£75 postgraduates and over 65s). Registration is via the British Library shop here:

<http://www.bl.uk/whatson/events/event124192.html>

Further details available on the conference website here:

<https://sites.google.com/site/stead2012>

4. Next newsletter

If you have news of interest to *ESPRit* members, please send an email to esprit@let.ru.nl and we'll include it in our next newsletter and on our website. Suggestions for topics for the listserv discussion can also be emailed to this address.