



ESPRit Newsletter No. 7, January 2015

1. Happy New Year!

ESPRit would like to offer you a warm welcome to the new year: may it be full of dusty journals, yellowed pamphlets and crumbling gazettes! In this newsletter we proudly announce the inauguration of our new website. We are also happy to announce that Dr Marianne van Remoortel, one of our core members, has received an ERC Starting Grant. This will make it possible for ESPRit to collaborate with new researchers working on periodicals within a European context. Aside from that, we present to you the first Call for Papers for the official digital magazine of ESPRit: *Journal of European Periodical Studies*. Lastly, this newsletter includes a list of events and Calls for Papers of interest to periodical researchers.

2. New Website

The new website is finally finished and can be found here: <http://www.espr-it.eu/>. It encompasses many subjects, such as a news section, upcoming events, our constitution, information on upcoming conferences and profiles of our board members. The new website will also serve as a direct link to the digital magazine. Lastly, we would like to make you aware of our resources page, a work in progress consisting of interesting publications, databases and other web links useful to researchers working with (European) periodicals.

3. ERC Starting Grant

Dr Marianne van Remoortel of Ghent University, one of our Core Group members, has officially been bestowed an ERC Starting Grant. The project is entitled 'WeChangEd: Study of magazines and woman's history'. She will lead a team of five researchers in mapping out how forging transnational networks helped female periodical editors influence the social and cultural life in Europe from the early 18th to the early 20th century. Their research will specifically concern itself with different forms of textual and intellectual exchanges across national, linguistic and historical boundaries, such as translations, adaptations, reprints and reviews. ESPRit is looking forward to their results!

4. Call for Papers: *Journal of European Periodical Studies*

We are proud to present the official Call for Papers for the upcoming ESPRit journal: JEPS, the *Journal of European Periodical Studies*. JEPS is a peer-reviewed online journal devoted to the study of periodicals and newspapers in Europe from the seventeenth century to the present. It publishes research from a broad range of critical, theoretical and methodological perspectives, including, but not limited to, cultural history, literary studies, art history, gender studies, media studies, history of science and digital humanities. In recent decades, increasing numbers of scholars working in these and other disciplines across the humanities have explored the periodical press as a key site for cultural production, public debate and the dissemination of knowledge. Nevertheless, the study of magazines, newspapers, journals and other forms of periodical publication is still a fragmented field. Scholars usually focus on particular national traditions or historical periods. Much research remains to be done on the interactions among these traditions and the development of the periodical press over the long term. As the official journal of ESPRit, the European Society for Periodical Research, the *Journal of European Periodical Studies* offers scholars a forum for sharing their research and exchanging ideas across disciplinary borders. Although the journal welcomes articles on any aspect of the European periodical press, it particularly encourages comparative contributions that take the study of periodical publication beyond linguistic, cultural and historical boundaries, explore new theoretical and methodological paths, and thereby open up new lines of scholarly inquiry.

Papers are to be based on a solid formulation of a problem or research question, which is systematically answered in a verifiable manner within the article. Submitted papers will be assessed by editorial board members. This assessment can result in an acceptance, renouncement or temporary renouncement of the paper. If the paper is accepted for publishing, it will be reviewed and provided with critical remarks by a peer reviewer assigned by the editorial board. For more information about the

upcoming journal, such as style indications, content and scheduled deadlines, see the new website: <http://www.espr-it.eu/>

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5. Upcoming Events of interest to ESPRit members

#Workshop *SEEEPS: Slavic, East European and Eurasian Periodical Studies*

SEEEPS, originally founded at Princeton University, is the virtual home for a growing community of scholars interested in exploring new methodological avenues for studying journals, magazines and newspapers from this region. They are hosting a workshop on the 27th of March 2015, called “Decoding the Periodical”. This will be the first formal gathering to discuss the intersection of its field with Periodical Studies and Digital Humanities. Visit their website at:

<https://seeeps.princeton.edu/>

#Call for Papers *Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies “Illustration and Gender”*

The writers of *Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies* are compiling a summer 2015 issue dedicated to the theme of “Illustration and Gender”, in which the committee welcomes articles reflecting interdisciplinary approaches and international perspectives on illustration and gender studies. The articles are due 15 March 2015. To read more about this Call for Papers visit their website at:

<http://lnk.nu/navsa.org/1cs01/>

#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>.

6. Next Newsletter

We will publish the next newsletter in about two months time, when we have more news on the upcoming conference in Stockholm. 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.