



ESPRit Newsletter No. 6, November 2014

1. Welcome

In this sixth newsletter we proudly announce the European Society for Periodical Studies' fourth annual conference. The conference will take place in Stockholm, Sweden on 10 and 11 September 2015. The theme of the conference will be 'Politics and Periodicals'. One of the keynote speakers will be Dr. Ben Harker of Manchester University, who specializes in political periodicals.

2. Call for Papers

Politics and Periodicals

*The 4th International Conference of the
European Society for Periodical Research (ESPRit)*

10-11 September 2015

Stockholm, Sweden

The European Society for Periodical Research (ESPRit) will hold its 4th international conference in Stockholm, Sweden, on 10-11 September 2015.

Its theme of Politics and Periodicals seeks to bring together current research on the connections between politics - most concretely, political or social movements - and individual groups of periodicals. We welcome comparative cross-national perspectives as well as more local studies of European periodicals of any period on topics which may include but are not limited to

- Periodicals started by social or political movements
- Social or political movements invigorated by periodicals
- Periodicals devoted to political theory/political science; that is, periodicals explicitly about politics
- Periodicals as party organs
- Periodicals as editors/contributors
- Periodicals and political reputations
- Politicised conflict and controversy between periodicals

We are keen to bring together postgraduates and early-career researchers with more experienced scholars, and aim to present a programme that includes various modes of engagement with research in the field: panels, round tables, workshops, etc.

Please send proposals for 20-minute papers, panels of three or four papers, round tables, one-hour workshops or other suitable sessions and short biogs by 17 March 2015 to esprit@oru.se.

3. Introducing...

As of October this year Odin Dekkers and Usha Wilbers (founders of ESPRit) have hired a new intern, who will support the organization with a range of activities in the coming year. (One of which is writing Newsletters referring to himself in the third person.) His name is Max Hermens. He has a bachelor's degree in Cultural Studies, and is currently a master student of European Literature at Radboud University Nijmegen.

4. New Website

As of now we are working very hard on launching the new website. We hope to have it up and running before this Christmas. It will feature ESPRit announcements, archives, conference information, member profiles, a forum for discussion, links and publications as well as many other additions. One specific addition our intern will work on the forthcoming year is a bibliography of theoretical and methodological texts useful for periodical researchers who work in a European context.

5. Upcoming Events of interest to ESPRit members

#Call for Papers *Annual Conference Research Society for Victorian Periodicals*

The RSVP will hold its 47th annual conference on 10 and 11 July 2015 at Ghent University, Belgium. The conference's theme is "Life and Death" and it welcomes proposals for papers that address any aspect of nineteenth-century British magazines or newspapers. However, it will particularly encourage proposals on "Life

and Death” in the nineteenth-century press. Proposals are to be submitted before 1 February 2015. For more information go to:

<http://rs4vp.org/rsvp-conference/>

#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/1cs0l/>

#Conference *Literary Journalism and Africa’s Wars*

On the fifth and sixth of June 2015 Université de Lorraine (Nancy, France) is hosting a conference titled “Literary Journalism and Africa’s Wars: Colonial, Decolonial and Postcolonial Perspectives”. Keynote speakers will be Mark Bowden, Patrick de Saint-Exupéry and Jean Hatzfeld. The proposals deadline has already been passed, but for more information on the conference visit:

<http://lnk.nu/idea-udl.org/1cr0x/>

#Conference *La presse et les journalistes au XIXe siècle: identités et modernités*

The scientific franco-qubécois project *Médias 19*, founded to reflect on such subjects as 19th century journalistic practices, will organize a conference from 8 to 12 June 2015 in Paris. Its keynote speakers will discuss topics such as: ‘Être journaliste: identités, pratiques, trajectoires’, ‘La mondialisation des imaginaires médiatiques’, ‘Culture médiatique et culture numérique’, as well as various others. For more information visit their website at:

<http://www.medias19.org/index.php?id=19468>

6. Next Newsletter

We hope to be able to publish the next newsletter on our new website around New Year. If you have any news of interest to ESPRit members, such as research projects, conferences, articles, Calls for Papers, 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.