



Conference Schedule

Even in today's digital age, paper is so ubiquitous that we often overlook it. But at the dawn of the 'modern' era, paper was a brand-new (communications) technology that fundamentally influenced politics and political practices in myriad ways. This conference brings together scholars and paper experts working across a range of disciplines and geographic areas who are interested in the ways in which paper supported, shaped, or otherwise influenced practices of politics and political communications in the period ca.1250-ca.1850. It traces paper's 'life-cycle' across four themes: paper as circulating commodity and material artifact; paper in the emergence of epistolary cultures, the post, and news; paper as tool of governance, information-management, and diplomacy; and paper in the archives and archival practices. The conference also seeks to foster dialogue with colleagues studying societies where paper was present longer.

To register, or for further information, please visit the conference website, politicsofpaper.wix.com/politicsofpaper or email politicsofpaper@gmail.com. Due to recent changes to Internet Explorer, the website works best on other browsers like Safari or Firefox.

Wednesday, 8 June 2016

Academiegebouw, Broerstraat 5, Groningen

Optional Hands-On Workshops

19.00-21.00 *Strokes on the Paper: Early Modern Calligraphy Workshop* (room A2)
Diego Navarro Bonilla (University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain)

19.00-21.00 *Signed, Sealed, and Undelivered: Workshop on Early Modern Letterlocking* (room A3)
David van der Linden (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)

Thursday 9 June 2016

Van Swinderen Huys, Oude Boteringestraat 19, Groningen

8.30-9.00 Coffee & Registration (Brasserie/Patio)

9.00-9.30 Welcome (Glazen Zaal)
1) Prof. dr. Gerry Wakker, Dean of the Faculty of Arts (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)
2) Megan K. Williams (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)

9.30-10.30 Plenary I: Paper as Circulating Material Artifact (Glazen Zaal)
Jonathan Bloom, Prof. of Islamic and Asian Art, Boston College and Virginia Commonwealth University, USA

10.30-11.00 Coffee (Brasserie/Patio)
MA Student Poster Presentations (Glazen Zaal)

Thursday, 9 June cont.

11.00-12.30 Panels I

I.-A. The Politics of the Paper Trade (Glazen Zaal)

Chair: Prof. dr. Raingard Esser (University of Groningen)

- Maria Stieglecker (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria), *Paper, scribes and books at the Council of Basel*
- Caroline Fowler (Getty Research Institute, USA), *Albrecht Dürer and carta turchina*
- Daniel Bellingradt (University of Erlangen, Germany), *Amsterdam's paper networks and the book industry of the eighteenth century. A case-study on the business activities of an Amsterdam paper dealer*

I.-B. Paper Letters: Materiality and Epistolarity (Bestuurskamer)

Chair: Prof. dr. Sabrina Corbellini (University of Groningen)

- Henk Porck (independent scholar, The Netherlands), *A Study into the value of letter folds*
- Hwisang Cho (Xavier University, USA), *Spiral letters: Paper, gender, and languages in early modern Korean epistolary culture*
- Johanna Feenstra (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), *The materiality of early modern women's letters*

I.-C. Company Paper (Club Lounge)

Chair: Dr. Ya-Pei Kuo (University of Groningen)

- Anjana Singh (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), *Lost between priest and paper: Political power and useful knowledge in early modern India*
- Asheesh Kapur Siddique (Columbia University, USA), *Mobilizing paperwork in an age of imperial war: John Bruce, the East India Company, and the imperial archive in the era of the French Wars*
- Frank Birkenholz (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), *Paper, pepper and merchant-princes: the Dutch East India Company's paper politics in the seventeenth century*

12.30-14.00 Lunch (Brasserie/Patio)

14.00-15.00 Plenary II: Paper in the News, Post & Epistolary Cultures (Glazen Zaal)
The Taming of White Space

Andrew Pettegree (University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK)

15.00-15.30 Coffee (Brasserie/Patio)

MA Student Poster Presentations (Glazen Zaal)

Thursday, 9 June cont.

- 15.30-17.00 Panels II
- II.-A. Plotting on Paper: the Politics of Placards, Pamphlets and the Post (Bestuurskamer)
Chair: Dr. John Flood (University of Groningen) or Raingard
- Arthur der Weduwen (University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK), *"To all who may read or hear this, greetings". The politics of placards in the Dutch Revolt*
 - Brooke Palmieri (University College London, UK), *Pestilence, pamphleteering and the archive*
 - Stefanie Koscak (Wake Forest University, USA), *Paper fictions: the Penny Post and conspiratorial politics in Restoration England*
- II.-B. Princely Power on Paper (Glazen Zaal)
Chair: Prof. dr. Luis Lobo-Guerrero (University of Groningen)
- Yanay Israeli (University of Michigan, USA), *From orders to artifacts: A processual view of royal records and its contribution to the study of the Castilian state*
 - Giacomo Giudici (Birkbeck, University of London, UK), *Deploying paper as a performance of power: The strategies of Francesco II Sforza (1522-1535) as a case-study to rethink early modern political-administrative correspondence*
 - Tracey Sowerby (Keble College, University of Oxford, UK), *English royal letters and diplomatic ceremony*
- II.-C. 'State' Papers and Archival Origins (Club Lounge)
Chair: Prof. dr. Goffe Jensma (University of Groningen)
- Devin Fitzgerald (Harvard University, USA), *The Manchu origins of China's last imperial archives*
 - Ron Makleff (University of California-Berkeley, USA), *The Taxis post and the Habsburg mobile archive in the sixteenth century*
 - Kira von Ostenfeld-Suske (Columbia University, USA), *"The king's library of manuscripts": Philip II, his secret papers of state, and his library as archive*
- 17.00-17.45 Keynote I (Glazen Zaal)
"Burn after reading": Paper and the rise of resident diplomacy in early modern Europe
Megan K. Williams (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)
- 18.15-19.15 Cocktails at the [Grafisch Museum Groningen \(GRID\)](#)
This reception is generously sponsored by the University of Groningen, the Municipality of Groningen and the Province of Groningen.

Friday, 10 June 2016

Van Swinderen Huys, Oude Boteringestraat 19, Groningen

8.30-9.00 Coffee and Registration (Brasserie/Patio)

9.00-10.00 Plenary III: Paper in Governance and Info-Management (Glazen Zaal)
How Colbert Kept the Books: Paperwork and the Mechanics of the French Absolutist State
Jacob Soll (University of Southern California, USA)

10.00-10.30 Coffee (Brasserie/Patio)
MA Student Poster Presentations (Glazen Zaal)

10.30-12.00 Panels III

III-A. Consuming Paper in the City (Bestuurskamer)

Chair: Prof. dr. Catrien Santing (University of Groningen)

- Tapio Salminen (University of Tampere, Finland), *The Introduction of paper in the communication and written management of information in the Council of Reval (Tallinn) in ca. 1348-75*
- Jeroen Benders (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), *Voir i boeck pappyr. Uses and using up of paper in late medieval towns: Deventer and Zutphen (eastern Netherlands) in the 14th-15th centuries*
- Sundar Henny (University of Cambridge, UK/Swiss National Science Foundation), *Powerful even if unread and undecipherable: Papers in early modern Zurich*

III.-B. Information Management on the Paper Page (Club Lounge)

Chair: Prof. dr. Mark Thompson (University of Groningen)

- Diego Navarro Bonilla (University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain), *Writing beauty, finding contents: Calligraphic displays as visual orientations in Spanish documents and registers (15th-18th centuries)*
- Jeroen Claassens (University of Groningen, The Netherlands) *Divergent Diplomatic Diaries: Paper Use and Information Management in the Diary of Daniël-Jan de Hohepied, ca. 1677-1680*
- Joop Koopmans (University of Groningen, The Netherlands), *The Paper Politics of Early Modern Dutch Newspapers*

III.-C. Governance and Paper(work) (Glazen Zaal)

Chair: Prof. dr. W.J. van Bekkum (University of Groningen)

- Paul Dover (Kennesaw State University, USA), *Politics of Paper and Paper of Politics. Inscribing Statecraft*
- Quinten Somsen (Leiden University, The Netherlands), *Government by Paper: Disciplining State Officials in 17th-Century Bavaria*
- Edward Adamo (University of Toronto, Canada), *The Ottoman way: Information and governance in the 17th century*

Friday, 10 June, cont.

12.00-13.30 Lunch (Brasserie/Patio)

13.30-15.00 Plenary IV: Paper in the Archives and in Archival Practices (Glazen Zaal)
Roundtable

- **Eric Ketelaar** (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- **Diego Navarro Bonilla** (University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain)
- **Hilde de Weerdt** (Leiden University, The Netherlands)

15.00-15.30 Coffee (Brasserie/Patio)
MA Student Poster Presentations (Glazen Zaal)

15.30-17.00 Panels IV

IV-A. Disposable Memories?: Keeping & Destroying Paper (Glazen Zaal)
Chair: Drs. Gerda Huisman (University of Groningen)

- Alberto Cevoloni (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy),
"Uti saepius è charta sapere, ita etiam saepissime è charta meminisse ac recordari cogimur". Paper as Forgetting Device in Early Modern Europe
- John Gagné (University of Sydney, Australia), *The paper sensibility: ways to think about the interrelated histories of time and paper*
- Tom Toelle (University of Cambridge, UK/Princeton University, USA), *Futures on paper: How Charles VI claimed a new future by destroying the old (1715-8)*

IV-B. Paper Propaganda: Managing Memory in Political Books
(Bestuurskamer)

Chair: A.D.M. van de Haar (University of Groningen)

- Annalisa Dameri (Politecnico di Torino, Italy), *The paper war. An epic campaign celebration*
- Stefania Gargioni (University of Kent, UK/Freie Universität, Ger.),
French political books translated into English in the sixteenth and early seventeenth century: Collaboration, exchanges and circulations of paper
- Lisa Kattenberg (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands), *The paper mosaic. Organizing information and the making of Virgilio Malvezzi's Sucesos principales de la monarchia de España (1640)*

IV-C. War & Peace... and Paper (Club Lounge)

Chair: TBA

- Erik Thomson (University of Manitoba, Canada), *Arms dealers, information, and diplomacy in the Thirty Years War*
- Markus Laufs (University of Bonn, Germany), *The art of translating. Papers and their conveyance as instrument of early modern peace mediation*
- Carolina Esteves Soares (University of Lisbon, Portugal), *Information as the ex libris of diplomatic missions. The importance of diplomats in gathering intelligence and their influence on political decisions (1668-1683)*

Friday, 10 June cont.

- 17.00-18.00 Concluding Keynote
Lothar Müller (Humboldt-Universität/*Süddeutsche Zeitung*, Germany)
- 18.00-18.15 Concluding Remarks & Discussion of Publication Plans
Megan K. Williams (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)
- 18.30- Conference Dinner
Restaurant 't Feithhuis, Martinikerkhof 10, Groningen

Saturday, 11 June 2016

Optional excursion to 17th-century paper-mill [De Schoolmeester](#)

- 7.30 Bus departure from Groningen, Grote Markt (by VVV Tourist Bureau)
Division into two groups of up to 25 persons
- 10.00 Arrival at De Schoolmeester, Westzaan
- 10.00-11.00 Tour of De Schoolmeester -- Group 1
10.15-10.45 Coffee and Cake at De Prins restaurant, Westzaan -- Group 2
- 11.00-12.00 Tour of De Schoolmeester -- Group 2
11.15-11.45 Coffee and Cake at De Prins restaurant, Westzaan -- Group 1
- 11.45 Bus collects both groups and departs for Schiphol Airport
- 12.15/12.30 Arrival Schiphol Airport & Train Station
(connections to flights, national/international trains)
- Sack lunch provided in bus for those returning to Groningen
- ca. 15.30 Arrival back in Groningen , Grote Markt (by the VVV Tourist Bureau)