

**Renaissance Centre Committee/SSLC Meeting**  
**Wednesday 13 November 2019, 1–2pm**

**MINUTES (Part One) Unreserved**

**Present:** Bryan Brazeau (School for Cross-faculty Studies, Liberal Arts), Marta Celati (CSR Leverhulme Fellow), Aysu Dincer Hadjianastasis (History), David Lines (Chair, SMLC [Italian]), Iván Parga Ornelas (CSR PGR), Paloma Perez-Galvan (CSR PGR), Caroline Petit (DGS, Classics), Rich Rabone (SMLC [Spanish]) Jayne Sweet (CSR Administrator), Katherine Waters (Library), Bobby Xinyue (CSR BA research fellow).

**Apologies:** Catherine Bates, Paul Botley, Beat Kümin, Aidan Norrie, Emil Rybczak

### 1. Minutes

Part one (unreserved) of the previous meeting were discussed and approved (Doc1).

### 2. Chair's Business

a) matters arising:

- The chair welcomed Caroline Petit and Aysu Dincer as Co-DGS for this year
- The promotional videos for [MA](#) and [PhD](#) study are on YouTube/the CSR website now, with around 20 hits each
- UG modules set up for this and next term, with a cross-section of participants
- The Chair asked what people thought about the potential usefulness of a non credit-bearing UG summer school, possibly sited in London? Costs were seen as the biggest hurdle, and it was suggested that these would quite low at around £150 per participant. Using the Warwick in London base would be very expensive. A suggestion was made (BB) that by creating a WP element and inviting local London students, we might be able to achieve more favourable hiring rates.

b) other matters:

- The CSR's move to Ramphal was reported; negotiations re (lack of) space are still ongoing
- International connections: Prato consortium (DL and Iván Parga will be attending in December); continuing membership of Newberry Consortium and exchange with Johns Hopkins (Anna Cruz-Marsh going this year); meetings are ongoing re the possibility of exploiting a new agreement (MOU) with Ca' Foscari
- Postdoctoral fellowships: For 2019-20, we will be having a BA Fellow arrive in January (Esther van Raamsdonk) and a Leverhulme Fellow in April (Claudia Daniotti). Possibilities for next year: Marie Curie (two applications over the summer), BA (4 applicants, one nominated), Leverhulme (upcoming deadline).
- Greg Wells awards to be announced soon
- It was reported that through the generosity of an alumna, further research funding is available for PhD students (£1K)
- Priority for the future: refreshing/reorganizing the website

### 3. Library

- EEBO has changed provider platform; a new how-to guide is out  
**ACTION: KW will send link to JS to disseminate**
- Currently, the Library's copies of the journal *Quaerendo* (Brill) reach only to 2009. It was agreed that it would be good to have holdings updated (at least in electronic form) up to the present.

- Two databases are on the library's 'watch-list' (International Medieval Bibliography and the International Bibliography of Humanism and Renaissance Studies). Their cost per use/access is £20, up from £14 last year, so if they are not useful/being used, they will be discontinued.
- The library purchased one new early 16<sup>th</sup> century book, published by the heirs of Aldus Manutius in 1517 (Niccolò Perotti, *Cornucopia* ...) and strongly encourages its use in teaching. It will be located in the Modern Records Centre.
- Office hours for Kat Waters may be set up in the library; further information to follow.  
**ACTION: KW & JS to follow up.**

#### 4. SSLC matters

Nothing to report.

PTES and PRES surveys results were very positive

#### 5. Current CSR activities

- Posters for Latin for Research and Palaeography have been produced, and mass mail sent round; numbers are low at the moment, but there is still time to recruit.
- Reading groups:
  - Augustine, *City of God*; is going well, has a small regular cohort of 4-5 and will look at changing room as of next week. **JS to assist BB with this.**
  - Dante Reading Group continues; no further information on its status.
- STVDIO series, organised by rich Rabone and Paloma Perez-Galvan, has met three times this term already. The final speaker is next week.
- Early Career Club, organised by Marta Celati and Rebecca Carnevali, has two speakers per term. The first session (on 'Writing book reviews') was very well received with around 20-25 attendees. The second talk is next week.
- The programme for the Community course, organised by Aysu Dincer Hadjianastasis, is finalised for January–March, but recruitment is slow so far, and the course needs a minimum of 8 participants to be viable. Running it in term 3 instead was discussed as a possibility.

#### 6. Current Research Projects for report

- CSR has a connection with the 'Renaissances' project (with Paris Nanterre, Paris 8, Sorbonne, plus various international partners including Université de Göttingen, Université de Louvain-La Neuve, Université de Madrid-Complutense, Université autonome de Barcelone, Université de Warwick, Université de Vérone, Université de Naples Frédéric II, Université de Lausanne); this is being sustained by the participation especially of Ingrid De Smet and David Lines, but others would be very welcome to be involved (meetings are in French).
- Projects of individual research fellows: Bobby Xinyue gave a verbal update, including on the recent conference he organised in Venice. Marta Celati gave a verbal update.

#### 7. Research Development / Future Research Bids

- DL putting in an AHRC Standard Grant with Sara Miglietti (Warburg Institute) and Alessio Cotugno (Ca' Foscari) on 'Multilingualism and Philosophical Translation in Early Modern Italy and France (1400-1700)'; submission goal is December.
- There may be a possibility of developing another bid together with Bologna on Ulisse Aldrovandi in view of 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth in 2022.
- Caroline Petit put in for a Leverhulme fellowship (through Classics).
- On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019, the CSR will hold a PG event with talks from current PhD students and participation of potential research students.

#### 8. AOB

N/A