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## Egodocumental Research Group

### Newsletter 1/2024

#### 1st Egodocumental Seminar

We would like to remind you about and invite you once again to the first edition of the Egodocumental Seminar, which is the initiative of the Egodocumental Research Group. The seminar will take place on 4th March 2024. The lecture will be followed by a general discussion about the newly created Egodocumental network.

The programme (Central European Time):

- 16:30 – 17:30 Prof. Michael Mascuch (University of California, Berkeley) will present his paper "The Seventeenth-Century English Diary and the Idea of Sovereignty", which will also include a methodological reflection, followed by discussion.
- 17:30 – 17:45 Alessandra Giliberto (managing editor at Brill) will introduce Brill's two series where the publication of research on egodocuments is possible
- 17:45 – 18:15 Discussion of the possibilities of the research network with the participants of the seminar.

The seminar will be held online via MsTeams. To join the seminar, please use this link:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MWUzNDhjYzgtZTJlMS00MzU5LWIzYmQtOTZkMzE1ZWFIN2U0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22tid%22%3a%2263441aef-da0e-4397-bb7e-f9d4705e963b%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22259576e5-d58e-4500-81ae-7ee9c9a6f0be%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWUzNDhjYzgtZTJlMS00MzU5LWIzYmQtOTZkMzE1ZWFIN2U0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22tid%22%3a%2263441aef-da0e-4397-bb7e-f9d4705e963b%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22259576e5-d58e-4500-81ae-7ee9c9a6f0be%22%7d)

Feel free to share the link with your colleagues, who may be interested in attending the seminar.

## **NEWS:**

### **1. New database**

The Centre Roland Mousnier (CNRS, Sorbonne University) is happy to announce the creation of a new database devoted to the French "écrits personnels" ("écrits du for privé"; personal writings; egodocuments) written during the early modern period and the nineteenth-century (<https://ecritspersonnels.huma-num.fr/s/ecritspersonnels/page/accueil>). It has been developed in cooperation with University Toulouse - Jean Jaurès and the University of Lausanne.

This database counts more than 730 references of secondary works or printed sources and offers a FAQ defining "écrits personnels" and their main historical uses. Its main scope is France, but it also contains references in French, English, and occasionally, other languages, about "écrits personnels" in other parts of Europe and the world. Full-text search could be made, as well as search by keywords.

The database is due to be expanded, and you are kindly asked :

- To check if your scientific works (of any nature) in this field are duly acknowledged. If not, do not hesitate to write to [francois-joseph.ruggiu@sorbonne-universite.fr](mailto:francois-joseph.ruggiu@sorbonne-universite.fr) for additions to the database.
- To create a link to the database from the websites you manage if this is relevant. The reverse is, of course, possible.

Contact: François-Joseph, professor of early modern history, Sorbonne Université, [francois-joseph.ruggiu@sorbonne-universite.fr](mailto:francois-joseph.ruggiu@sorbonne-universite.fr)

### **2. Publications:**

Dr Aleksandra Tobiasz from the Institute of Civilisation and Culture in Ljubljana would like to inform you about the publication of her two very interesting articles related to egodocumental study:

- 1) "'Between the East and the West' Vladimir Bartol's Self-Identification between Central European Ljubljana and Mediterranean Trieste (1946-1956)". Link to article: [https://ojs-gr.zrc-sazu.si/primerjalna\\_knjizevnost/article/view/9281/8715](https://ojs-gr.zrc-sazu.si/primerjalna_knjizevnost/article/view/9281/8715)
- 2) "From geopolitics and regional identity to geopolitics and self-identification - a trajectory of conceptualization of Central Europe?". Link to article: <https://impactum-journals.uc.pt/estudossecxx/article/view/12929/9565>

### **3. CFP from professor Charlotte Methuen:**

Society for Reformation Studies wants to invite you to the 30th Annual Conference Networks and Networking in the Reformation, 9-11 April 2024. The conference will be held in the hybrid form at Westminster College in Cambridge and online via Zoom. The deadline for the paper proposal is 21 February 2024. Proposed paper titles, together with an abstract (100-150 words), should be submitted to Professor Charlotte Methuen ([charlotte.methuen@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:charlotte.methuen@glasgow.ac.uk)). Detailed information and booking form are attached to this e-mail.

### **4. CFP from professor Anna Penkała-Jastrzębska:**

University of the National Education Commission in Krakow and Cieszyn Library would like to invite you to the conference Świat rzeczy szlacheckiego dworu (The world of a noble manor), Cieszyn, 24-25 October 2024. Submissions deadline: 29 February 2024 r. Detail information can be found here: <https://kc-cieszyn.pl/konferencja-swiat-rzeczy-szlacheckiego-dworu-kolekcje-zbiory-biblioteki-gabinety-osobliwosci/>. The conference is related to the Polish National Centre for Science project "Women's Noble Court in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the Saxon times. Structure, People, Culture, Functions", <https://womenscourt.up.krakow.pl/en/strona-glowna-english/>, which has a free database on the women's private courts in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the Saxon times (list, description, map) and the Dictionary of Court Culture.

### **5. Egodocumental workshop**

A workshop on the use of egodocuments as sources in legal history ("Egodocuments in Legal History: Individual Experiences and Memories as Sources of Legal Cultural Change") was organized on 8 February 2024 at the University of Turku. Wishing to see egodocuments feature more prominently as sources in mainstream legal history research, Professor Mia Korpiola (Legal History) invited speakers from the universities of Helsinki and Lund as well as a memory organization (Sarka – The Finnish Museum of Agriculture). After a general introduction by Korpiola, three speakers, Marianne Vasara-Aaltonen (University of Helsinki), Elsa Hietala (Sarka – The Finnish Museum of Agriculture/University of Turku) and Elsa Trolle Önnerfors (Lund University) presented egodocumentary sources and how to use them through examples drawn from their own research. The participants also read and analysed egodocumentary sources in groups. The final discussion on sources,

methodological issues and the uses of egodocuments in legal history research was lively. The workshop was organized at the Faculty of Law under the auspices and sponsorship of one of the strategic research and education profiles of the University of Turku, "Cultural memory and social change".

## **6. Research grant project**

We also want to inform you about the research grant project prepared by the University of Lodz (prof. Michael Green and dr Anna Brzezińska) in cooperation with the University of Freiburg (prof. Achim Rabus), Vilnius University (prof. Arvydas Pacevičius) and Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (dr Hadrian Ciechanowski). One of the main goals of the project is to create a database of egodocuments with the possibility of their transcription. The project was submitted to the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange.

Information about initiatives of the Egodocumental Research Group can be found at the website: <https://egodokumenty.umk.pl>.

As always, we are looking forward to the information about any publication, grant, conference, workshop, search for collaborators or any other information or request you would like to share with the network members. Please send us a description (in English) and materials at e-mail: [egodocuments@umk.pl](mailto:egodocuments@umk.pl). We will be pleased to share them with the network.

Best wishes,

dr Hadrian Ciechanowski (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń)

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