Colloquium and presentation biography Felix de Boeck
On September 23, David Veltman will present the first copy of his biography of Felix de Boeck to former governor Lodewijk de Witte. The presentation will be the start of a colloquium in the FeliXart Museum, devoted to the theme of ‘Uncomfortable histories in a contemporary context’. Six speakers were invited to tell something about their treatment of black pages in Belgian cultural history, including Virginie Devillez and Matthijs de Ridder.

Persian translation The ABC of Modern Biography
Sahar Vahdatis Hosseinian recently published a Persian translation of The ABC of Modern Biography, the book that was written by Nigel Hamilton and Hans Renders in 2018. In trenchant, witty entries Hamilton and Renders explore the pitfalls and prospects of biography as a genre, in 26 letters of the alphabet: the ‘E’ is for ‘Ethics’ and ‘I’ is for ‘Identity’. Now people from Iran, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan can read what’s in the ‘F’ is for ‘Facts’.

Daniel R. Meister and David Veltman start H-Biography
Biographies are written around the world, but an international platform for biographical research did not exist until today. Therefore, Daniel R. Meister (PhD Queens University, Canada) and David Veltman (RuG) started H-Biography, an interdisciplinary network that considers Biography Studies as a unique field, distinct from the related approaches of autobiography, life writing, and literary theory. Its primary purpose is to allow for the discussion and dissemination of information relating to Biography Studies more broadly. The editors welcome contributions in the form of reviews or essays.

Cover Fear of Theory ready
Hans Renders and David Veltman have compiled an edited volume under the title of Fear of Theory. Towards a New Theoretical Justification of Biography. Recently, the publication was announced by Brill. The volume consists of eighteen contributions by researchers from Australia, Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Iceland, the Netherlands and the US.

Biographical research Groen van Prinsterer
Gertjan Schutte recently began his biographical research into the life of the nineteenth century Dutch politician Guillaume Groen van Prinsterer. The research focuses on the interface between the professional and the personal life of Groen. Schutte is working at the Theological University of the Reformed Churches at Kampen, the Netherlands. His promoters are prof. George Harinck (TU Kampen) and prof. Hans Renders (RuG).

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