

## Report

The meeting that took place at the Sorbonne University (Paris) on the 23rd and 24th of October 2014 gathered between 22 and 30 specialists, depending on sessions. The majority of them belonged to the working group n° 2 of our COST action (both academics and librarians), but other academics and librarians also took part in it :

- other specialists, most of which had been recommended by members of the COST,
- Paris academics or librarians.

Its main results are as follows :

1) First of all, this two days meeting provided all of its participants with stimulating papers and with lively debates, as all of the members of the group were eager to adopt a comparative perspective. The papers, focusing on the periphery of the pages as witnessing cultural and religious practices, both in manuscripts and in *incunabula*, allowed for rich discussions. They did give an insight into the evolution of the « periphery of the page » during a long period (from the 13th to the 16th c.) all around Europe. The topic, halfway between a *terra incognita* and a field which has become familiar to all of the specialists dealing with ancient books, at the same time connects and differentiates our two sub-working groups, namely sub-group 2a: "Texts and textual tradition (manuscripts and prints)" and sub-group 2b: "Documenting and contextualising the use of texts: communities and individuals". In accordance with this plasticity, the topic of *marginalia* has prompted studies giving priority to marks of ownerships as well as analysis considering them as actualisations of a textual identity, documenting and contextualising the use of religious texts. No publication of this series of papers as such has been scheduled, but the questions and suggestions raised by the participants might prove useful for paper-givers, should they wish to transform their conference into scientific articles.

2) The second part of the first day was dedicated to

- hearing a few less formal presentations of research projects only just starting;
- debating and consolidating the splitting of the working group 2 (« Strategies of Transformation: Translating, Reading, Writing, Collecting and Performing ») into two different sub-working groups;
- scheduling the next working group meetings (in Prague, March 2015 ; Tours, September 2016).

Most of the 'round table' activity was dedicated to the research of suitable topics for the next two group meetings. For the Prague meeting, organised by Ian Johnson for the sub-group 2a and by Lucie Doležalova for sub-group 2b, the rewriting of the Bible have been preferred to more focused topics in order for a large number of the WG members to be able to participate. For the Tours meeting, the articulation between Middle Ages and Renaissance will be at the core of our collective works, in order for the whole of the COST to obtain a maximum profit of our stay at the CESR (Centre d'Études Supérieures de la Renaissance), one of the main spots in Europe for leading pioneering research on different aspects of what is called « Renaissance ». As one of the main goals of our COST action is to raise issues about such a notion, which constantly evolves, the Tours setting was considered a relevant framework for this collective work.