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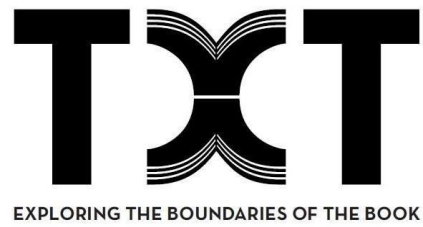
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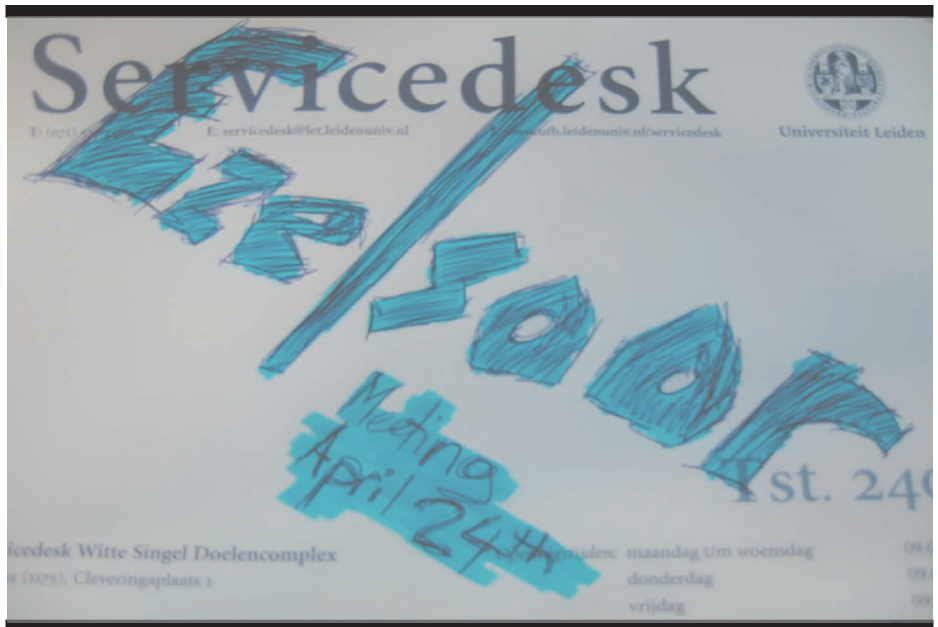
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Editorial

Welcome to the second issue of the renewed Ezelsoor. Here we hope to provide you with the latest developments in the life and loves of the Leiden Book and Digital Media Studies programme. We have been busy travelling both in terms of locations and mental horizons. Extended excursions have been made by both students and staff. On the way we have picked up some new faces and unfortunately lost a few as well. We have welcomed Professor Paul Rutten and said goodbye to Eva Gressnich, last term's exchange student from Mainz. You can read about all of this and more within these twenty-four short pages.

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The numbers of students in the two programs in Mainz and Leiden differ from each other significantly. At present Mainz has 596 students attending Book Studies as either major or minor subject. In Leiden however the number of Master students comes to 15. Therefore the conditions of both teaching and studying are different at the two universities. Certainly students in Mainz have more time in their studies to dive into the matter and depth of the subjects of studying. However, I had the impression that the one-year Master studies in Leiden are thematically balanced and well structured. Magister students often get bogged down in their studies because of the wide temporal scope they have.

The two study programs also do not focus exclusively on the same subjects. Leiden studies include digital media as a major component whereas in Mainz this aspect is not treated as intensively. The German program concentrates more on production relating to the history of printing and writing. In Leiden history and theory seem to be better connected. In Mainz courses are predominantly historically oriented. During my stay in Leiden I took part in the courses “History and Theory of Information Transmission” and “The Manuscript Book in the Islamic Tradition”. Although I followed only a small part of the entire Leiden Master I succeeded in extending my studies thematically and studying subjects I could not have studied in Mainz.

My time in Leiden has not only been affected by the participation in the courses. The excursions to the Frankfurt Book Fair and to Cambridge are two of the best experiences of my semester abroad. In particular I liked the meeting between Mainz and Leiden students of Book Studies during the trip to Frankfurt. In Cambridge I enjoyed both the exhibition of Medieval and Renaissance illuminated manuscripts at the Fitzwilliam Museum and the university library and the guided tour in the Trinity College library.

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A view of the Leiden Academy Building

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Alumni & Students Meeting 2006

This year's alumni meeting will be held on May 10th. The theme is digital developments in publishing and we have lined up some exciting speakers on a topical subject! Dr. Matthias Wahls, Business Development Manager at Brill Academic Publishers, Kurt De Belder MA MLIS, Librarian of Leiden University Library, and Drs Peter Verhaar, EAD project officer of Leiden University Library, will each give a talk on various aspects of the digital revolution in scholarly information transmission. There will of course be ample opportunity to catch up with old contacts and to make new ones. Both alumni and current students are most welcome and wholeheartedly invited. From 18.30 onwards there will be a chance to see the new pressroom of Academic Press Leiden in the Lipsius Building (1175) room 152. The presentations and talks will be from 19.00-20.30 in 1175-147. We will end the evening with drinks in the canteen of the Lipsius Building (1175). For more information on the evening or the alumni network, please contact: Liesbeth Kanis (kanis@brill.nl) or Wilbert van der Sluys (awvandersluijs@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you on the 10th!

DATE:

May 10th

WHERE:

Doors open to the pressroom (1175-152) at 18.30

Presentations (1175-147) at 19.00-20.30

Drinks in the canteen in Lipsius (1175) after 20.30

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