



## Early Modern Printed Books: Making, Marketing, Memory, Marking – Call for Expressions of Interest

International Spring School,  
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This Spring School brings together postgraduate students, postdocs, and expert speakers from Tübingen and internationally to learn and to share ideas about the production, consumption, and study of early modern printed books c.1450–c.1800. The printed book is an essential

source not only for early modern texts, but as evidence of new technologies and production networks, for its role in the construction and development of new markets and genres, as participating in a rich and trans-European visual culture, and as a witness to contemporary reading habits. The knowledge and skills needed to analyse these objects connect diverse disciplines and researchers, while different expertise brought to the same book or corpus affords new perspectives and insights. Training in bibliography and opportunities to workshop ideas are thus vital to the progress of early modern scholarship. The need is increasingly urgent, for as the digitisation of materials and proliferation of online resources opens up new directions for research, education in their use and conversations about new possibilities – and challenges – have an important role to play.



This Spring School is intended to address that need. Instruction and discussion in a classroom setting will be followed by a daily work-in-progress forum and, on Day 2, a presentation of the early print holdings of the Universitätsbibliothek Altbestand. Academic sessions will be balanced with more informal networking during coffee and lunch breaks, and also dinner on Day 3. Confirmed speakers are Prof. Emer. Julia Boffey (QMUL), Prof. A. S. G. Edwards (University of Kent), Dr Devani Singh (University of Geneva), Dr Lydia Zeldenrust (University of Glasgow), and Prof. Alex da Costa (University of Cambridge). All sessions will be conducted in English.

Participation is open to all members of the University of Tübingen and external postgraduate students and junior researchers. The event is free, but spaces are limited. For external participants, travel expenses up to €200 and accommodation (5 nights) up to €95/night can be reimbursed by the university. To apply, please submit an expression of interest (max. 250 words), and an abstract of your research for the work-in-progress forum (max. 250 words) to [laurie.atkinson@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:laurie.atkinson@uni-tuebingen.de) no later than 1 December 2023. Inquiries welcome.

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