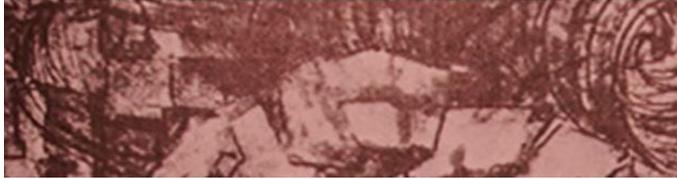


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[FINAL REPORT]



Collecting Knowledge. Composition and Use of Fifteenth-century
Latin Miscellanies between the Low Rhineland and the Low Countries

Final Report

The Doctoral Exchange Grant at the University of Groningen has represented a unique occasion to further develop the fellow's research within a fruitful and stimulating environment. The collaboration with the host supervisor prof. dr. Sabrina Corbellini has given him the chance to refine his investigation on fifteenth-century miscellaneous manuscripts, while profiting from the interdisciplinary methods and scientific tools developed within the supervisor's recently-established Chair *History of Reading in Premodern Europe*.

The collaboration with the supervisor and her team will continue after the official conclusion of the grant, thanks to the extension of the fellow's scientific stay at the host institution. The created synergy between fellow and host supervisor resulted in several outcomes, the most relevant of which being the co-edition of a volume on personal miscellanies together with the host supervisor. The [volume](#), currently in print at the prestigious Brepols publishers, focuses on the same topics of the fellow's research and provides an accurate and innovative inquiry on late medieval miscellaneous sources. The Zeno Karl Schindler foundation is explicitly mentioned in the preface for its seminal support in the publication of the book.

The supervisor's expertise in reception history of manuscripts as well as the attention granted towards unexplored intellectual communities of knowledge in the later Middle Ages provided the ideal framework for the proposed research. The project started from the study of composition and use of Latin multi-textual manuscripts (or 'miscellanies') produced by non-professional as well as lay scribes and users in the fifteenth-century urbanized ambiances of Low Rhineland and Low Countries. In fact, the proposed project widens the theoretical and geographical scope of the fellow's doctoral research (mainly focused on the genetic aspects of Latin religious miscellanies from the Basel area) and provides an interesting case study for investigating the cultural impact of laity on the circulation of books and on the creation of urban spaces of knowledge. In this sense, the Doctoral Exchange Grant has been crucial in supporting the fellow's scientific and academic career, by both enriching his doctoral research and laying the foundations for a post-doctoral project (soon to be carried out at the University of Groningen) on fifteenth-century 'ethics of knowledge transfer'.

All of the deliverables that were outlined in the application have been successfully accomplished: not only did the fellow take part in many of the scientific activities organized by the Chair, but he also presented the results of the Grant at Groningen University (January 2018). Moreover, also based on the scientific outcomes of the ZKS Grant, the fellow will give a paper together with the host supervisor at the upcoming [Kölner Mediaevistentagung](#) (Cologne, 10-14 September 2018) as well as at the [fourth NNRS International Congress](#) (Helsinki, 26-28 September 2018). Finally, a scientific article including many of the results of the grant is currently in preparation and will be published by the renowned de Gruyter publisher (in: F. Wöller & U. Zahnd [eds.], *Intersecting Knowledge. The Dominican Library in Basel*, 2018).

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