

On **May 8-10, 2014** (Thursday till Saturday), the **Library of the University of Tartu** (Estonia) will host an international conference „**Humanist Greek in Early Modern Europe. Learned Communities between Antiquity and Contemporary Culture**“ on Humanist Greek. This field of study focuses on texts by academic non-Byzantine writers who from the Renaissance onwards have composed poems and prose in ancient Atticising Greek.

Although the notion "Humanist Greek" has been in use for decades, these texts have been quite neglected for a long time and for the most part remained on the margins of Neo-Latin studies. In order to fill this gap, Tartu University Library will hold a conference, focusing on humanist Greek poetry and prose production (including rhetoric as well as scientific treatises) from its emergence in Western Europe in Italy and its practice in French and German universities to its arrival on the Baltic coast. Although the main focus will be the production of humanist Greek texts in Northern Europe and especially in the Baltic Sea area, its broader framework (the role of Byzantine scholars, study and teaching of ancient Greek language and literature as well as translating from Greek and editing Greek texts) will be regarded briefly as well.

We are very pleased to announce that professors **Dieter Harlfinger** and **Walther Ludwig** (Hamburg University) have agreed to be our keynote speakers. A panel discussion on future collaboration on Humanist Greek text corpora will be held. The languages of the conference are **English** (preferred) and **German**; we also intend to publish the papers, which can be in **English, German, French or Italian** (or Humanist Greek).

During the conference an **exhibition** of humanist Greek prints and manuscripts from Tartu University Library will be open; it will also be possible to enjoy the international literary festival **Prima Vista** (May 7-11, 2014).

The conference is financed by the Estonian Research Council's project **PUT 132** "Humanist Greek in Early Modern Estonia and Livonia: a bridge to modern and ancient European culture" (2013-2016).

**information and call for papers:** [humgraeca@ut.ee](mailto:humgraeca@ut.ee)

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### **Deadlines**

First call for papers: July-September 2013

Second call for papers: September-October 2013

Information regarding travel and hotels in Tartu: September 2013

Deadline for paper proposals: November 15, 2013

Notification of the acceptance of papers: November 20, 2013

Preliminary program available: November 20, 2013

End of registration for participants: February 28, 2014

Further information on hotels, meals, travel: April 1, 2014 and later

Conference: May 8-10, 2014

Main sessions:

1) Humanist Greek in poetical and rhetorical traditions (on texts and text corpora in Humanist Greek);

2) Humanist philological and scholarly work on ancient Greek (teaching, editing, commenting and translating)

If You wish to present a paper, please e-mail:

**humgraeca@ut.ee** by November 15th 2013 (the sooner, the better) and include the title of Your paper and a short abstract (about 300 words). Please also notify whether You are interested in receiving information about offers for flights and hotels. You can also propose a session with your colleagues; in this case please indicate the session title, short description (100 words) and the names and e-mails of proposed speakers and panel; the speakers should send their proposals and abstracts for themselves, indicating the proposed session title and proposal maker.

For participation, please register until February 28th 2014: **humgraeca@ut.ee** (if your paper is accepted, there is no need to register separately). No registration fee will be asked from early registrants (later than February 28, a registration fee of 20 euros might be asked). Students do not need to pay a registration fee, however, in case of late registration, they might need to cover themselves the costs of photocopies.