Words, Words, Words: Medieval and Early-Modern Dictionaries

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This colloquium places center stage medieval and early-modern glossaries: lists that present words and their meaning, the ancestor of our modern dictionary. The colloquium addresses a broad variety of issues related to these fascinating objects. What did dictionaries in the age of the manuscript and the early printed book look like? Why did users need them? This event is organized by the *Stichting Stedenband Leiden-Oxford* and is part of a broader series of activities in Leiden during the same week (more information: www.leiden-oxford-link.nl/09.html). The colloquium's keynote lecture is by Rosamond McKitterick, winner of the Heineken Prize for History 2010.

Program

- 12:00 Kurt de Belder, Director of Leiden University Library Opening
- 2:15 Ed van der Vlist (Koninklijke Bibliotheek The Hague) More than Words: Latin-Dutch Dictionaries
- 1:00 Rolf Bremmer (Leiden University) The Lure of the Glossary: Medieval Wordlists and Their Significance
- 1:45 Coffee and Tea Break
- 2:30 Paul Hoftijzer (Leiden University) Early-Modern Anglo-Dutch Dictionaries and Their Makers
- 3:15 Keynote: Rosamond McKitterick (Cambridge University) The Power of Words: Early Medieval Dictionaries and the Transmission of Knowledge
- 4:15 Display of Manuscripts and Early-Printed Books from Leiden Collections

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Free and Open to All

Please RSVP before 28 May to Erik Kwakkel (e.kwakkel@hum.leidenuniv.nl)