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A Research Tool for the ERC-Funded EMoBookTrade project

An Evidence-based Reconstruction of the Economic and Juridical Framework of the European Book Market
The ERC-funded EMoBookTrade project is led by professor Angela Nuovo and it is based at the University of Udine.

The project addresses the issues of book prices and of book privileges in Early Modern Europe (1540-1630c.).

To achieve the goals set, a Web application is under development by the research team.
“The digital turn has refocused our attention on the materiality of the objects with which book historians work, but as digital archives become increasingly important both to digital humanities and the humanities more broadly, it is more important than ever that we think about how best to represent and study material sources in this changed scholarly landscape.”

Mark R.M. Towsey
How best to represent and study material sources which give information about prices and privileges in the EMoBookTrade project?
1. Prices set by publishers and booksellers through catalogues and trade lists.
2. Transcription and analysis of Bernardino Giunti’s handwritten stock book

3. Census, edition and interpretation of privileges granted by the Republic of Venice

Others... (see the article published in the conference proceedings)
Entities:

Sources: publisher catalogues, bookshop and bookstore inventories, archive documents;

Transcriptions: texts transcribed from the sources that provide information on prices and privileges;

Prices: an amount of money indicated in one or more sources;

Privileges: a public act described in one or more sources;

Editions: a series of printings of the same book priced and/or privileged by one or more sources;

Names: personal, corporate or geographic names, e.g. authors, publishers, places of publication, booksellers;

Currencies in prices, e.g. Lire veneziane, Ducati napoletani, Livres tournois.
Here is a simplified illustration of the fundamental tables and their relationships.
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ASSOCIATED NAMES

Giolito De Ferrari, Giovanni 2. & Giolito De Ferrari, Giovanni Paolo

BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

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NOTES

For the researcher, not published

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Thanks!

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