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Universal Short Title Catalogue Project

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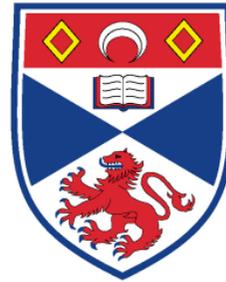
The project has opportunities for **PhD students** to conduct doctoral research at the University of St Andrews while enjoying privileged access to the developing resource of the database.

**Librarians** can help us by sending details of their pre-1601 holdings.

We willingly field questions from **Antiquarian booksellers** regarding texts they wish to document or describe.

We encourage **scholars** to engage in dialogue about their research and propose improvements to existing records.

The project is also actively seeking offers of **financial support** to underpin the continuing work of data accumulation and analysis.



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### THE USTC TEAM

The USTC Project is undertaken by a team of researchers under the leadership of Prof. Andrew Pettegree and Dr Malcolm Walsby. Technical matters are managed by Philip John.



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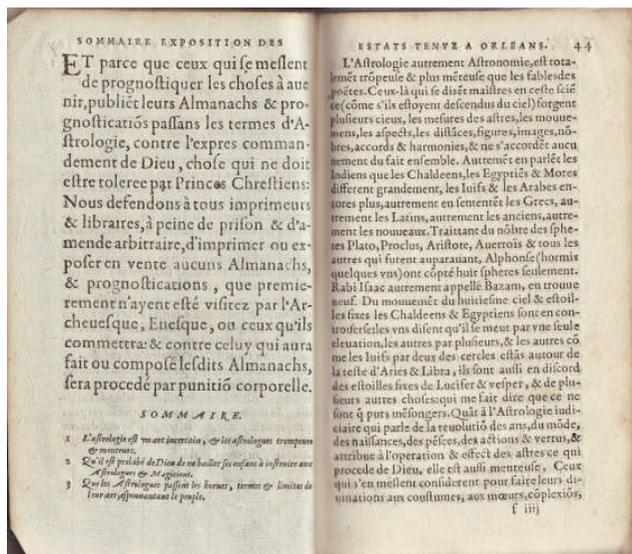


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*The Universal Short Title Catalogue (USTC) will be a single search portal for information on all books published in Europe between the invention of printing and the end of the sixteenth century.*



*All told, this information will encompass approximately 350,000 editions and provide details of around 1.5 million surviving copies, located in over 5,000 libraries worldwide.*

## A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ALL BOOKS PRINTED BEFORE 1601

*The project will create a searchable interface, bringing together data from established national bibliographical projects and new projects undertaken by the project team based in St Andrews, with partners in University College Dublin. This new work builds upon the principles established by the [St Andrews French Vernacular Book project](#), completed and published in 2007.*

*New work undertaken in St Andrews will create bibliographies of Latin books published in France and of books published in the Low Countries. The project team will also collect and analyse information on books published in Eastern Europe and Scandinavia. Meanwhile, partners in University College Dublin will create a bibliography of books published in the Iberian Peninsula.*

## AN ON-LINE RESOURCE

*In 2011 this will all be brought together with information on books published in Italy, Germany and Britain to create a fully searchable resource covering all of Europe. In addition to full bibliographical information, the USTC will also act as an access point for digital full text editions provided by a range of scholarly and commercial partners. When complete, the USTC will be an extraordinary digital library of early printed texts from all parts of the European book world.*

## CONFERENCES

*The USTC also hosts a series of conferences on the history of the book that are held annually in St Andrews in September. The project is associated with the [Library of the Written Word](#) published by Brill, also the publishers of the printed bibliographies.*



## THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

*St Andrews is Scotland's first university and the third oldest in the UK, founded in 1413.*

*Over six centuries it has established a reputation as one of Europe's leading and most distinctive centres for teaching and research.*