

Dr Nadine Akkerman



Dr Akkerman will be with us 27 May - 4 July 2014 and will be hosted by [Dr Hugh Adlington \(/staff/profiles/english/adlington-hugh.aspx\)](#), School of English, Drama and American & Canadian Studies, in association with the Centre for Literary Editing and Materiality of the Text (CLEMT), the [Centre for Reformation and Early Modern Studies \(CREMS\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/crems/index.aspx\)](#) and the [Institute for Textual Scholarships and Electronic Editing \(ITSEE\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/itsee/index.aspx\)](#).

Dr Akkerman is internationally recognised as an outstanding researcher, with an impressive publications record in early modern literary and historical studies. Volume 2 of Dr Akkerman's three-volume Oxford University Press edition of *The Correspondence of Elizabeth Stuart, Queen of Bohemia* was published in 2011, with Volumes 1 and 3 scheduled to appear in 2014 and 2015. Dr Akkerman's is the first complete edition of Elizabeth Stuart's letters: the edition not only presents a fascinating portrait of a pivotal cultural, political and religious figure in early modern Europe, it also provides a mass of new information related to Elizabeth's correspondence with a far-reaching network of powerful statesmen and women, politicians, diplomats, churchmen and scholars.

Dr Akkerman's related research projects include: *Elizabeth Stuart: A Biography* (OUP; forthcoming 2017); Ed. (with Birgit Houben), *The Politics of Female Households: Early Modern Ladies-in-Waiting Across Europe* (Brill; forthcoming 2014); a book forthcoming in 2015 from Dr Akkerman's NWO-funded **VENI research project** (<http://www.onderzoekinformatie.nl/en/oi/nod/onderzoek/OND1341679/>), *Female Spies or She-Intelligencers: Towards a Gendered History of Espionage*; and a digital resource arising from [Women's Early Modern Letters Online \(http://www.culturesofknowledge.org/?p=2453\)](http://www.culturesofknowledge.org/?p=2453) (WEMLO), funded by the British Academy and Leverhulme Trust.

Full details of the plans for the visit will be available soon but will include a public discussion between Dr Akkerman and Professor Lisa Jardine on [Challenges for Early Modern Women's History \(/research/activity/ias/workshops/2014/lisa-jardine-pl.aspx\)](#), to be held at the Barber Institute, University of Birmingham, Wednesday 18th June 2014 (16:30-17:30). Dr Akkerman will also be the keynote speaker at a one-day international colloquium, to be held at the Shakespeare Institute, 28th June 2014. The colloquium will bring together international scholars working on various aspects of *Cultural Production in Early Modern Households*. Attendance to this event is free, but [booking is essential \(https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/myevent?eid=10584964915\)](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/myevent?eid=10584964915).