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Introduction

Between August 2018 and August 2019, the team of RETOPEA's work package 2 (historical research) has been engaged in research aimed at the production of clippings based on a corpus of 21 peace treaties and settlements. This report presents the results of this task. A first section of the report will briefly present our source corpus. A second section will clarify how the format of the clipping has been conceived. A third section discusses the workflow within the team of the work package. This workflow has facilitated the monitoring of progress and the quality control of the produced clippings. The fourth and final section of the report presents a list with the titles of the clippings that have been produced and refers to our online repository.

Corpus of sources

The primary sources of the clippings consist of a corpus of 21 treaties that has been selected in the first phase of work package 2. An elaborate discussion of this corpus and the rationale behind the selection is provided in deliverable 2.1, the report on the corpus of sources. The oldest treaty dates back to the 3rd century BCE, and the most recent one from the early 21st century. The treaties cover a geographical area that spans from North America to the Indian peninsula. Treaties and settlements that were developed in Europe form the majority of the corpus. The large majority of these sources are legislative documents or international treaties that were legally binding.

Original list of treaties and settlements in chronological order

1. The Ashoka's Edicts (3rd century BCE)
2. The Constitution of Medina (622)
3. The Stipulations of Umar (640's)
4. The Peace of Augsburg (1555)
5. Akbar the Great's Settlements (1560's)
6. The Edict of Saint-Germain (1562)
7. The Warsaw Confederation (1573)
8. The "Religioensvrede" in the Low Countries (1578)
9. The Edict of Nantes (1598)

10. The Peace treaties of Westphalia (1648)

11. The Charter of Rhode Island (1663)

12. The Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen (1789)

13. The US First Amendment (1789-1791)

14. Vienna Congress (1815)

15. The Sultan's Decree (1870)

16. Paris Peace Treaties (1919-1920)

17. League of Nations Minority Protection (1919)

18. European Convention of Human Rights (1950)

19. The settlement of the conflicts in Northern Ireland (1998)

20. Ohrid Framework Agreement (2001)

21. EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (2009)

As reviewers expressed concern about the representation of Islam in the clippings and there was also confusion about the so-called Sultan's decree all clippings related to Islam were thoroughly reviewed, leading to some revisions and the deletion of clippings that finally were deemed less appropriate or useful. As regards the Sultan's decree, it was decided to give several examples of the way Muslim societies dealt with religious pluralism as practical applications of, among other, the Stipulations of Umar, in the Ottoman Empire. In this respect focus went in particular to the settlement and toleration of Jews (and other minorities) in the Ottoman Empire, especially after the Fall of Granada. We also included clippings about Al-Andalus.

There were also clippings made about the Amman Interfaith Message (2005), the Mardin declaration and the Marrakesh Conference on the Rights of Religious Minorities in Predominantly Muslim Majority Communities (2016) about contemporary initiatives in the Muslim world to promote religious toleration and peace.

Clippings

A first conception of the design of source clippings has been developed in RETOPEA's application bid.

Throughout the summer and autumn of 2018, team members of work package 2 have sought to establish more concrete ground rules with regard to the design and content of the clippings. The work package 2 intermediary meeting of December 2018 in Mainz provided a venue to discuss and establish the guidelines for designing and drafting clippings. An elaborate presentation of the outcomes of this meeting are presented in deliverable 1.9. At the December 2018 meeting in Mainz, a first list of topical focus points was established. These points allow to cluster clippings of both WP 2 and 3 around a set of topics. After an online exchange of ideas throughout February and March 2019, the list of topical focus point was finalized. The full list of topical focus points is available in deliverable 4.8.

The key characteristics of clippings are:

- Aimed at an audience of teenagers in formal and informal education
- Limited length, checked for readability according to the target audience
- Link with tolerance and pacification
- Link with one of the 21 treaties and their context
- Link with one of the 12 topical focus points

Workflow, organisation and selection

WP 2's research to draft clippings started with allocating each of the 21 sources in our corpus to a team member. Naum Trajanovski and Bram De Ridder both investigate six treaties each; Christophe Schellekens investigates six treaties, one of which he co-researches with Henning P. Jürgens; Henning P. Jürgens works on three sources, one of which he co-investigates with Schellekens; John Wolffe investigates one treaty. This division took place in August 2018 and is in line with the expertise of the researchers and the institutions and research units where they are based, as well as with their share of working time in the WP.

From August 2018, the researchers have begun to subject the treaties to a close reading and to collect and process scholarship on the treaties and the context in which they were drafted. The close reading allowed to identify the parts of the treaties that related with RETOPEA's core themes and questions, as well as to gain a comprehensive understanding of the source. By processing the relevant scholarship on the treaties and the contexts in which they were generated, the researchers were able to identify the key debates about the treaties and to understand the relevance and impact of the treaties and settlements on a macro as well as micro level.

At the Mainz meeting of December 2018, the team of WP 2 exchanged their experiences in drafting clippings, their ideas and occasional problems with each other as well as with colleagues of WP 3

(contemporary research), 4 (data management) and 5 (Impact on education).

From January 2019 the team of researchers engaged in historical research began to meet online bi-weekly. These meetings provided the researchers with a venue for exchanges about their work on the clippings. The researchers have presented their work in progress to their colleagues and to the work package coordinator, and have received feedback and advice from one another about improving the design of clippings. These meetings and the exchange of work in progress thus facilitated an ongoing quality control within the team. Data manager Ilenia Laudito (IEG, WP 4) also attended these meetings to remain informed about the design of the clippings as well as to follow up the technical questions of WP 2. The discussions and outcomes of these meetings are recorded in summary meeting reports. Questions that came up in the meetings about the best and most appropriate pedagogical approach in designing the clippings have been shared with team members of WP 5, who provided instructive suggestions. On 25 and 26 April 2019, most members of WP 2 also joined the follow-up meeting of WP 3 held in Mainz to exchange ideas and best practices about drafting clippings.

Given the specificity of every treaty and its context, the decisions about selecting passages from the treaties and settlements as well as the most appropriate contextualisation were made primarily by the individual researchers. Nevertheless, common general questions and themes guided their selection. A first important question that all researchers had to tackle is that about the origin of the source under scrutiny. Many of the treaties and settlements were a response to a concrete problem, conflict, or a substantial shift in ideas about religion and rights that touch upon religion. A second question is that of the consequences of the treaties and settlements for people living in the period in which the treaties were drafted as well as in later times. Such consequences were documented in clippings that build on scholarship based on micro studies of the concrete impact of treaties, or the lack thereof, in the daily lives of people. In doing so, the researchers of WP 2 have aimed to counterbalance the impression that pacification of religious conflicts and coexistence was merely a top-down and legislative process.

The process of quality control consisted of several stages. Researchers have submitted their clippings to readability tests to attain a language level that is appropriate for our target group. The quality of clippings has been assessed further by peer control within the team of WP 2 and by the coordinator of the historical research. These steps assure that all clippings have been approved within work package 2 prior to being listed as part of this deliverable. They are stored online in the Seafile online working environment and are openly accessible through the following link:

https://seafile.rlp.net/d/b965039a53244c0a8576/

In accordance with the grant agreement and with deliverable 4.6, the online manual VRE, the clippings will be subjected to further revisions, language reviews and translations throughout 2019 and the first months of 2020. A first step consists of a review of the clippings by the principal investigators active in WP 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, which will take place in September 2019. After this final review of the quality of

clippings, metadata sheets will be submitted for every clipping. The second step is a review of the quality of the English in which the clippings are drafted by the researchers, most of whom are not native speakers of English. This review by a native speaker of English assures that the clippings are suited for use in English speaking educational environments. The English review will take place throughout October 2019. From November 2019 onwards, the process of translating the clippings into all the languages of the project will start and run until the end of January 2020. In accordance with deliverable 4.6, the online manual VRE, the researchers who drafted the clippings will remain responsible for monitoring and checking the translation process. In the final stage, the translated bundles of clippings will be uploaded to the OMEKA environment by the data manager.

Overview clippings

Treaty	**Clippings**
The Ashoka's Edicts (3rd century BCE)	8
The Constitution of Medina (622)	10
The Stipulations of Umar (640's)	11
Toleration towards Jews (and other minorities) in the Ottoman Empire (16th c. and beyond)	9
The Peace of Augsburg (1555)	8
Akbar the Great's Settlements (1560's)	11
The Edict of Saint-Germain (1562)	10
The Warsaw Confederation (1573)	10
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Conference of Mardin (2010)	8
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