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Introduction

In this introduction to the edition of papers given on April 6, 2018 at Cergy-Pontoise University under the title of *Community/Communities*, it is particularly appropriate to evoke a specific application of the concept of community as this symposium marked the twenty-first anniversary of the collaboration between the Leeds Center for Victorian Studies and the University of Cergy-Pontoise. The origin of the precious collaboration was the SFEVE annual conference (Société Française d'Études Victoriennes et Edouardiennes) hosted at Cergy-Pontoise in January 1997, organized by Danièle Kahn-Paycha, today professor at Paris Ouest-La Défense and Odile Boucher-Rivalain, today Emerita professor at Cergy-Pontoise. We had invited Rosemary Ashton, then Senior Lecturer in Victorian Literature at University College, who unfortunately was not in a position to accept our invitation. We then contacted Dr Martin Hewitt, today professor at Anglia Ruskin, Cambridge, the then director of LCVS, who honoured our symposium with his participation. The French SFEVE was a source of inspiration to him for the creation of a sister community which was inaugurated in September 2000 with the launch of BAVS, the British Association for Victorian Studies, at Hereford University, Hertfordshire, which a number of SFEVE members attended. Such was the start of our partnership, which was extended in 2013 to include Huddersfield and Hull Universities under the name of NNCN, North European Nineteenth century studies Network.

The publications following the symposiums held at Cergy-Pontoise have been the following:

Regards des Anglo-Saxons sur la France au cours du long 19^e siècle, ed. Odile Boucher-Rivalain et Catherine Hajdenko-Marshall. Paris, L'Harmattan, 2008.

Parcours urbains, ed. Françoise Baillet, Odile Boucher-Rivalain. Paris, L'Harmattan, 2010.

L'Étranger dans la ville, ed. Peggy Blin-Cordon, Odile Boucher-Rivalain, Françoise Martin-McInnes, François Ropert. Paris, L'Harmattan, 2013.

Tension, Évolution, révolution en Europe aux 19^e et 20^e siècles, ed. Odile Boucher-Rivalain, Yannicke Chupin, François Ropert. Paris, L'Harmattan, 2015.

Tradition (s)- Innovation(s) en Angleterre au 19^e siècle, ed. Françoise Baillet, Odile Boucher-Rivalain, Stéphane Guy, François Ropert, Paris, L'Harmattan, 2017.

This on-line publication of the papers presented at CY Cergy Paris on April 6, 2018 opens a new era after 21 years of collaboration between LCVS and Cergy. We can only whole-heartedly wish a long life to this new mode of publication which will, to be sure, witness the continuation of a fruitful collaboration between our respective institutions.