Brill completes acquisition of Editions Rodopi
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Brill, the international scholarly publisher, acquires all shares of Editions Rodopi.

Following an earlier announcement, today Koninklijke Brill N.V. has closed the acquisition of all shares of Editions Rodopi B.V., Amsterdam. The acquisition includes highly esteemed book series and journals in history, philosophy, theology, social sciences, linguistics, literature, and cultural studies. In total, the publishing list comprises of 3,000 book titles, growing by 130 new titles each year, for the most part in the English language, but also in French, German and Spanish. The annual turnover of the list is about € 1 million. The acquisition comes into effect retroactively on 1 January 2014 and Brill expects the takeover to have a positive effect on this year’s earnings per share.

Brill’s CEO Herman Pabbruwe says: “We are quite happy with this agreement. We are delighted to welcome all authors, customers and personnel from Editions Rodopi and we trust that we will be able to continue serving them like they have been used to at Editions Rodopi. In the coming months we will align both operations in such a way as not to interfere with the day-to-day business.”

Fred van der Zee, Editions Rodopi’s retiring Managing Director adds: “I’m convinced that the Rodopi publishing program will prove to be an excellent and fitting addition to Brill’s extensive product range in the humanities and social sciences. Furthermore, Brill has developed a publishing environment that is ready for the future. Both the Rodopi staff and its authors and editors will greatly benefit from the expertise of such a renowned publishing house.”

Until further notice ordering and customer service of Editions Rodopi will continue as usual. For a complete title list and ordering information please visit www.rodopi.nl.

EY Transaction Advisory Services (Kees Slump, Evert Everaarts) and HvG (Gaby Heere, Lesley Milošević) have advised the shareholders of Rodopi in this deal.

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About Brill
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Since its establishment in 1966, Rodopi developed into an international and independent academic publishing house in the field of Humanities and Social Sciences. From its office in Amsterdam, Rodopi publishes over 130 new titles per year. New publications consist both of monographs, collectives and journal volumes from its portfolio of more than 60 series and journals. Rodopi publishes in English, German, French and Spanish for a wide international readership of scholars, academics, and other readers. www.rodopi.nl