The conference focuses on the two categories of transtextuality defined by Gérard Genette – meta- and paratextuality, considered in the context of drama and theatre. Within this theatrical framework, stage directions, pictures, incipits, references, afterwords, prefaces, notes, titles as well as any kind of commentaries, reviews, and synopses are seen as meta- and paratexts. Peripheries of a text were changed from antiquity to present days. Their nature and objectives depended on literary period, type of a main text, theatrical tendencies and on the prevailing research approaches.

Even though the terms “metatext” and “paratext” are modern, they are epitomized already in antiquity, at the very beginning of European literature. As examples of this kind of texts we can regard ancient Greek and Latin scholia, commentaries that include synopses of ancient dramas, curriculum vitae of ancient poets, and stage directions. All these texts are the object of research in the project Ancient theatre and drama in the works of scholiasts, funded by National Science Centre (DEC-2012/07/B/HS2/01475) in which the conference organizers are involved.

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