

Biography of Erycius Puteanus

Name and Name Modifications:

His real name was Hendrik van Put or Putte Errijk de Put.

Dates of Birth and Death:

(*) 4 November 1574 in Venloo, Geldern, Netherlands
(†) 17 September 1646 in Leuven/Löwen, Belgium

Family Data:

Puteanus had seventeen children, four of them died in infancy. Quite probably he also had a wife.

Education:

Puteanus attended schools in Dordrecht and Cologne (Coronatum), where he obtained the degree of a Master of Arts on February 25, 1595. He studied in Dordrecht, Cologne, Löwen, Milan and Padua. He also attended lectures on ancient history in Löwen given by Justus Lipsius (1547-1606). In 1597, he went to Italy, where he had among others contact with Cardinal Federigo Borromeo (1564-1631, cousin of Carolo Borromeo).

Professional Career:

Federigo Borromeo appointed Puteanus was appointed as professor for Latin rhetoric and law in Milan, where he taught from 1600 to 1606. Then, he became successor of Lipsius in Löwen at the Collège des Trois-Langues (Collegium Trilingue) for forty years and obtained many honors. In 1612, Archduke Albert from Austria appointed him as a honorary counsellor and he became a royal historiographer of King Philipp IV.

Puteanus wrote theological, encyclopedic, chronological, and philological writings. His' book *Thaumata* shows most (1022) of the permutations of the sentence "Tot tibi sunt dotes, Virgo, quot sidera caelo" (You, virgin Mary, have so many gifts as heaven has stars."). Also [Jakob Bernoulli](#) (1654-1705) found 3313 possible combinations ins his *Ars conjectandi* (Basel 1713) pp. 73-81. Erycius Puteanus was a great and renowned polyhistor of his times.

Important Publications:

- *Erycii Puteani Pietatis Thaumata in Bernardi Bavhusii è Societate Jesu Protevm Parthenivm, vnivs Libri versum, Stellarvm numero, siue formis M.XXII. variatum* (Antwerpen 1617).

Puteanus was celebrated with the following book:

- *Viri cuiusdam primarii iudicium de statera belli & pacis Erycii Puteani* (Leiden 1633).

Other Opera by Erycius Puteanus:

- *Operum omnium...*, 4 vols. (Frankfurt 1615; Köln 1615-1617, Löwen; Microfiche München 1991).
- *Correspondance de Erycius Puteanus de 1600 à 1646* (s.l. s.a.).
- *Eryci Puteani Epistolarvm partes quatuor* (Leuven 1612-1613; Köln 1616, 1617; Nimwegen 1636; Frankfurt 1663; Köln 1636, 1641, 1681; electr. resource Mannheim 2008): 1. *Viri clarissimi Eryci[i] Puteani Epistolarvm Atticarvm Promulsis: in centurias tres distributa, ad ordines Lvcemburgicos*; 2. *Eryci Puteani Epistolarvm Atticarvm Missus Secvndi: in Centvrias Tres divisi; ad Coss. et Senat. Populvmq. Mechliniensem; Jam verò centuria singulari & nova aucti* (Köln 1617; electr. resource Mannheim 2008); 3. *Viri clarissimi Eryci[i] Puteani Epistolarvm Selectarvm Apparatus Miscellaneus et novus: In Centurias Quatuor distributus; Officia Familiaria, Negotia ac Studia continens*; 4. *Viri Clariss. Eryci Puteani epistolae ad Constantinum Hvgenium et Danielem Heinsivm viros nobilissimos*.
- *Eryci Puteani epistolarum selectarum apparatus miscellneus et novus, officia familiaria, negotia, studia, continens: Centuria 1. Centuria 2* (Anwerpen 1637-1639).
- *Historiæ Insuabricæ sive Barbaricæ ab Origine Gentis Ad Othonem Magn. Imp. Libri VI: Qvi Irruptiones Babarorum in Italiam continent: Rerum ab origine gentis ad Othonem M. Epitome; plenis commentariis illustrati...* (Löwen 1594, 1614, 1600, 1630; Leiden 1614; Antwerpen 1634; Oxford 1634; Helmstedt 1669; Frankfurt 1614, 1678; online resource Ann Arbor 1999; Microfiche).
- *Reliquiae convivii prisci; tum ritus alii et censurae* (Mailand 1598).

- *Modulata Pallas, sive septem discrimina vocum: ad harmoniae lectionis compendiarium usum aptata et contexta philologo quodam filo* (Mailand 1599).
- *Doctrinae politicae fontes Aristotelici* (s.l. s.a.).
- *Epistolarum Promulsis: Ad Clariss. V. Iustum Lipsium Historiographum Regium. Item Panegyricus, Præsidi senatuique Mediol. dictus* (Frankfurt 1601).
- *Musathena, Sive Notarum Heptas: Ad Harmonicae Lectionis Nouum & facilem usum* (Hanau 1602).
- *Genialium sermonum liber. Ad Excellentiß. Principem Ignicum Velascium, Comitem Hari* (Hanau 1602).
- *Epistolarum Fercula Secvnda ad Clariss. Ludovicum Septalium, Patriicum et Medicum Mediolanensem. Adiuncta Eloquentiae Auspicia Secvnda* (Hanau 1603).
- *Eloquentiae Auspicia Secvnda: Oratio ad Mediolanenses...* (Mailand 1603).
- *De Rhetoribus et Scholis Palatinis Mediolanensium: Dissertatio historica* (Mailand 1603).
- *Tesseræ philotesiae: Quorum prior ad Belgas, altera ad exteros* (Cologne 1604).
- *Tesserarum philotesiarum libri duo* (Cologne 1604).
- *Apud Mediolanenses tesserarum philotesiarum liber singularis* (Milan 1605).
- *De Erycio nomine syntagma: item Iuli Paridis de nominibus epitome* (Hanau 1606).
- *Svada Auspicialis, sive Orationvm Selectarvm Præmetivm. Cum Epidigmate Historico* (Hanau 1606).
- *Laconismi patrocinium: Dialogus: Quo brevilloquentia firmatur aut munitur et H. Farnesii epicheiremata leniter diluuntur* (Milan 1606).
- *Geniales sermones* (Hanau 1607).

- *Iuventutis Belgicae laudatio: in qua meliores naturae et disciplinae imago* (Leuven 1607).
- *Lipsomnema Anniversarium, Sive Iusti Lipsi[i] V.C. Laudatio Funebris, Die anniversario habita* (Antwerp 1607; Leuven 1609; 1613).
- *Eryci Puteani Comus, sive Phagesiposia Cimmeria: Somnium* (Leuven 1608, 1610, 1611; Leiden 1655; Strasbourg 1628; Oxford 1634; electr. resource Ann Arbor 1999), Dutch: *Comus of De Kimmerische Zwelgpartij* (Antwerpen 1938), French: *Comus, ou banquet dissolu des Cimmeriens...* (Paris 1613).
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- *De conviviorum luxu epistola, Ad Ioannem Hollantium* (Leuven 1608).
- *Thyrsei Philotesii, Sive Amor Laconissans: Stili [et] Sermonis Aculei* (Leuven 1609; Leiden 1630; 1640), also bound with: *Consolatio Caecitatis* sowie *Comus Sive Phagesiposia Cimmeria Somnium* (Strasbourg 1628).
- *Sclopus Palladis Sive Declamationes Dvae: Quibus deliberatur, An nuti hoc armorum genere Litterarum Studiosi debeant; habitæ Lovanii in Collegio Triligni Bvslidiano* (Leuven 1609).
- *Cæcitatæ Consolatio: Ad Ampliss. Virum Gvil. Cripium, Cancellarium Geldriæ* (Leuven 1609).
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- *Stimulus litterarum* (Leuven 1610).
- *Facula distinctionum: ad omnem lectionem, & scriptionem necessaria; eiusdem de eisdem syntagma, tamquam epitome* (Leuven 1610).
- *Palæstra bonæ Mentis, Eloquentiæ & Sapientiæ Officina: Auctoritate Serenissimorum Belgice Principum Lovanii instituta* (Leuven 1611, 1615; Frankfurt 1615; 1623).
- *In Is. Casauboni ad Front. Ducaem S.I. Theologum V.C. epistolam Stricturae liber prodromus* (Leuven 1612).

- *Epistolarium apophoreta centuria V* (Leuven 1612).
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- *De purificatione virginis matris oratio: Lovanii, in aede Sodalitatis habita, postridie* (Leuven 1612; Munich 1616, 1617).
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- *Historiae Cisalpinae libri duo* (Leuven 1614; Frankfurt 1614; Milan 1629), also: “Eryci Pvteani Historiae Cisalpinae libri dvo: res potissimum circa Lacum Iarium a Jo. Jacobo Mediceo Gestae”, in: *The-saurus antiquitatum et historiarum Italiae, mari Ligustico & Alpibus vicinae* t. 3, pars 2 (Leiden 1704) pp. 1143-1196.
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- *Ovi encomium, quo summum et unicum naturae miraculum describitur* (Munich 1617; Leiden 1643).
- *De Induciis Belgicis Dissertatio Politica: Hactenus ab Auctore Suppressa, sed nunc bono publico in lucem emissa* (s.l. [Leuven] 1617).
- *De Annunciatione Virginis-Matris oratio: Lovanii, in aede Sodilitatis habita, VII. kal. April. M.D.C.XVIII* (Antwerp 1618).
- *Martyremata Academica, sive doctrinae & probitatis testimonia a Justo et Fausto Puteanis e. filiis in librum unum collecta* (Leiden 1618; Antwerp 1645; electr. resource Mannheim 2008).
- *Ovi Encomium, Parvorum Encomium, Democritus seu de risu dissertatio saturnalis* (1619).
- *Bruma: Chimonopaegnion, de laudibus hiemis ut ea potissimum apud Belgas* (Munich 1619).

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- *Methodus Litterarvm, Scholæ Venlonensi Missa* (1620).
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- *Bonae Indolis Iconismus: Adjuncta Methodus litterarum et Institutio principis* (Leuven 1622).
- *Aenigma Regium, Infantiam Popvli R. Complectens* (Munich 1623).
- *Amoenitas bonae mentis: qua Vivs, & sic Omnis, vis ac proprietas, partim sermonis, partim rerum varietate explicitur; Ex magno amoenittvm Opere; Adjunctus est Severini Boetii libellus de Vnitate et Vno* (Leuven 1623).
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