Preface

Volumes of collected chapters fortunately remain an important medium within the historical profession. Especially in Europe, it is essential to keep recalling that the early modern history of its continent was one of continuous conflicts, but also of ongoing contacts between people from different regions. Only by getting together to discuss past events, and putting our differences on the table, is it possible to advance the knowledge of our past and reach a common understanding. Though formulating a synthesis in the end is important, the way to reach that goal remains to be through international collaboration and communication. We hope this volume, edited by researchers from two countries that hold completely different views of the history of the Revolt in the Low Countries, can contribute its 'granito de arena', as the Spanish expression goes. We need to keep looking at Europe's old stories.

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