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The common element of the material is neither a methodological or disciplinary, nor chronological or geographical proximity of the texts, but a methodologically diversified analysis of objects that are functionally similar even though typologically different and distant in time and space. Listing forms and rules of these introductory parts and studying the modifications of strategies and functions, «Margini» aims not only to investigate the role of the writer through centuries and cultures, but also to analyze the complex and often sophisticated interaction between the different parts of the work.

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