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LUCDH Newsletter

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The Leiden University Centre for Digital Humanities (LUCDH) is an inter-disciplinary centre that brings together students and faculty from across the Leiden community. [Read more at lucdh.nl](http://lucdh.nl)

UPCOMING EVENTS

LUCDH Lunchtime Speaker Series:

'Quantitative vs. Qualitative Methods and Tools for New Approaches to Literary Studies' with Dr. Carmen van den Bergh

Wednesday, 11 May 2022 at 12:00 - 13:00 (CEST)

Location: Digital Lab in P.J. Veth 1.07 and Online via Kaltura

Can digital methods and tools help us to answer age-old questions in literary studies from a new perspective? In what sense is the digital world an added value for literary studies? Isn't it very time consuming? And what if you're not that handy with computers? But above all, can one quantify aesthetic interpretations? Is it possible to use algorithms to connect writing styles and authors?

In this lecture, an insight is given in a very introductory way into a number of quantitative and qualitative methods, and how these go hand in hand in the renewal of archival studies, letter transcripts, journal studies and style recognition.

Register with email to: lucdh@hum.leidenuniv.nl

NEW! Online Summer School for Literary Studies and Digital Humanities in 2022

The universities of Leiden, Liège and Leuven jointly organize a **DH Summer school**, fully **online**, from **Monday, June 20 to Thursday, June 23**. The school is meant as an introduction to **DH methodologies and tools** for students, PhD candidates and ECRs in the Humanities. It will consist of both hands-on workshops and lectures. No previous knowledge is required to participate.

The details of the **program** can be found [here](#). It targets specifically students and scholars in literary studies, thus it can be a good occasion for having a smooth introduction to digital and computational methodologies: do not hesitate to share it with MA students who, you think, might benefit from it!

Registration is mandatory, and early birds (registration until May 20) participation fee is 25 euros. The regular registration fee is 35 euros. For the Universities KU Leuven (via Margherita Fantoli), the Université de Liège (via Ganluca Valenti) and Leiden (through Carmen Van den Bergh) a **few places are available for free**, priority will be given to the first applicants; please

send an email to verify whether there are still some places available. To **register**, send an email to LIT.DH@hum.leidenuniv.nl.

We will host **four key-note lectures, open to everyone: Mike Kestemont and Folgerit Karsdorp** (UAntwerp/ Meertensinstituut), **Ted Underwood** (University of Illinois), **DeNel Rehberg Sedo** (Mount State Vincent University), and **Dirk Van Miert** (Universiteit Utrecht). The key-note lectures are open to everyone, and the link will be shared shortly before the event.

Contact: Carmen Van den Bergh: c.van.den.bergh@hum.leidenuniv.nl

OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Updates! [LUCDH Grants and Resources/Opportunities](#)

Newest updates available (25.04.2022) on the first batch of PhD positions in both the ERC and Dutch Research Council (NWO) project on the social history of material infrastructures. This concerns seven posts, four at KU Leuven and three at the International Institute for Social History in Amsterdam.

Candidates interested in any of these positions should apply to each position separately.

The deadline for most positions is **May 15, 2022, but please check for details.**

» Read more: [DH Opportunities](#)

DH/SN

The **Digital Humanities Student Network** met last week for a luncheon and discussion on future events. In the past, these have included seminars, workshops, student presentations on various DH topics. If you would like to know more or become involved with the [DH/SN please contact us at LUCDH](#).

EVENTS Cont.

SAILS/LIBC Hackathon on Computational Psychometrics

Friday 13 May from 17:00-00:00 hrs

Register before 10 May from link below.

The Snellius building - Rooms 407-409.

In this hackathon you can compete with other teams and try to create a computer program that can successfully complete an IQ test. Anyone affiliated with Leiden University can participate, registration is free and food and drinks will be provided. For more information and registration see [here](#).

Digital Hands On Webinar Series, University of Gröningen

12 May, 16:00 - 17:00 - 'Handling the digital medieval manuscript.' Suzette van Haaren (RUG)

9 June, 16:00 - 17:00 - 'From the commentary to the source and back again: A digital structuring of the Paduan commentary tradition on Aristotle's physics'. Mickey Engel (Univ. Hamburg). » [Read more and how to join online](#)

CDH (Univ. Utrecht) hybrid lecture: Understanding opinion dynamics – a

(seemingly) simple model with many applications

Postponed (from 20 May) to 18 November 2022, 15:00 - 16:15.

Location: [Living Lab DH @ University Library, Drift 27, Utrecht](#) and [Online](#)

Professor [Rainer Hegselmann](#)

Info & registration: [Centre for Digital Humanities | CDH hybrid lecture: Understanding opinion dynamics - a \(seemingly\) simple model with many applications \(uu.nl\)](#)

DH CONFERENCES

NEW! 8th DH Benelux 2022:

'RE-MIX. Creation and alteration in DH' (Hybrid)

1-3 June 2022, University of Luxembourg

A three-day (hybrid) conference to discuss the use, re-use, and revision, alteration, and dissemination of ideas, cultural artefacts, and data in DH scholarship.

» Read more: <https://2022.dhbenelux.org/>

The [Critical Digital Humanities International Conference](#) (Hybrid)

30 Sept & 1 Oct 2022, University of Toronto

Organized by the [Critical Digital Humanities Initiative](#) (CDHI). University of Toronto. The conference will be hybrid, with virtual events on Friday and in-person events on Saturday. Session types include paper panels, roundtable discussions, workshops, lightning sessions and posters.

» Read more: <https://dhn.utoronto.ca/conference/>

'[Similarity, Selection and Influence](#)': A Cross-Disciplinary Symposium on Homophily in Social Networks (Hybrid)

7 & 8 July 2022, [University of Groningen](#)
Call for Papers - Submissions due: 15 May 2022

» [Read more and PDF download of CFP here.](#)

NEW! DH 2022 Tokyo:

'Responding to Asian Diversity' - changed to fully Online (Zoom)

25-29 July 2022, Tokyo, » Read more: <https://dh2022.adho.org/home>

Congratulations to Angus Mol and Aris Politopoulos who are the winners of the fourth LUCAS Public Prize 2022!

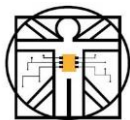
Since 2015, Angus and Aris have been working on 'valorisation' and 'science communication' at the intersection of the past and popular culture, especially video games. They founded the [VALUE Foundation](#) with their own online platform [Interactive Pasts](#), with which they produce their own videos, in addition to news, reviews and essays about video games and the past, via the live streaming platform Twitch and YouTube...

» [Read More!](#)

Are you a non-Dutch native speaker living in the Netherlands?

Researchers at LU and RUG would like to know more about your experiences using technology in health contexts! To answer our survey go to: <https://bit.ly/3JgI5yQ> (available in English,

Spanish, Italian, Tigrinya, Portuguese, Arabic and Turkish). Contact s.valdez@hum.leidenuniv.nl and a.guerberof.arenas@rug.nl for further information.



DIGITAL LAB - P.J. VETH 1.07

Drop-in sessions for all staff & students

The digital lab is open **every afternoon (13:00 - 17:00)** for drop-ins. There is seating for 25 people, and you *do not* need to book beforehand, but email us if you have questions or would like specific assistance with a project.

See lucdh.nl/lab digital for a list of all research resources.

Larger groups

To book space for a larger group, please email: digital-lab@hum.leidenuniv.nl. The **mornings (09:00 - 13:00)** in the digital lab are available for teachers to reserve.

STUDIO - P.J. VETH 1.06

Interested in starting a podcast? Podcast Prep!

Join Angus Mol for a mini-tour of the Studio (P.J. Veth 1.06), and a briefing on the recording equipment. The Studio is set up for 4 people to use the mics, and space for 3 guests. The apparatus is very user friendly so we hope to see all you new podcasters soon.

The mini-tour occurs usually on the first Thursday of the month, 15:00-15:30 in P.J. Veth 1.06

Please e-mail digital-lab@hum.leidenuniv.nl to confirm your place.

When you're ready to record your podcast, time slot(s) can be reserved via the same email.

» [Read more, and check Studio calendar for available time slots](#)

Featured Podcast:

We talk a lot about sustainable travel, but for students on a budget, taking the plane often feels like the only option. Enter Ruben Sansom, Carl Schüppel, Catherine Wood, Wander Waals and Olga Rybak. In this episode of The Common Room, we give our thoughts on the challenges facing those with the green travel bug and our top tips for travelling sustainably.

[The Common Room - European Travel: Coach Is The New First Class](#)

If you missed our last Lunch Lecture!

A recording of Prof.dr. Hilde De Weerdts talking on "[Designing a Digital History of the Lives and Afterlives of Chinese Material Infrastructures](#)" (April 6) is available from the LUCDH Events channel in Kaltura [via this link](#)

WORKSHOPS

Do you have ideas for workshops or wish to arrange a workshop or event in the digital lab? Or would you like to present your DH Research at one of our lunch lectures, please contact us.

EDUCATION

SAILS proudly presents the new Minor ***Artificial Intelligence and Society: Understanding the development and impact of AI***, which will start in the upcoming Fall Semester. It will be open to all Bachelor students from Leiden University. The formation of this Minor is a direct outcome of the SAILS-programme. It is an important step in further embedding knowledge of and future interdisciplinary research into AI within our university.

The Minor is coordinated by [Dr Francien Dechesne](#) of the eLaw Center for Law and Digital Technologies. It consists of 6 courses, each 5 ECTS, adding up to a total of 30 ECTS. The courses are:

[Fundamentals and ethics of AI](#),

[Governance of AI](#),

[Privacy and Data Protection](#),

[Law and Artificial Intelligence](#),

[Technology and Society: Values and Norms](#),

[AI & Digital Skills](#)

See the [e-Prospectus](#) for more information about the minor.

Registration for this minor starts on Monday 2 May 2022 at 13:00 hrs via uSis.