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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 (CET)

Location 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.

Location: On-campus in the Digital Lab P.J. Veth 1.07 or Online via Kaltura Live Rooms.

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

A recording of our previous lunch lecture on April 6 with Prof.dr. Hilde De Weerd on "*Designing a Digital History of the Lives and Afterlives of Chinese Material Infrastructures*" is available from LUCDH Events channel in Kaltura via link:

https://video.leidenuniv.nl/media/t/1_xhxq6ejs

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](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

PhD candidate, LUCDH (1,00 FTE)

Vacancy number: 11083

Apply by 14 April 2022 via the

"Apply Now (Solliciteer direct)" blue button.

The Faculty of Humanities/ Leiden University Centre for Digital Humanities (LUCDH) invites applications for a PhD candidate in Digital Humanities. Candidates should have a relevant MA, combining expertise in one or more fields of the Humanities with demonstrable expertise and skills in AI methods, such as machine learning. Additionally, good programming skills in Python are required. The fields of the Humanities include history, art history, linguistics, philosophy, media studies, area studies, cultural studies, literary studies, religion studies, philology and related fields.

The successful candidate, together with prospective supervisors, will develop her/his own research project dealing with Artificial Intelligence and the Humanities.

The PhD project will be carried out at the Leiden University Center of Digital Humanities at the Faculty of Humanities. The PhD candidate will be supervised by a domain expert from the Faculty and one of the assistant professors in Digital Humanities.

Information

Enquiries can be made to Prof.dr. Sjef Barbiers (l.c.j.barbiers@hum.leidenuniv.nl), director of LUCDH.

» [Read more](#)

Further Vacancies - see [LUCDH Grants and Resources/Opportunities](#) page

- Twee DCC-projecten (0,85 fte) - **Apply asap**

Three-year Postdoctoral Position in Machine Learning

(ref. BAP-2022-167)

Apply by 31 May 2022

The Early Modern History Research Group and KU Leuven offer an environment where intellectual creativity and independence thrive. We promote the lively exchange of ideas, and provide strong intellectual, moral, and logistical support to our PhD students, postdocs, and other collaborators.

The postdoctoral position is part of the European Research Council project (#101019509) 'Regionalizing Infrastructures in Chinese History.'

[Read more and apply](#)

OTHER DH EVENTS

UB & CDH (Univ. Utrecht)

Georeferencing: An innovative update for old maps

19 April, 10:00-12:00

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

Georeferencing is a feast for the eyes for lovers of (old) maps. By digitally positioning a scan of an old map over a modern reference map, it becomes more geographically accessible and (re)usable. During this University Library showcase, Special Collections curator [Marco van Egmond](#) will show a number of beautiful applications and possibilities of georeferencing using practical examples. The library has been georeferencing parts of its collections for ten years now. This way thousands of interesting old maps have become widely available by and for scientists, students and the general public.

More info & registration: [Centre for Digital Humanities | UB & CDH present: Georeferencing: An innovative update for old maps \(uu.nl\)](#)

CDH (Univ. Utrecht) hybrid lecture: Understanding opinion dynamics – a (seemingly) simple model with many applications

20 May 2022, 15:00 - 16:15

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

On May 20, the well-known philosophy professor [Rainer Hegselmann](#) comes to Utrecht to give a hybrid lecture for the Centre for Digital Humanities. Together with mathematician Ulrich Krause, Hegselmann developed the Hegselmann-Krause bounded confidence model of opinion dynamics. In this model individuals take seriously only those others whose opinions are not too far away from their own opinion. Simple extensions of the model cover radicalization, polarization, mis- and disinformation and truth seeking in a social setting. Although the model and its extensions are very simple, numerous surprising effects arise.

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

Digital Hands On Webinar Series

(Univ. of Gröningen) at 16:00 - 17:00:

14 April - 'Ground truths in data driven history of ideas.' Arianna Betti (UvA)

12 May - 'Handling the digital medieval manuscript.' Suzette van Haaren (RUG)

9 June - '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](#)

Call for Papers - University of Toronto

The [Critical Digital Humanities International Conference](#) will be held in Toronto on **Friday 30 Sept. and Saturday 31 Oct., 2022**

Organized by the [Critical Digital Humanities Initiative](#) (CDHI), University of Toronto

Confirmed keynotes are Jennifer Wemigwans, Wendy Chun, and Lisa Nakamura. 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.

Abstracts are due **15 April 2022**.

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

Call for Papers - University of Groningen

Similarity, Selection and Influence: A Cross-Disciplinary Symposium on Homophily in Social Networks

7 and 8 July, 2022

Online/Hybrid (Groningen, the Netherlands)

Submissions due: **15 May, 2022** |

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

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! Answer our survey: <https://bit.ly/3JgI5yQ> (available in English, Spanish, Italian, Tigrinya, Portuguese, Arabic and Turkish).

Contacts for further information given on next page - see flyer.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Are you a native speaker of Spanish, Italian, Tigrinya, Portuguese, Arabic or Turkish? We want to know your opinion and experiences when using technology to communicate in health contexts.

We want to know how you use technology such as machine translation in **health contexts**.

For example you might use **Google Translate** to automatically translate a letter from your doctor or to communicate at the pharmacy.



**Scan the QR code
to answer the questionnaire:**



Want to know more about us?
Send an email to
s.valdez@hum.leidenuniv.nl
and/or **a.guerberof.arenas@rug.nl**.



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Digital Lab in 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.

Relaunch Digital Humanities/Student Network (DH/SN) for Leiden University, PhD and Research Master Students

When? **Friday 22 April from 12:00-13:00 CEST.**

Where? [Digital Lab](#) @ Leiden.

Note: Sandwiches included.

Please RSVP by **18 April** to lucdh@hum.leidenuniv.nl and note if any allergy restrictions.

Studio in 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 run through of recording equipment.

Occurs usually every first Thursday of the month, 15:00-15:30 in P.J. Veth 1.06; but please e-mail digital-lab@hum.leidenuniv.nl so we can confirm your place.

After you know your way around the lab, and you're ready to record your podcast, time slot(s) can be reserved via the same email.

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!

» [Read more](#)

[Find your place in this Digital World! - The Digital Lab](#)

Workshops

If you have ideas for workshops or wish to arrange a workshop or event, please contact us at lucdh@hum.leidenuniv.nl