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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](https://lucdh.nl). LUCDH also facilitates digital resources and offers advice on DH projects in the Digital Lab, P.J. Veth 1.07; more details at the end of this newsletter or at lucdh.nl/lab

LUCDH Small Grants 2023-2024

Apply by: 15 Dec. 2023



Call for Applications now open!

The Leiden University Centre for the Digital Humanities (LUCDH) funds the development of Digital Humanities research activities, knowledge, and skills through a Small Grants program. LUCDH invites Leiden University members of staff, affiliates, or PhD students within the Humanities Faculty (or those co-working with a member of staff or student within the Humanities Faculty) to apply.

The Call for Applications is now open until the closing date of **Friday, 15 December 2023**.

» See full details on how to apply for a [Research or Personal development grant](#) on our website

LUCDH EVENTS

LUCDH Workshop:

'Methods in Dialectology 2023'

with [Matthew Sung](#)

(PhD candidate LUCDH/LUCL)

**Dates: ...Wed. 11 Oct; Tues. 24 Oct; Wed. 8
Nov; Wed. 22 Nov. 2023**

Time: 10:00-12:00

Location: The Digital Lab in P.J Veth 1.07

Last Registrations

The Leiden Dialectology Workshop Series has started and will give 6 workshops on different aspects of dialectology.

» Full details at: ['Methods in Dialectology 2023'](#)

» If you wish to register for the last 3-4 workshops please use this [Registration form](#) and email Matthew that you would like to register:

h.w.m.sung@hum.leidenuniv.nl.

LUCDH Lunchtime Speaker Series:

“What Use are Networks Anyway? Using Statistical Models to Understand Patterns in the Early Modern Book Trade.”



Dr. Yann Ryan

with [Dr. Yann Ryan](#) (LUCDH Lecturer)

Tuesday, 10 October 2023, 12:00-13:00

Location: *The Digital Lab in P.J Veth 1.07 or*

[Online via LUCDH Events channel](#)

Network analysis is widely used in the digital humanities. Network patterns are found again and again right across the social and natural worlds. ...In this lecture, Yann will argue that for some types of data, a network representation is hugely beneficial, if used correctly. As a case study, he'll apply this thinking to the study of an inherently 'networked' world: that of early modern book publishers, who as a group worked together in complicated and changing partnerships.

» Read full details at [Networks](#).

» Register with this [lunch lecture form](#)

Yann Ryan has also created an online publication -

'Accessing and Using Historical Newspaper Data' online at

<https://yann-ryan.github.io/newspapers/>.

Tour: Get to know the newly completed SSH Labs



Thursday, 12 October,

11:00-12:30

Location: [Sylvius building](#), 2nd floor, Room 2.5.02 (Class room lab), Sylviusweg 72, 2333 BE Leiden

Dear LUCL & LUCDH researchers,

As you may have heard, after lots of planning and collaboration between our two faculties, the [Social Sciences and Humanities \(SSH\) Labs](#) have had a soft-opening and the first research has already started there!

The SSH Labs house space for behavioral (computer tasks), EEG, Eye-tracking, VR, classroom, dyadic, physiological, and other types of research. All from our two faculties are welcome there and the intention is that future new research projects begin in this space, insofar as it meets your specific needs.

Meet the Humanities and Social Sciences interfaculty support team - learn about the space and equipment

On **12 October 11:00-12:30**, the ad-interim lab managers of the SSH Labs, Maureen Meekel (FSW) and Auke Ruhe (HUM) will be giving a tour of the new lab spaces especially for LUCL and LUCDH researchers. Scientific Director of LUCL (Prof. Lisa Cheng) will hold opening remarks.

Please join us in this opportunity to get to know the space, the inter-faculty support team, and the equipment available to you there. Hopefully it will help spark inspiration for your future work!

» To help us in planning, [RSVP here](#).

» Note that the Sylvius building is located in the BioScience park, approximately 10 min biking from Lipsius/Reuvs or 30 min walking/bus. Please plan your journey to be there on time!

LUCL & LUCDH Lab Support Team

Bart Alewijnse (LUCL Lab technician)

Jos Pacilly (LUCL Lab technician)

Yaming Zhang (LUCL Lab coordinator/technician)

Janessa Vleghert (LUCDH Lab coordinator/technician)

Andreea Geambasu (LUCL Lab manager)

LUCDH Lunchtime Speaker Series:

with [Dr. Mike Preuss](#) (LUCDH Lecturer)

Tuesday, 7 November 2023, 12:00-13:00

Location: *The Digital Lab, P.J Veth 1.07 &*

[Online via LUCDH Events channel](#)

Join us for this lecture involving topics in game AI, natural computing, and social media computing. More details to follow - check our [website events](#).

» Register with this [Lunch Lecture form](#)



Dr. Mike Preuss

Digital Humanities Pilot Project Symposium

Monday 29 January, 14:00 - 17:00 in PJ Veth 1.01 Lecture Hall

Keen to learn the results from recent digital humanities and AI projects? Looking for inspiration on how to apply digital tools to your next research project? Join us for this afternoon of excellent presentations and discussion with colleagues in your DH-AI field.

» The following projects will be presented: [Small Grant Project 2023](#)

» Registration form: [Workshop\(s\) & Symposium](#)

Digital Skills Workshops:

Winter Week

29 January – 2 February

Every morning, 10:00 - 13:00

Location: Digital Lab PJ Veth 1.07

Registration now open! Choose from five 3 hour morning workshops on best practices in digital humanities and AI. Sign up for an individual workshop, or the whole series, and gain a better understanding of digital research tools & methods. We look forward to giving you an opportunity to learn practical digital skills, answering your questions, and facilitating lively discussions.

» Read descriptions here of what you can expect from each [workshop](#).

Choice of Workshops:

Mon. 29 Jan: 'Harnessing AI for Education' with A. van de Pol

Tues. 30 Jan: '[Quarto](#) Publishing' with Dr. Y. Ryan

Wed. 31 Jan: 'Introduction to Podcasting' with Dr. A. Mol & T. Vorisek

Thurs. 1 Feb: 'Introduction to QGIS' with M. Sung & Dr. J. Prokic

Fri. 2 Feb: Counting Words Responsibly: Text Mining with R. Ros

» Registration form: [Workshop\(s\) & Symposium](#)

Note: In the afternoon of Monday 29 January, you can also join the Pilot Project Symposium.

🎓 Winter School Workshop: AI in the Academic Spotlight 🎓
'Harnessing AI for Education'

Faculty and staff, as we step into the academic future, we invite you to join the "Teach Club" – where the first rule is: DO talk about AI. Our Winter School Workshop offers a deep dive into the synergy of AI and academia, spotlighting Large Language Models like ChatGPT. We aim to demystify, debunk and harness the potential of these tools. Tailored for faculty members, educators, TAs, and all at the intersection of AI and education, this is a pivotal opportunity to shape and understand the next chapter in education. Engage with us in this enlightening journey this winter.

» Register for the first morning of our Winter Week of Workshops on [29 January 2024](#)

IN THE NEWS



New Super Server at Humanities

'Within the humanities there is an increasing amount of research requiring very powerful computers. Several current projects include intensive Natural language processing (NLP) work and deep learning techniques for image processing.' Jelena Prokic: 'we're very pleased that we now have our own server, which will be a part of ALICE HPC dedicated to the research in the humanities...'

» [Read more here.](#)

LOCAL DH EVENTS

CLARIAH Annual Conference:

Thursday 30 November, 09:00- 18:00

Paushuize, 49 Kromme Nieuwegracht 3512 HE, Utrecht

» Read more here on [Conference scheduling/registration](#) for free admission

OPPORTUNITIES

Looking to improve your Digital Skills?
Ask your teacher about enrolling in the Digital Skills Hub!

- BLOGGING
- PODCASTING
- SOCIAL MEDIA DATA ANALYSIS
- DOCUMENTARY MAKING
- DATA VISUALISATION
- INTERACTIVE MAPS
- PYTHON PROGRAMMING
- STORYTELLING THROUGH GAMING
- COMMAND LINE
- PHOTOGRAPHY

New this semester! Digital Skills Hub

» Attention teachers: A wide range of Digital Skills workshops are available this and next semester for your students to join. Read summary descriptions of the [workshops here](#).

» For further information on enrolling your students in the 'Digital Skills Hub' Brightspace module, contact Federica Notari: f.n.notari@hum.leidenuniv.nl

Wanted: Student Assistant with Python programming skills

We are looking for a student assistant with Python (programming) skills and an interest in Computational Linguistics.

Position available until filled.

» Full [description of s.a.](#) position here.

Please contact: Dr. Willemijn Heeren, associate professor at LUCL if you have questions or wish to apply: w.f.l.heeren@hum.leidenuniv.nl

» [LUCDH Grants and Resources](#)

» [Vacancies](#)

Workshops 2023-24



» See all our [Upcoming Workshops](#) 2023-2024 semesters 1&2.

Which Digital skill workshops you'd like to see LUCDH offer?

» Fill in feedback form: '[YourWorkshopSuggestions](#)'

Image: Enrique Manjavacas Arevalo's workshop on 'LLMs in the Humanities'

DIGITAL LAB & STUDIO



Digital Lab PJ Veth 1.07

Drop-in sessions for all staff & students

Every afternoon*, 13:00 - 17:00 (Mon-Fri incl.)

During semester times 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 for a list of all research resources and the Digital Lab/Studio booking calendar.

*Occasional afternoons are reserved for special events.

Larger groups and workshops

Mornings, 9:00 - 13:00 (Mon-Fri incl.)

The Digital Lab is available for staff to reserve for teaching workshops related to digital skills.

Email: digital-lab@hum.leidenuniv.nl.

Recording Studio in PJ Veth 1.06

1) Email digital-lab@hum.leidenuniv.nl to arrange a 20 min tour if you haven't used our recording studio and equipment before.

2) When you're ready to record your podcast

» Check Digital Lab/Studio calendar here for available time slots.

3) Reserve your preferred time slot(s) with email to digital-lab@hum.leidenuniv.nl.

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