

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](https://lucdh.nl).

Visit the Digital Lab in P.J. Veth 1.07 - advice on DH research tools and digital resources available - more info at the end of this newsletter or at lucdh.nl/lab

Calendar of Events 2023

- » 28 Feb, 7 Mar, 21 Mar, 4 Apr (10:00-12:00): [Special Topics in Dialectology](#)
- » 2 Mar, 16 Mar, 30 Mar, 13 Apr (13:00-14:00): [Deep Learning for Beginners](#)
- » 1 Mar (13:15-14:15): [Lunch Lecture with Matthijs Westera](#)
- » 17 Mar (09:30-12:00): ['FAIR: Open Science' Workshop with Kristina Hettna](#)
- » 4 Apr (12:00-13:00): [Lunch Lecture with Karin de Wild and Mirjam Cuper](#)
- » 21 Apr (tentative 09:30-12:30): 'Neural Networks: BERT language models with Enrique Manjavacas' Arevalo Workshop - More details in next newsletter and soon on our website.
- » 3 May (12:00-13:00): Lunch Lecture with Carina van den Hoven (online)

» **Lunch Lecture - [Testing linguistic theories with deep learning: a case study on meaning predictability](#) with Matthijs Westera (LUCL)**

Wednesday, 1 March 2023 (13:15 - 14:15):

Location: Digital Lab, P.J. Veth 1.07

or use link [Online via Kaltura](#)

Large neural networks trained on enormous amounts of linguistic data are a potentially unprecedented source of linguistic information. But how can we access this information, and use it for testing our theories?



DALL-e image: linguistic data + NLP

Let us know you'll be joining us in PJ Veth:

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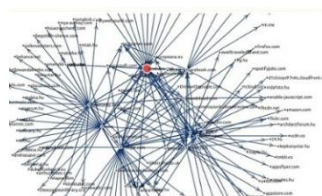
» **Lunch Lecture - [Exploring Web Archives](#) with Karin de Wild (LUCAS) and Mirjam Cuper (KB)**

Tuesday, 4 April 2023 (12:00-13:00):

Location: Digital Lab, P.J. Veth 1.07

and [Online via Kaltura](#)

What are web archives and how can historians use these archives to understand the web of the past? If these are your questions, join Dr. de Wild for a brief introduction on how to access web archives using, as an example, the web archive in the KB, National Library of the Netherlands. Learn about the SolrWayback search engine that offers an opportunity to access



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The LUCDH Lunchtime Speaker Series is an opportunity for researchers to share their recent research in digital humanities. If you would like to be one of our speakers

and analyse web archival data at scale. You'll also gain insights into some of the functionalities of SolrWayback and how it can support researchers who are interested in both close and distant reading. Share how you'd like to use web archives in your current research in questions at the end of the lecture, and learn how SolrWayback can support you?

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'FAIR': Open Science Workshop

Friday 17 March (09:30-12:00)

Location: Digital Lab, P.J. Veth 1.07

Dr. Kristina Hettne, Digital Scholarship Librarian at LU, will be taking the headaches out of working with your data in a way that is kind to others and yourself. Join us in the Digital Lab for a compact morning that will clarify your concerns about creating data sets that you can share that meet FAIR standards. *Essential for all those working with data and on data projects.*



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Do you know how to make your data

[Findable](#), [Accessible](#),
[Interoperable](#) and [Reusable](#) ?

Save the Date!

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A warm welcome to [Amanda Daltro de Viveiros Pina](#) MA (LUCDH/LUCAS)

Amanda is developing projects involving education and archaeological heritage in electronic games. Her PhD project is based on a 3D game that teaches archaeology and heritage to teenagers in a playful way. To reach the project goal, a methodology from anthropology and game design was used after conducting interviews with students and professors.

Amanda is an external PhD Candidate at Leiden University and PhD student in Archaeology at the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology of the University of São Paulo (MAE/USP). Here in Leiden, she is an affiliated researcher of LUDCH and LUCAS.

If you wish to see more of her work, see LUCAS blog:
[Can Artifacts Play. Yes, they can!](#)



Since both my BA in 'Museology' and MA in 'Anthropology' focused on Archaeology, I'm interested in the intercessions between material culture and DH. The diversity of points of view have led me to study functions of play and the application of 'Archaeo-gaming' concepts.

A warm welcome to [Jing Chen](#) (LUCDH/LUCL)

My current research centers around computational modeling of lexical semantic change, with a specific focus on investigating how word meanings change in large-scale textual data. I seek to answer whether distributional models (DMs) could signal lexical semantic changes in Mandarin Chinese and what types of lexical semantic changes DMs can capture. Also, I try to test DMs in discovering more abstract changes, such as grammatical meaning changes. Through my work, I hope to contribute to a deeper knowledge of lexical semantic changes and provide insights into traditional linguistic topics analyzed with the help of computational methods. At the same time, I try to investigate and understand the limits of the computational methods applied.



My name is Jing Chen. I am a PhD candidate at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, currently a visiting PhD student at the LUCDH.

LUCDH Pilot Project Symposium and Digital Winter Week of Workshops

LUCDH thanks the [inspiring speakers](#) who presented their exciting projects, and all those who attended this year's excellent [LUCDH Pilot Project Symposium and winter week of digital skills workshops](#) - news link in March newsletter.



Photo: ATLAS.ti workshop with Dr. Susanna Fries

OPPORTUNITIES

[LUCDH Grants and Resources/Opportunities](#)

» Read more on various DH vacancies: [DH Opportunities](#)

LOCAL DH EVENTS

CDH Lecture (hybrid): An introduction to Automatic Speech Recognition

Date: 16-03-2023; Time: 10:00 – 12:00

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

Speaker: [Arjan van Hessen](#)

More info & registration: [Centre for Digital Humanities | CDH hybrid lecture: An introduction to Automatic Speech Recognition \(uu.nl\)](#)

CDH Webinar: The datafication of race-ethnicity in Dutch governmental databases

Date: 23-03-2023; Time: 15:00 – 16:15; Location: Online

Speaker: [Gerwin van Schie](#)

More info & registration: [Centre for Digital Humanities | CDH webinar: The datafication of race-ethnicity in Dutch governmental databases \(uu.nl\)](#)

DIGITAL LAB P.J. VETH 1.07

Drop-in sessions for all staff & students

Every afternoon during semesters

13:00 - 17:00. Seating for 25 people. 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 digital for a list of all research resources.

Larger groups and workshops

Mornings (09:00 - 13:00) in the Digital Lab are available for teachers to reserve and for workshops.

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

Looking for a Recording Studio for your next Podcast?

If you haven't used our Studio before, join Dr. Angus Mol for one of his monthly mini-tours of the Studio (P.J. Veth 1.06), and a briefing on the recording equipment. The gear is very user friendly so we hope to see all you new or experienced podcasters soon!

E-mail: digital-lab@hum.leidenuniv.nl to confirm date and your place in March.

Date of next tour: to be determined.



Where can I find the [Digital Lab & Studio?](#)

The P.J. Veth building is located in the garden area opposite the Hortus Botanicus. Enter P.J. Veth via the main entrance staircase at the front & middle of the building. Once through the wooden and glass doors, turn immediately right, and through the Student Study Lounge. Exit the lounge and take the stairs up to the first floor. You'll have found the Digital Lab in P.J. Veth 1.07! The Podcast Recording Studio is next door in 1.06. Please contact us if you need assistance with access.

(There are washrooms opposite the lab; and a small kitchen area with drink water one floor up.)

When you're ready to record your podcast, time slot(s) can be reserved via digital-lab@hum.leidenuniv.nl

» [Check Studio calendar for available time slots](#)

