Call for Participation
IANLS Vacation School: Digital Humanities and Neo-Latin Studies
Bonn, 1 – 5 March 2022

The corpus of Neo-Latin texts is a vast and still widely uncharted ‘terra incognita’ whose actual dimensions have been emerging only in recent years with the advent of digitization. The digital turn could be a veritable game changer for Neo-Latin studies. Scholars no longer depend on physical access to large research libraries with collections of manuscripts and old printed books. Today, a daunting quantity of texts is often just a click away. Even though Neo-Latin studies have crucially benefitted from digitization, there has nonetheless been little interaction between Neo-Latin studies and the Digital Humanities.

The Vacation School on Digital Humanities and Neo-Latin Studies, organized under the auspices of the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies (IANLS) and generously sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation, is intended to provide a platform for a more intense dialogue between these two disciplines. It offers an opportunity for people from both fields to discuss research questions at the intersection between Neo-Latin Studies and Digital Humanities and explore the potential of interdisciplinary collaboration.

The Vacation School consists of two events, the first of which was an online conference held from 14 to 17 April 2021 (video in our Youtube channel), whereas the second will take place in person in Bonn from 1 through 5 March 2022. This second hands-on event will enable the participants to meet up in person, share their experiences, ideas and questions. It will address in particular the following areas: (1) Exploring Neo-Latin text corpora, (2) Digital Neo-Latin editions, (3) Lemmatization, (4) Stylometry, (5) Linguistic Linked Open Data, and (6) Geographical and biographical metadata. The program will start in the afternoon of Tuesday 1 March (arrival date) with general introductions and will end in the morning of Saturday 5 March 2022 (departure date) with concluding remarks. The core of the program will be conducted from Wednesday 2 March through Friday 4 March. People arriving late on 1 March and/or leaving early on 5 March will not miss anything essential.

We can offer travel bursaries (maximum amount based on the travel allowances granted by the DAAD) to all successful applicants. The participants will be offered free accommodation in Bonn from 1 through 5 March 2022.

Early-career researchers are particularly encouraged to apply.

Papers and discussions will be in English. Basic computer skills as well as a good command of Latin are required. Participants are asked to bring their own computer.

Applicants are kindly asked to send a short CV alongside a motivation statement (approx. 300 words) via email to Prof. Dr. Neven Jovanović (njovanovic@m.ffzg.hr), Prof. Dr. Marc Laureys (m.laureys@uni-bonn.de), and Alexander Winkler (alexander_winkler@posteo.de).


For up-to-date information please visit the website dedicated to the Vacation School (https://dnls.hypotheses.org/) and Follow us on Twitter (@DigNeoLatin). If you have specific questions, please contact the organisers directly via email.