

MECANO Workshop II: Workflows for Natural Language Processing

KU Leuven, 17–19 November 2025

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LECTIO – KU Leuven Institute for the Study of the Transmission of Texts, Ideas and Images in Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Renaissance



Programme

The **workshop itself** (9.00–16.30 | 15.30) is **open to the public** (until capacity is reached; [registration mandatory](#)). The MECANO meetings are restricted to project members.

Participants of the workshop are also warmly invited to attend the LECTIO Chair Lecture, given by prof. Rens Bod (University of Amsterdam), under the title “Toward Global Comparative Humanities”. More information: <https://www.kuleuven.be/lectio/events/lectio-chair-2025-lecture-toward-global-comparative-humanities>

Day 1: Monday, 17 November 2025

@ AGORA, Zaal Couvereur

09:00	Intro
09:30	Named Entity Recognition: Introduction Laura Soffiantini (KU Leuven, NIKAW)
11:00	Coffee break
11:20	Named Entity Recognition: Practice on your own corpus
12:30	Lunch @ STUK
14:00	Regular Expressions Daria Kohler
15:30	Coffee break
15:45	“Going With the Flow? Text Digitization, Reuse, and Alignment” Yannick Anné, Jeroen Lauwers, Bram Roosen (Brepols)
16:30	MECANO Spring School & Dissemination Shari Boodts
17:30	Free time
19.00	Dinner

Day 2: Tuesday, 18 November 2025

@ HIW, Raadzaal

09:00	Discussion and feedback from day 1
09:30	Linguistic annotation using language models: Introduction Valeria Boano
11:00	Coffee break
11:20	Linguistic annotation using language models: Practice
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Conclusions and theoretical insights on NLP
15:00	Coffee break
15:20	Participants wrap-up: How can I use these tools on my text?
16:30	MECANO Model of canonicity – discussion
17:30	Free time
19:00	Dinner

Day 3: Wednesday, 19 November 2025

@AGORA, Zaal Cuvreur

09:00	Relational databases: Introduction Tom Gheldof (KU Leuven, CLARIAH-VL+)
10:00	Coffee break
10:20	Relational databases: Creating your own database
12:00	Workflow for data integration: Demo Jonas Fischer
12:30	Lunch
13:30	INCEPTION annotation platform Monica Berti and Leonardo D'Addario
15:15	Conclusions
15:30	Free time

@AGORA, Aula Emma Vorlat

16:30	<u>LECTIO Chair 2025</u>: Toward Global Comparative Humanities Rens Bod (University of Amsterdam)
17:45	Reception

Day 4*: Thursday, 20 November 2025

@MSI1, 02.08 (Museum)

10:00–13.00 **LECTIO Chair 2025 (Doctoral Seminar): How to Do Global Comparative Humanities? Principles, Practices and Pitfalls**
Rens Bod (University of Amsterdam)