

### **Assignment: Tool criticism and the CLARIAH Media Suite**

Based on the class instruction and the readings, investigate the “entire stack” of the Media Suite (Van Es et al., 2018). This means that you reflect on how **how the tool** (e.g. its data source, working mechanisms, anticipated use, interface, and embedded assumptions) **affects the user, research process and output.**

Write down your observations about the following:

1. The infrastructure (how are the tools presented in terms of functionality - see the About page, the examples given)
2. The platform of the Suite: how does it function, how can users search and how does that shape the findings?
3. Can you say anything about how research outcomes are sorted (ideas about how the Suite “works”? What can you find about this?)
4. Data (what is included? Metadata? Annotations?)
5. Interface (how does the interface shape us?)

Focus	Observations
The infrastructure	

The platform of the Suite

Data

Interface	
Search outcomes	