

## MECANO Workshop II: Workflows for Natural Language Processing

KU Leuven, 17–19 November 2025

*organised together with 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 on each day) 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 Couvreur

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09:00	Intro
09:30	<b>Named Entity Recognition: Introduction</b> Laura Soffiantini (KU Leuven, NIKAW)
11:00	Coffee break
11:20	<b>Named Entity Recognition: Practice on your own corpus</b>
12:30	Lunch @ STUK
14:00	<b>Regular Expressions</b> Daria Kohler
15:30	Coffee break
15:45	<b>“Going With the Flow? Text Digitization, Reuse, and Alignment”</b> Yannick Anné, Jeroen Lauwers, Bram Roosen (Brepols)

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16:30	<b>MECANO Spring School &amp; Dissemination</b> Shari Boodts
17:30	Free time
19.00	Dinner [TBC]

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**Day 2: Tuesday, 18 November 2025**

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09:00	Discussion and feedback from day 1
09:30	<b>Linguistic annotation using language models: Introduction</b> Valeria Boano
11:00	Coffee break
11:20	<b>Linguistic annotation using language models: Practice</b>
12:30	Lunch
14:00	<b>Conclusions and theoretical insights on NLP</b>
15:00	Coffee break
15:20	<b>Participants wrap-up: How can I use these tools on my text?</b>

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16:30	MECANO Model of canonicity – discussion
17:30	Free time
19:00	Dinner

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**Day 3: Wednesday, 19 November 2025**

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

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

**Day 4\*: Thursday, 20 November 2025**

**@MSI1, 02.08 (Museum)**

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