



EASE: Exploring Anglo-Saxon Eloquence

First workshop: 1 February 2019, Leiden University.

The aim of this workshop series is to draw attention to the new digital platform Evoke, created at Leiden University, and to explore its value for various fields of research. This platform is meant to digitally open up historical thesauri for research. The first thesaurus that Evoke supports is *A Thesaurus of Old English*, which allows scholars to take a closer look at Anglo-Saxon language and culture. This workshop series aims to explore the kinds of inquiries that researchers would want to make using these resources and to ensure that such efforts can be accomplished with relative ease.

First workshop

This first workshop invites researchers to become familiar with the online platform Evoke and *A Thesaurus of Old English* in order to explore the value of these resources for research in their fields. In discussing the use of the platform in combination with this thesaurus, as envisioned by those attending, the aim is twofold: (1) to brainstorm about powerful and evocative case studies in research using the thesaurus, and (2) to elicit feature requests to improve the Evoke platform for research purposes.

When: Friday 1st of February 2019 (13:00-16:00h)

Where: Leiden University, Lipsius building, room 2.17

Agenda:

[12:40] Reception with coffee and tea

[13:00] Welcome and introduction

[13:15] The *Thesaurus of Old English* (TOE) and the Evoke platform – [from 3 perspectives](#)

1. editor On the thesaurus TOE
presenter: J. Roberts – Prof. of English Language, editor of TOE
2. developer On the software Evoke
presenter: S. Stolk – PhD student in DigHum, creator of Evoke
3. researcher On possible research cases
presenter: M.H. Porck – Assistant Professor of Medieval English

[14:15] (Coffee break)

[14:30] Group discussions on value for research

- Formulating case studies
- Formulating requirements on data and tooling

[16:00] Closing

[16:20] Informal drinks