

digital@IANLS: Wikidata for Neo-Latinists

Online Workshop 10/2/23 and 24/2/23, Fri, 2 pm. (Berlin time)

I: Introduction to Wikidata and Wikidata Editing

II: Querying Wikidata with SPARQL

[Wikidata](#) is the world's largest knowledge base. The information contained in Wikidata is editable and expandable by everyone. Wikidata is language independent. This means that people can participate regardless of their linguistic background. The information is stored in a structured way and thus machine-readable. Wikidata is for computers, what Wikipedia is for humans. It can be used as a sophisticated tool for information retrieval. Theoretically, you could find answers to complex questions, such as:

- Find all works dedicated to the Medici family ([Wikidata answer](#)).
- People who knew Latin after 1350 ([Wikidata answer](#))
- Birth places of authors in EDIT16 (Censimento nazionale delle edizioni italiane del XVI) ([Wikidata answer](#))

The more and better data in Wikidata gets, the more useful it becomes.

Neo-Latin Studies being a relatively restricted small discipline, Neo-Latin is underrepresented and inadequately visible in Wikidata.

This workshop provides an introduction to Wikidata specifically for Neo-Latinists. We will explore the potentials of Wikidata for the Neo-Latin community, in terms of Neo-Latin research, science communication, and research data management. The workshop will enable you to use and actively engage with Wikidata by editing, adding or querying the knowledge base.

The workshop consists of two Zoom sessions of 1.5 hours each. In the first one (Fri, 10 Feb 2023, [2 pm CET](#)), we will address general questions regarding Wikidata and learn how to edit and add information to it. In the second session (Fri, 24 Feb 2023, [2 pm CET](#)) we will learn [the basics of SPARQL](#), the query language used to retrieve information in Wikidata.

You do not need to have any previous knowledge of Wikidata or SPARQL to attend. You can attend either session or both. Attendance is free, please register by Monday, 6th Feb 2023 via this [Google Form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDfiac5HmORele7nZw-jG1HiWnV0z79E9NJ4MvHPvFGVWwGw/viewform?usp=sf_link) (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDfiac5HmORele7nZw-jG1HiWnV0z79E9NJ4MvHPvFGVWwGw/viewform?usp=sf_link). The session will be held mainly in English, but questions in the other IANLS languages are possible.

For more information on the event do not hesitate to get in touch with Alexander Winkler (alexander_winkler@posteo.de).

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digital@IANLS is a series of events organised by the IANLS's Committee for Digital Resources as a way to advance the use of digital technology among the members of the Neo-Latin research community by introducing digitalisation projects, demonstrating the use of digital tools and promoting best practice in employment of information technology for Neo-Latin research. The events will, in principle, be held online, their frequency will depend on the availability of speakers and topics, and the format will not be strictly defined (e.g. workshops, lectures, roundtable discussions

and presentations are all possible). All members of the IANLS are encouraged not only to attend as speakers, but also to get in contact with the Committee in order to present their own digital projects or to suggest a speaker or a topic.