

NeDiMAH Ontology Workshop

The Hague, Netherlands

Monday December 15th - Tuesday December 16th, 2014

Developing NeMO: the NeDiMAH Methods Ontology

The ESF Research Network, NeDiMAH, is developing an ontology of digital research methods in the arts and humanities (NeDiMAH Methods Ontology: NeMO), in order to support the classification and understanding of digital humanities research methods. NeMO will provide evidence of the use of digital resources for scholarship to support visibility and sustainability of digital collections and scholarship. It will enable the critical evaluation of digital humanities by providing an evidence base that is transparent; well--documented; reviewable across disciplines, making visible multi-disciplinary, multi-technology initiatives. It will be a means of documenting partnerships across disciplines and organizations, demonstrating the collaborative, scholarly, and human infrastructures of digital humanities, as well as technical infrastructures.

Part of the research development of NeMO is developing the basis of a “knowledge base” of the “content illustrating digital methods use in humanities research”. A series of case studies will feed into this content. The aim of this workshop is to develop some case studies of digital humanities methods and activities that will feed into a detailed working methods analysis exercise. NeMO will be launched in May 2015. The workshop is open to participants who wish to contribute to this important aspect of the ontology development work.

Guidance for Participants

We would like participants to bring to the workshop an example of a “use case” in the digital humanities based on their own research experience. This could be about some research activity they carried out, hopefully using, at least in part of it, digital resources and tools. The exposition of the use case need not be long, just enough to help the workshop participants understand and to enable a discussion that would end up with a representation of the case in terms of the ontology. Since we do not expect participants to have operating knowledge of (or even familiarity with) the ontology before coming to the workshop, they need only prepare short free text presentations of their cases and give some thought to possible interesting questions.

Prior to the event, we the organisers will have an example of a set of questions that can be related to a use case, the kind of questions we envisage to exploit the semantic links of the ontology

Meeting location

"Room B/Zaal B", KB: Koninklijke Bibliotheek/National Library of the Netherlands.

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<http://www.kb.nl/en/visitors/address-and-directions>

Participants should go to the main reception at KB on arrival. Please arrive between 8:30 and 9:00.

Programme

Monday, 15th December

09:00-10:00 A presentation by NeMO research team on the current status of the ontology, the incorporation of other taxonomies into it, and example use cases.

Coffee break

10:00-12:00 Elaboration of the use cases of the participants, making sure that in the end they are expressed in terms of the ontology (thus feeding the knowledge base).

12:00-13:00 Sandwich lunch

13:00-17:00 Discussion of case studies, and modelling exercise. Tuesday, 16th December

19:00 dinner

Tuesday 16th December

09:00-10:30 Continuation of modelling exercise

Coffee break

10:30-12:00 Consolidation and conclusion

12:00 Sandwich lunch

Close of meeting