

# Ctrl-Alt-History: (Digital) Humanities meets AI

Dag van de Nieuwste Geschiedenis – Journée de l'Histoire Contemporaine

University of Antwerp, City Campus

## Wednesday | 29 April 2026

Hof van Liere | F. de Tassiszaal | Prinsstraat 13 | Antwerp

08:30 Registration

09:00 **Keynote lecture:**

**Frédéric Clavert** | Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C<sup>2</sup>DH)  
Title TBA

10:30 Coffee break | A. Dürerzaal

11:00 **PANEL 1.1: Ai, ai, ai... wat willen we met AI in historisch onderzoek?**

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Chair: **Jasper Snoeys** | KU Leuven, Belgium

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- **Tess Dejaeghere, Lise Foket, Fien Messens, Bas Vercruyse, Vincent Ducatteeuw** | UGent – Universiteit Antwerpen – KBR, Koninklijke Bibliotheek van België, Belgium
  - *AI, binnen welk kader?*
  - *AI, met welke methode?*
  - *AI, met welke impact?*

## **PANEL 1.2: Infrastructures of Remembrance: AI, Archives & Heritage**

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Chair: **Michèle Corthals** | Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium

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- **Loïc François** | Liberation Route Europe, Belgium  
*Integrating AI Tools into a World War II Public History and Dissemination Project*
  - **Artsiom Kamovich** | KU Leuven, Belgium  
*Born-Digital Cultural Heritage and AI: Optimistic and Pessimistic Perspectives*
  - **Gregory Verbaanderd** | UCLouvain, Belgium  
*Fusion institutionnelle et défis archivistiques : Stratégies numériques pour la migration des données du Sénat de Belgique*

**PANEL 1.3: Parsing the Past: AI, Semantics & Historical Interpretation**

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**Chair: Charris De Smet** | Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium

- **Ellen Roelandts** | KU Leuven, Belgium  
*Contesting wealth: the politics of wealth taxation in Belgium since 1880*
- **Matthias Van Laer De Gezelle** | Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium  
*Measuring 20th century income instability in the absence of income records: on the uses of AI in historical research and the potential of historical microsimulations*

12:30 Lunch break

**PANEL 2.1: Digiversiteit in het erfgoedlandschap: welke rol kan (en mag) AI spelen?**

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**Chair: Kas Swerts** | KU Leuven, ADVN, Belgium

- **Eva Andersen** | Boekentoren, Universiteit Gent, Belgium  
*Glashelder*
- **An De Ridder** | ADVN, Belgium  
*MODAL*
- **Winne Gobyn** | ADVN, Belgium  
*Cartoons in context*
- **Olivier Van D'huynslager** | Design Museum Ghent, Belgium  
*CHAI-T*

**PANEL 2.2: AI, Methodology & the Transformation of Historical Interpretation**

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**Chair: Eline Ceulemans** | Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium

- **Francesca Cadeddu** | Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII (FSCIRE), Italy  
*The Digital Turn in Historical-Religious Studies*
- **Gianluca Ratti** | Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium - Università di Bologna, Italy  
*The democratization of coding: LLMs and their use in accelerating historical research*
- **Arlinde C.E. Vrooman** | Huygens Institute, the Netherlands  
*Constructing Semantically Coherent and Interpretable Historical Vocabularies from Domain-Specific Corpora: An Early Modern Dutch Case Study in Climate and Weather*

## PANEL 2.3: Seeing the Past: AI Approaches to Visual and Spatial Historical Sources

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**Chair: Jasper Segerink** | Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium

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- **Sophie Barbaix** | Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium & **Iason Jongepier** | Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium  
*Testing the Waters: An AI-based exploration of hand drawn Maps in the Artemis-UA project*
- **Federico Ruoizzi** | University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNIMORE), Italy  
*RE-GAZE-IT/Religious Eye-tracking – Gaze Analysis of Zones and Experiences in Italy through Technology*

15:00 Coffee break | A. Dürerzaal

15:30 **WORKSHOP A: Using AI to enrich data-driven workflows in Nodegoat**  
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Presented by: **Pim Van Bree & Geert Kessels** | Nodegoat, Lab1100, the Netherlands

### **WORKSHOP B: GLOBALISE**

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Presented by: **Arlinde C.E. Vrooman** | Huygens Institute, the Netherlands

17:15 **Closing Roundtable**  
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**Chair: Egon Van Bauwel** | Universiteit Antwerpen, Belgium

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- **Speakers TBC**

18:00 Closing reception | until 19:00 | A. Dürerzaal