

The Corpus and the Historian – Using Corpora and Corpus Linguistics in Historical Investigations

Date: 20th July, 2015, 2pm – 5.30pm

Venue: Lancaster University, UK

This workshop is part of the CL2015 conference. For more information, see the conference [website](#).

Organisers: Professor Tony McEnery and Dr. Helen Baker

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This is a half day colloquium-style workshop focussed upon exploring the role that corpora are playing in historical investigations.

The goal of this colloquium is to present research, based on corpus data, which delivers progress in historical research. While that work may be based upon the development of novel datasets or infrastructures, the focus of this workshop will very much be in what was discovered by historians using corpus data – not simply on the process of developing resources for use by historians. Our interpretation of research results is broad, however. We are interested, for example, in how corpora can contribute meaningfully to historiography, how conceptual history may be approached using corpus data and on the exploration of corpora to see how groups have been constructed over time.

Programme

1. Helen Baker and Tony McEnery (Lancaster University) 'Language surrounding Vagrancy and Begging in Early Modern England: a Corpus-Based Investigation'
2. Tracy S. Davis, Andrew D. Devenney, Richard W. Forest (Central Michigan University) and Lemont Dobson (Ozarks Technical Community College) 'Cotexts, Contexts, and Interpretation: Corpora and "the Viking Age"'
3. Paul Atkinson (Lancaster University) 'The GRO and the Historians: a new look using corpus linguistics'
4. Kat Gupta (Oxford Brookes University) 'The archive, the corpus, the page and the text: materiality as a challenge to historical corpora'
5. Dino Mujadzevic (Ruhr University Bochum) 'Measuring Turkish influence in Bosnia? Corpus-driven history of media discourses on Turkey in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2002-2014)'
6. Pim Huijnen and Jesper Verhoef (Utrecht University) 'Distant reading the role of the USA in Dutch public debates in the 20th century'