

Double call for papers *Humanistica Lovaniensia 2025 & 2026*

In 2025, KU Leuven will celebrate the 600th birthday of its foundation in 1425, after which this institution enjoyed an eventful history. Periods of flourishing alternated with dark eras of plague, war, and oppression, and even abolishment in the wake of the French revolution, in the decades around 1800. This history is intertwined with Neo-Latin and New Ancient Greek, enjoying its acme in the long sixteenth century (ca. 1500–1650). In the twentieth century, Leuven moreover became one of the first research centers for Neo-Latin studies worldwide, a long tradition to which we have recently added New Ancient Greek studies. This tradition became embodied in the Seminarium Philologiae Humanisticae, founded in 1966. In 2026, the Seminarium will hence celebrate its 60th birthday.

Humanistica Lovaniensia will celebrate the birthdays of KU Leuven and the Seminarium with two thematic sections in the volumes for 2025 and 2026, respectively.

- The 2025 thematic section will be devoted to *Lovanium / Λοβάνιον*, welcoming papers on Neo-Latin and/or New Ancient Greek texts related to the city of Leuven from 1425 until today.
- The 2026 thematic section invites contributors
 - (1) to critically engage with the seminal work of Seminarium founder Jozef IJsewijn, entering into dialogue with the many facets of his scholarly output, and/or;
 - (2) to critically reflect on the field of Neo-Latin studies, its assumptions and ideological associations, as well as its methodologies.

Scholars in all career stages are welcome to submit a 300-word proposal to the thematic sections via raf.vanrooy@kuleuven.be. Please provide an indication of the eventual length of the paper in number of words. The model timeline is as follows:

- 2025 section “*Lovanium / Λοβάνιον*”
 - submission of proposals before 1 June 2024
 - notification of acceptance by 1 July 2024

- submission of paper for peer review 1 December 2024
 - submit revised paper 1 June 2025
 - correct proofs fall 2025
- 2026 section “The Legacy of Jozef IJsewijn and the Leuven Seminarium: Critical Reflections”
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