

**Metadata in an Infrastructure for Historical Corpora**

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In this talk we would like to propose a meta-model of multi-functional metadata for the LAUDATIO-Repository1 whose main purpose is to enable use and re-use of historical corpus data.

For a repository for historical corpus data metadata need to fulfill several functions. Driven by an extended understanding of the functions and characteristics of metadata, we developed a meta-model for our metadata in the repository. Technically, we implemented the meta-model using the ODD meta-schema of the TEI2. In this talk we will focus on three major functions: First, regarding the heterogeneous field of research data with various formats and corpus preparation methods, the metadata serve as a unifying element for data documentation purposes. Second, the metadata provide the underlying schema for a structured display and search for corpus data in the repository. The third function is to enable the use and re-use of corpus data which is the primary goal of the repository. By structurally documenting every preparation step in relation to every format of the corpus and by using an open-access license it is possible to enable extended corpus sharing in the community, e.g. adding additional annotations to an existing corpus by third parties. With the LAUDATIO-Repository we would like to provide a platform for long-term access and use of historical corpora.

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