

OLD ENGLISH IN CONTINENTAL EUROPE

Leiden University, 26-27 January 2027

Call for Papers

We warmly invite researchers and teachers working on the linguistic and cultural heritage of early medieval England (c. 500–1100 CE) to contribute to a conference on *Old English in Continental Europe*, to take place at Leiden University from 26-27 January 2027. The event seeks to bring together scholars to exchange research, teaching practices, and resources, as well as to consider the particular opportunities and challenges of studying and teaching Old English beyond the Anglophone world.

As part of the Una Europa grant project *Old English Continental Network: Collaboration, Research and Teaching [OE-CONNECT]*, the conference is an important step towards creating an interdisciplinary network of researchers and teachers, which will lay the foundations for enduring collaboration that advances research excellence and fosters innovation in teaching.

Conference papers may address but are not limited to the following topics:

- Old English texts, manuscripts and inscriptions created, copied or transmitted on the Continent
- Language contact between Old English and other languages
- The place of Old English in the multilingual and multicultural world of the early Middle Ages
- Cultural connections between the Continent and early medieval England
- The history of Old English scholarship and Old English medievalism on the Continent
- Teaching Old English beyond the Anglophone world
- Initiatives connected with teaching Old English and promoting research

Format: hybrid (Leiden University & online). Speakers are welcome to present online if preferred, although we encourage speakers to attend and present on site.

Conference language: English

Conference fee: none

Paper proposals: We invite scholars at all career stages to submit abstracts for 20-minute papers, which should be no more than 250 words long. Please submit your abstract as a MS Word file at oe-connect@uj.edu.pl. Please indicate whether you will be able to present your paper in Leiden or online.

Deadline for abstract submission: 1 November 2026

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by the end of November.

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