



DUTCH-BELGIAN CONFERENCES



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Pelagios: towards a graph of ancient world data

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In this presentation the speaker will discuss two projects that are trying to rethink our understanding of Greco-Roman space through the documents that represent it. The Hestia project (<http://hestia.open.ac.uk/>) uses network maps to bring out the underlying ways in which space is organised in Herodotus's Histories - a textual examination of spatial experience that has the potential to disrupt and challenge dominant cartographic views of the ancient world. Meanwhile the Pelagios project (<http://pelagios-project.blogspot.com/>) is connecting online documents of varied nature—not only literary texts but also inscriptions, archaeological finds or sites, museum objects, photographs, etc.—through their common references to places. This "linked open data" approach has the potential to enrich discussions of the context behind individual projects as well as massively increasing their discoverability and reuse value in a rapidly changing digital world.