

WE1S Mellon Proposal – Timeline for Years 2 & 3 (excerpted)

ii. Project Year 2 (2018-2019)

In Year 2, WE1S will concentrate on advancing the development tasks started in the project's first year and positioning the project for completion in the final year:

- *Continue expanding the WE1S main corpus and sub-corpora....* Goals for this year include continuing to collect data from the sources identified in the previous year as well as evolving or revising the target list of publications and other materials based iteratively on topic modeling and studying the materials already collected, and on assessing the overall pace of collection work (which may lead to adjusting the size of the target list of materials). *End-of-year result:* a nearly complete set of project data as well as identification of any materials that can still be realistically ingested during the rest of the project timeline.
- *Topic model and study the extant WE1S corpus of materials....* [I]terative topic modeling of parts of WE1S's corpus of materials ... and ... interpretation of results according to the project's evolving topic-model interpretation protocol. While still interim in status, these topic models and analyses will help the project team assess how well WE1S's research methods and technical implementation are performing in addressing the research hypotheses mentioned ... above.... *End-of-year result:* a set of interim topic models and analyses.
- *If feasible: experiment with collecting and topic modeling a small sample of Spanish-language materials....* [A] separate topic model of the Spanish sample will allow WE1S to experiment with comparison work (e.g., through comparing how approximately similar topics are weighted or clustered in the two topic models)....
- *Finalize the WE1S interface for dynamic exploration of topic models....* [M]ake further customizations of the dfr-browser interface and complete the integration of any additional exploration/visualization tools. *End-of-year results:* WE1S's final interface for exploring topic models.
- *Advance the WE1S interpretation protocol for topic models....* WE1S will finalize a version 1.0 protocol for the interpretation of topic models (written up both as a document and as a "manifest" in the project's manifest framework).... *End-of-year result:* version 1.0 topic modeling interpretation protocol.

iii. Project Year 3 (2019-2020)

The final year of the WE1S timeline will be devoted to finishing collection and development tasks, creating final topic models and analyses, and disseminating outcomes to the public and scholars. Tasks will include:

- *Finish collection work for the WE1S main corpus and sub-corpora, and create a "scoping statement" for the collection.* Activities related to collecting and ingesting materials as datasets will be completed near the beginning of year 3 so that WE1S can concentrate on analysis and dissemination work....
- *Create a set of topic models that will be the basis of disseminated analyses, examples, and reports....* [M]odels based [word embedding and other methods] will also be created and interpreted.... *End-of-year result:* a set of publicly showable topic models, plus interpretive results to be disseminated through analyses, reports, and examples.
- *Prepare analyses, reports, and examples based on WE1S's research....*
- *Prepare recommendations and resources for humanities advocacy based on WE1S's research....*
- *Prepare an overview description and rationale statement for the WE1S project addressed to its overlapping audiences of the public, humanities scholars and administrators, and digital humanists....*
- *Plan and implement a publicity and social media campaign to disseminate WE1S outcomes....*
- *Disseminate scholarly output....*
- *Commit project materials for preservation and dissemination....*