

## New tools for Neo-Latin studies: Lorenzo Valla's *Vocabulary*

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The knowledge of word's historical dimension and the study of *veterum consuetudo loquendi* made Lorenzo Valla (1406-1457) one of the best philologists of Italian 15<sup>th</sup> century. In *Elegantie lingue latine*, the humanist condenses all his linguistic knowledge showing, in the hundreds of entries that make up the six books, the framework of his method, founded on the concepts of *elegantia*, property and historicity of language.

The lack of tools for a detailed analysis of Humanistic Latin can be healed by an examination of Valla's linguistic production and specifically of the *Elegantie*, which aims to restore the *elocutio commoda et perfecta*, studying the development of words' meaning through Classical, Late-Antiquity and Middle Ages, in order to create a Neo-Latin Vocabulary.