



Computational  
Historical  
Semantics

# Text Type Classification

Systematisation of Keywords for  
Computational Historical Semantics

*by Roland Scheel and Tim Geelhaar  
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main  
17<sup>th</sup> April 2014*

## 1. “Text Type Class” /Function: Biblical

*“Text Type Object”*

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numeri
- Deuteronomium
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- Samuel
- Kings
- Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Tobit
- Judith
- Esther
- Maccabees
- Psalms
- Job
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon

- Wisdom
- Sirach
- Psalms of Solomon
- Minor Prophets
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Baruch
- Lamentations
- Letter of Jeremiah
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Gospel According to Matthew
- Gospel According to Mark
- Gospel According to Luke
- Gospel According to John
- Acts of the Apostles
- Pauline Epistles: To the Romans
- Pauline Epistles: To the Corinthians I
- Pauline Epistles: To the Corinthians II
- Pauline Epistles: To the Galatians
- Pauline Epistles: To the Ephesians
- Pauline Epistles: To the Philippians
- Pauline Epistles: To the Colossians
- Pauline Epistles: To the Thessalonians I
- Pauline Epistles: To the Thessalonians II
- Pastoral Epistles: To Timothy I
- Pastoral Epistles: To Timothy II
- Pastoral Epistles: To Titus
- Pastoral Epistles: To Philemon
- Pastoral Epistles: To the Hebrews
- General Epistles: Epistle of James
- General Epistles: Epistle of Peter I

- General Epistles: Epistle of Peter II
- General Epistles: Epistle of John I
- General Epistles: Epistle of John II
- General Epistles: Epistle of John III
- General Epistles: Epistle of Jude
- Revelation
- New Testament Apocrypha
- Paratexts

## 2. “Text Type Class” /Function: Theological

*“Text Type Object”*

- Bible Exegesis: Old Testament  
*[subcategories mirroring Bible structure]*
- Bible Exegesis: New Testament  
*[subcategories mirroring Bible structure]*
- Dogmatic Treatise
  - Antichrist*
  - Christology*
  - Catechism*
  - Creation*
  - Doctrine of the Faith*
  - Doctrine of Grace*
  - Doctrine of God*
  - Ecclesiology*
  - Eschatology*
  - Free will*
  - Justice*
  - Mariology*
  - Monasticism*
  - Mysticism*

*Peace*  
*Pneumatology*  
*Predestination*  
*Purgatory*  
*Resurrection*  
*Sacraments*  
*Trinity*

- Polemics
- Vision

### 3. “Text Type Class” /Function: Liturgical

*“Text Type Object”*

- Missale
- Antiphonary
- Blessing
- Ceremony
- Diptychon
- Exorcism
- Gradual
- Hymn
- Lectionary
- Text related to *memoria*
- Ordines
- Paternoster

- Prayer
- Procession
- Psalter
- Sacrament
- Symbolon
- Poem
- Treatise

#### **4. “Text Type Class” /Function: Paraenetic**

*“Text Type Object”*

- Exempla
- Paraenetic Letter
- Mirror
- Sermon
- Treatise (thematic)
- Penitential
- Sentences

## 5. “Text Type Class” /Function: Religious practical

*“Text Type Object”*

- Carmen
- Prayer
- Book of Hours
- Memoria
- Religious Theatre
- Report

## 6. Text Type Class” /Function: Legal

7

*“Text Type Object”*

- Canon Law
- Capitulary
  - Royal*
  - Episcopal*
- Charter
- Contract/Treaty
- Council
- Customary Law
- Decree
- Feudal Law

- Jurisdiction (church)
- Jurisdiction (secular)
- Law of the Land
- Lex Barbarorum
- Monastic Rule
- Procedural Law
- Roman Law
- Rule of a Corporations other than Monastery
- Synodal Statute
- Testament
- Town Law
- Visitation
- Glossary on [categories above]
- Treatise on [categories above]



## 7. “Text Type Class” /Function: Administrative

*“Text Type Object”*

- Account of Properties (Rent-roll/Polyptychon etc.)
- Tax List
- Toll Tariff
- Library Catalogue
- Repertorie of Fiefs
- List of Persons (Matricle, List of burghers, of communities etc.)
- Rental
- Administrative Communications

## 8. “Text Type Class” /Function: Scholarly

9

*“Text Type Object”*

- Encyclopedia
- Summa
- Compilation/Florilegium
- Commentary
- Treatise (artes liberales)
  - Rhetoric*
  - Grammar*
  - Logics*
  - Arithmetic*
  - Geometry*
  - Music*
  - Astronomy*
- Treatise (virtues)
- Treatise (politics)

- Treatise (specific other subjects)
- Itinerary/Geography

*Extensive travel reports are to be found in „Historiography“.*

## 9. “Text Type Class” /Function: Educational

*“Text Type Object”*

- artes notariae
- ars dictaminis/ars dictandi
- artes praedicandi
- artes orandi
- Manual on Teaching and Learning
- University: disputation
  - Theology*
  - Law*
  - Medicine*
- Exercise
- Dictionary and Grammar

10

## 10. “Text Type Class” /Function: Medical

- Treatise

## 11. “Text Type Class” /Function: Polemic

*“Text Type Object”*

- Apologia
- Complaint

## 12. “Text Type Class” /Function: Oratory

*“Text Type Object”*

- Funeral/Eulogy
- Panegyric
- Collection

## 13. “Text Type Class” /Function: Historiography

*“Text Type Object”*

- Annals
- Chronicle  
*Concise narrations following a clear chronological structure.*
- Thematic Historiography  
*Church history*
- Gesta  
*Meaning series of gesta, e.g. Gesta episcoporum, Gesta abbatum etc.*

- World Chronicle
- Genealogy
- Poem
- Travel Report

*Narrative travel reports as opposed to short itineraries (see “Scholarly”).*

#### **14. “Text Type Class” /Function: Biographical**

*“Text Type Object”*

- Hagiography
  - Legendaria*
  - Martyrologia*
  - Translationes*
- Biography (non-hagiographical)
- Autobiography
- Poem
- Epitaph

12

#### **15. “Text Type Class” /Function: Letters**

*“Text Type Object”*

- Dedication
- Collection
- Official Letter
  - Personal Letter
- Mimetic Letter

**16. “Text Type Class” /Function: Inscriptions**

*“Text Type Object”*

- Epitaph
- Monument
- Building
- Graffito

**17. “Text Type Class” /Function: Songs (non-liturgical)**

**18. “Text Type Class” /Function: Non-referential: Prose**

**19. “Text Type Class” /Function: Non-referential: Poetry**

- Collection

**20. “Text Type Class” /Function: Diverse**