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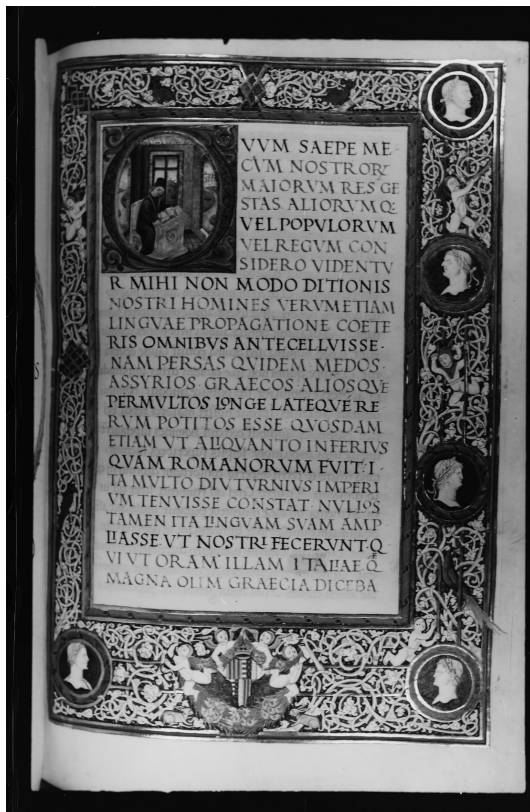
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Lorenzo Valla, Nonius and Vergil: exegesis in the *Elegantie lingue latine*

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Zentrum für Alte Kulturen („Atrium“, Langer Weg 11, SR 5)



Lorenzo Valla's *Elegantie lingue latine* represent Humanism's most important grammatical- linguistic work. The *Elegantie's* corpus of chapters is made up of a rich collection of Classical sources. There are over 1,500 cited passages, including approximately 250 taken from Virgil. The talk will focus on a few chapters in book VI of the *Elegantie*, where Valla directly addresses the problem of the poetic language, its use and its interpretation, and strongly attacks the ancient exegetes of the Classics. By attacking

Nonius, in particular, the humanist publicly denounces his Virgilian interpretations often being incorrect, improper or insufficient.