

# NEWSLETTER

## Winter 2025 - Spring 2026

In this newsletter, we're excited to share the latest updates about BREPOLiS — the hosting platform for our online databases. As we continue to evolve, we believe it's essential to keep you informed about the new features and developments we've been implementing. Our goal is to ensure that BREPOLiS, which we launched 25 years ago, remains a cutting-edge gateway to indispensable research tools.

### Read more about:

- ▶ New data model & interface for Brepolis Latin
- ▶ Citation Plugin for our bibliographies
- ▶ Important content updates
- ▶ Accessibility
- ▶ New functionalities



To mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of our first online database, we are pleased to announce an extended one-year trial subscription at half price, available from September 2025 through the end 2026. Start your institutional subscription in September, pay for just 6 months, and enjoy 16 months of full access!

# Brepolis Latin

- Library of Latin Texts
- Monumenta Germaniae Historica
- Aristoteles Latinus Database
- Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature
- Database of Latin Dictionaries



With Brepolis Latin, the rich heritage of Latin literature—from the earliest literary compositions to contemporary writings—is at your fingertips. The full-text databases are undergoing a fundamental update, including an improved data structure and a more user-friendly interface.

## The Beginning of a New Era

In March 2025, Brepols and the CTLO (Centre 'Traditio Litterarum Occidentalium', Brepols' in-house Digital Classics lab) unveiled the beta version of the completely revamped **Library of Latin Texts**. This launch marks the beginning of a comprehensive overhaul of the BREPOLiS Latin databases, designed to enhance your interaction with Latin literature throughout the ages. We have designed and implemented a completely new data model and interface for the *Brepolis Latin Databases*, to make them easier and more intuitive to navigate, while also aligning them with current accessibility standards.

## In the new data model, each work

- Can be a part of a collection (e.g. Genesis, part of the Old Testament);
- Can be related to one or more persons (e.g. Plato's *Timaeus* as translated by Cicero);
- Can have an identifier in one or more reference works (e.g. CPL 4);
- Can be classified for style, genre, topic, and area of origin



## A new way of searching

Not only does the search screen make use of a more standard query syntax, it also offers more options than ever before to **construct your own corpus** while performing your search. Thanks to the new data model, you can now **apply filters** to the result list: by Person, Work, Century, and Taxonomy (Genre, Topic, Area of Origin)

## Instrumenta pop-up

Clicking on a Latin word now reveals the *Instrumenta* pop-up with suggestions for **translations and morphological analyses**. This tool is directly linked to the *Database of Latin Dictionaries*.

Example of a search screen for text with separate search fields (person, taxonomy, century...)

Separate search field of person, work, clavis number...



# Brepols Bibliographies

- *L'Année Philologique*
- *International Medieval Bibliography*
- *Bibliographie de civilisation médiévale*
- *International Bibliography of Humanism and the Renaissance*
- *Index Religiosus*
- *Bibliography of British and Irish History*

We believe it's essential that our bibliographies remain not only up-to-date with the latest scholarly literature, but also continue to evolve in line with the needs of our users, emerging technologies, and current accessibility standards.

## Important Content Updates & Functional Improvements (2025-2026)

### New Interface available for all bibliographies

The new interface for our bibliographic databases is now available for all bibliographies hosted on BREPOLiS. Our upgraded search engine provides innovative search functionalities, and more precise results. All bibliographic databases available on Brepols now comply with the **Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA**. A VPAT is available upon request.

### Perspecti Citation Plugin (PCP)

- Starting January 2026, Brepols Bibliographies will include citation information through a **new citation plugin**. This tool will be available in the hitlist and on the record page, providing the total number of citations along with the bibliographical details of the citing publications. The citation data are sourced from **Perspecti**, Brepols' upcoming database on research in the Humanities, which aims to extract and link various types of publication metadata. With the release of citation details through the new bibliographies citation plugin, *Perspecti* is presenting its initial findings.
- All users of Brepols bibliographies can access the **number of citations**, as well as the details of the two most recent citations. For comprehensive access to all registered citation details, Brepols offers an additional subscription option.
- The *Perspecti* plugin is available for one to four bibliographies. The price depends on the number of bibliographies for which the plugin option needs to be activated. We also offer a **one-year trial price** for the first subscription year.
- The *Perspecti* plugin is available in the following bibliographies:
  - *L'Année Philologique*
  - *International Medieval Bibliography*
  - *Bibliographie de civilisation médiévale*
  - *International Bibliography of Humanism and the Renaissance*
  - *Index Religiosus*
  - *Bibliography of British and Irish History*
- For more information, download the **flyer**:  
<https://www.brepols.net/permalink/perspecti>

The screenshot shows a detailed record page for a monograph. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Back to results', 'Export all', 'Hide classification', 'Search', 'Bibliometrics', 'My Email Alerts', 'About', and 'EN'. The main content area includes the title 'The Clergy in the Medieval World: Secular Clerics, their Families and Careers in North-Western Europe, c. 800 - c. 1200.', the author 'Barrow, Julia S.', the publisher 'Cambridge University Press', and the year '2015'. Below this, there are sections for 'Classification details' (listing 'Ecclesiastical History', 'Education', 'General', 'Cathedral chapters', 'College churches', 'Parishes', and 'Schools'), 'Reviews' (with links to various reviews), and a 'Citations' box. The 'Citations' box highlights '9 Citations' provided by the Perspecti plugin, with examples from Gutierrez, de la Flor, and Fressel. A callout box on the right states '9 citations provided by the Perspecti Plugin'.

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Plugin

# ALSO GOOD TO KNOW...

## Brepols Latin

- ▶ The **Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature** and the **Monumenta Germaniae Historica** will receive a new interface—similar to the other full-text databases—in Spring 2026, which will bring them in line with current accessibility standards. A beta version for testing will be available before the end of 2025
- ▶ **Latin Lemmas** are not only available in the **Database of Latin Dictionaries** but can also be used in **full-text queries** by typing an ampersand (&) in front of any Latin form in the main search field
- ▶ **A Vocabulary List**—i.e. a list of all unique word-forms—is available for each Person, Text and Collection of the **Library of Latin Texts**

## Brepols Bibliographies

- ▶ The bibliographies are **regularly updated**, and together they constitute one of the largest research tools for the humanities, containing nearly **4,288,000 records**
- ▶ A **bar chart** showing the distribution of publications per century covered, and per publication year will help to better visualize results
- ▶ All bibliographic databases now comply with the **Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA**. A VPAT is available upon request
- ▶ A series of **webinars titled “Getting started with...”** is available on [about.brepolis.net](https://about.brepolis.net), offering a quick introduction to the features and functionalities of the new interface (see: <https://about.brepolis.net>)

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW SUBSCRIBERS

- ▶ **We offer an extended trial subscription at c. 50% off for the first subscription year, starting in autumn 2025 and ending at the end of December 2026 (institutions only)**
- ▶ **A free tailor-made webinar by a Brepols expert is available upon request**

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