



The Ludwig Wittgenstein Project

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The Ludwig Wittgenstein Project is a **multilingual website** that aims to make Ludwig Wittgenstein's works available online **free of charge** and with a **free licence**.

On 1 January 2022, Wittgenstein's works entered the **public domain** in those countries where rights expire 70 years or fewer after the death of the author: this includes most of the European Union, Africa, Asia and Oceania, most Latin American Countries and Canada. Starting from that date, The Ludwig Wittgenstein Project provides **complete, well-formatted, downloadable, free books**: the German or English originals are available as well as translations in multiple languages, some of which were purpose-made by our team.

As of 2022, excellent online resources exist which provide a transcription of the *Nachlass* and even scans of manuscripts and handwritten notes. These documents are very helpful for researchers who need to dive into the depths of Wittgenstein, but they are difficult to approach for the general public. The Ludwig Wittgenstein Project is a repository of high-quality digital editions of **Wittgenstein's published works**—including the *Tractatus* and the *Philosophical Investigations*—**in the original language and in translation**.

Our purpose is to remove the paywall that stands between the prospective reader and the texts and to make the texts available to anyone who cannot access a library.

The Ludwig Wittgenstein Project, a **not-for-profit** endeavour, was started in late 2020 by Michele Lavazza and is currently run by a **growing international community**. We are always looking to involve new people in the project: translators, Wittgenstein scholars, web developers are encouraged to contact us, as well as anyone who would like to help by proofreading the texts.

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