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DATA ETHICS FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN A DIGITAL ERA.

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PROGRAM

DAY 1, 10.11.2025

- 13:00 Arrival, Registration
- 14:00 Johannes Paulmann (Leibniz Institute of European History Mainz): Welcoming words
- 14:10 Sofia Baroncini, Constanze Buyken, Elena Suárez Cronauer: Data Ethics for historical research in a digital era – an introduction

SESSION I: DATA FROM COLONIAL CONTEXTS

chair: John Carter Wood

- 14:30 Manjusha Kuruppath, Dung Phám, Juliette Huijgen: Liberating Labels. Decolonizing Language Use in Historical Collection Management and Data Contextualization
- 15:10 Samuel Uwem Umoh: Decolonize, Indigenize and South Africa Indigenous Data
- 15:50 Eva Ommert, Kathleen Schlütter: Challenges in Data Ethics for Area Historians
- 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:50 Thomas Martin, Anke Schürer-Ries: "It is not a free for all" - Applying Local Contexts Tags and Notices to university repositories and collection management systems at the University of Bayreuth
- 17:30 Ian Kisil Marino: Comment
- 17:40 Session discussion
- 18:00 Break
- 18:15 Concert in the Kalkhof-Rose-Saal

DAY 2, 11.11.2025

SESSION II: SENSITIVE DATA AND DISCRIMINATORY LANGUAGE

chair: Torsten Schrade, Aline Deicke

- 9:00 Michael Markert: Embryos on Display? Digitized Historical Human Specimens as Sensitive Data
- 9:40 Milan Van Lange, Carlijn Keijzer: Egodocuments, Data Ethics, and Navigating Transformations in the Archive
- 10:20 Virginia Gg Niri, Vecchia Cesarina: Legal but not enough ethical: the reuse of legacy data
- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:20 Anne Klammt, Agnes Arndt, Christoph Hanzig: Ethical Challenges in Contemporary History Data. Insights from four Case Studies
- 12:00 Gabriele Zöllner, Rebekka Reichert: Discriminatory?! Navigating Historical and Contemporary Sources for Provenance Research
- 12:40 Cindarella Petz: Comment
- 12:50 Session discussion
- 13:10 Lunch break

SESSION III: ETHICAL AI

chair: Jonatan Steller

- 14:10 Katarzyna Jarosz: Ethical Issues in AI Integration in Museums
- 14:50 Finola Finn, Donal Khosrowi: AI-assistants in the archive and the lure of an "instant history"
- 15:30 Sarah Oberbichler: Comment
- 15:40 Session discussion
- 16:00 Coffee break

KEYNOTE LECTURE (HYBRID EVENT)*

16:15 Kerstin Herlt, coordinator of the project DE-BIAS - Detecting and cur(at)ing harmful language in cultural heritage collections

17:45 Reception

* Please register under <https://events.adwmainz.de/data-ethics/>

DAY 3, 12.11.2025

SESSION IV: HANDS ON SESSION

chair: Fabian Cremer

9:00 Amber Zijlma, Mrinalini Luthra, Manjusha Kuruppath, Lodewijk Petram: From Bias Paralysis to Bias Analysis: Introducing BEACON (Bias Examination And Critical ONtology)

10:30 Coffee break

SESSION V: ARCHIVAL AND DOCUMENTING PRACTICES

chair: Christian Schröter

10:50 Niels Brügger: Data Ethics in Web Archives: Critical Reflections on the use of the Archived Web as a Source in Historical Studies

11:30 Pedro Telles Da Silveira: Archiving and the non-event: AI, large media datasets and banal surveillance regarding contemporary historical events - A proposal from Brazil's January 8 failed coup d'état

12:10 Sarah Lang: Documenting data gaps as an opportunity for historical research

12:50 Thorsten Wübbena: Comment

13:00 Session discussion

13:20 Sofia Baroncini, Constanze Buyken, Elena Suárez Cronauer: Closing remarks