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DATA ETHICS FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN A DIGITAL ERA

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»Digitality in Historical Research: Methods and Research Data« | DH Lab

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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 Sarah Lang: Documenting Data Gaps as an Opportunity for Historical Research
- 17:30 Ian Kisil Marino: Comment
- 17:40 Session Discussion
- 18:00 Break
- 18:15 Piano Concert with Jennifer Klein (Kalkhof-Rose-Saal)

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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 (collaborative work): 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 "Instant History"
- 15:30 Sarah Oberbichler: Comment
- 15:40 Session Discussion
- 16:00 Coffee Break

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KEYNOTE LECTURE

- 16:15 Kerstin Herlt, Coordinator of the Project DE-BIAS - Detecting and Cur(at)ing Harmful Language in Cultural Heritage Collections
- 17:45 Reception

DAY 3, 12.11.2025

SESSION IV: HANDS-ON SESSION

chair: Fabian Cremer

- 9:00 Maria Eskevich, Mirjam Raaphorst, Steven Claeysens: Contextualise your Datasets with Data-Envelopes and Datasheets. Hands-on Session with Support of a SSHOC-NL Webtool
- 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 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
- 12:50 Thorsten Wübbena: Comment
- 13:00 Session Discussion
- 13:20 Sofia Baroncini, Constanze Buyken, Elena Suárez Cronauer: Closing Remarks

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