

Real-Time History:

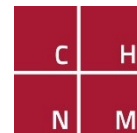
Engaging with Living Archives and Temporal Multiplicities

Seventh Conference on Digital Humanities and Digital History at the German Historical Institute Washington, March 19 - 21, 2025, Washington, D.C.



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Conference Program

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Location: *Lecture Hall*

1:30 – 2:30 pm Registration & Meet-and-Greet

2:30 – 3:00 pm **Conference Opening and Introduction**

Simone Lässig (GHI Washington)

Andreas Fickers (C²DH)

Jana Keck (GHI Washington)

3:00 – 4:00 pm **Panel I "Trauma in Time: Documenting Terror in Living Archives"**

Chair: Sheila Brennan, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), USA

"Networked Memories, Shaping Histories: The 9/11 Memorial & Museum Instagram Geo-tag as a Living User-Generated Archive" by Amanda Burgess, Macquarie University, Australia

"Lieux de Trauma: Archives, Commemoration, and the Temporal Subjectivity of Mass Shootings" by Bradley Wiles, Northern Illinois University, USA

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Coffee Break**

4:30 – 6:00 pm **Keynote**

Chair: Jason Steinhauer, Maxwell School for Citizenship & Public Affairs at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), USA

"Exploring Digital Terror: Using the September 11 Digital Archive for Historical Research" by Ian Milligan, University of Waterloo, Canada

Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:00 – 10:30 am **Workshop I, Seminar Room**

"Engaging Real-Time History at Scale with the Archives Research Compute Hub (ARCH)" by Karl Blumenthal, Internet Archive, USA

10:30 – 11:00 am **Coffee Break**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm **“Witness to War: Project Presentation of Living Archives (LivArch)”**

Chair: Daniel Burckhardt, GHI Washington, USA

“Documenting Russia’s War against Ukraine: The Challenges of Living Archives for Historical Knowledge Production” by Simon Donig, Tabitha Redepenning, Taras Nazaruk (via Zoom), and Peter Haslinger, Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, Germany, and Centre of Urban History, Ukraine

12:00 – 1:30 pm **Lunch Break, Second Floor Lobby**

1:30 – 3:00 pm **Panel II “Co-Creating History: How to Build a Living Archive”**

Chair: Katharina Hering, GHI Washington, USA

“Living Archives’ from the DH_Lab (IHC, NOVA FCSH/IN2PAST): Technological Options and Workflow for Participatory Research” by Joana Paulino, NOVA FCSH, Portugal (via Zoom)

“From Narrators’ Ideas on Sensitivity to the Creation of a New Metadata Field within the U-CORE Project” by Machteld Venken, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg, and Natalia Otrishchenko, Centre of Urban History, Ukraine

“A Community Climbs to Glory: Community Collaboration and the Co-Creation of a Digital Archive for the Modern 10th Mountain Division” by Sebastian Modrow and Isaac Meth, Syracuse University, USA

3:00 – 3:30 pm **Coffee Break**

3:30 – 5:00 pm **Panel III “Dynamic Memory: Theoretical Frontiers of Living Archives**

Chair: Atiba Pertilla, GHI Washington, USA

“Approaching Digital Archives of Disruptive Events: Insights from the Latin American COVID-19 Archival Experience” by Ian Marino, Leibniz Institute of European History, Germany

“Virtual Humans as Living Archives: Chances and Challenges of a New Digital Technological Frontier” by Merle Ingenfeld, University of Bonn, Germany

“Weaving Time: Hypertextual Historiography in the Age of Living Archives” by Christian Wachter, Bielefeld University, Germany

5:00 – 6:30 pm **Creative Group Activity**

Friday, March 21, 2025

9:30 – 11:00 am **Workshop II, Seminar Room**

“Reclaiming the Narrative: Practical Approaches for Creating Independent and Activist Archives in Time of War” by Yael Netzer, Hebrew University, Israel, and Sapir Sluzker Amran, Bar Ilan University, Israel

11:00 – 11:30 am **Coffee Break**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Panel IV “Guardians of Memory: Ethical Responsibilities of Living Archives”**

Chair: Lauren Rever, GHI Washington and RRCHNM, USA

“Archiving and Digitizing Black Grandmothers’ Worldmaking” by LaShawnDa Pittman, University of Washington, USA

“Interpreting ‘Queer’ Vernacular Photographs in a Digital Context” by Bella Ruhl, New York University, USA

“‘Traces of Truth’ and Memory in Reconstruction of Human Wrongs to Human Rights in South Africa” by Samuel Umoh, University of Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic

1:00 – 2:30 pm **Lunch Break, Second Floor Lobby**

2:30 – 4:00 pm **Panel V “Histories in Transit: Archiving the Refugee and Migrant Experience”**

Chair: Thorsten Wübbena, The Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG), Mainz, Germany

“Digital Genealogical Platforms and the Family Historian: Creating Historical Knowledge in ‘Living Archives’ with the Help of Computer-based Genealogy” by Ursula Lehmkuhl, University of Trier, Germany

“Living Archives, Participatory Action Research, and New Histories of Forced Migration” by Michael McDonnell and Niro Kandasamy, University of Sydney, Australia

“The City, the Migrant, and the Construction of Place: On Digital Counternarratives and Creating a Multivocal Audio/Digital Archive of the

Refugee and Migration Experience in 21st century Eastern Germany” by Beatriz Véliz Argueta, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany

4:00 – 4:30 pm

Coffee Break

4:30 – 6:00 pm

Panel VI “Healing Histories: Living Archives of Pandemics and Epidemics”

Chair: Douglas Peach, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, USA

“Digitising and Archiving the History HIV/ AIDS Epidemic in South Africa” by Adetola Elizabeth Umoh, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa

“The Pandemic Couch: Analyzing Society’s Emotional State from COVID-19 Memory Banks” by Natale Enrico, Swiss Academy of Social Sciences and Humanities, Switzerland

“Coronarchive: Monitoring Digital Archives Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic in Latin America” by Thiago Nicodemo, State University of Campinas, Brazil

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Reflections on “Real-Time History: Engaging with Living Archives and Temporal Multiplicities”

Concluding Remarks by Andreas Fickers, C²DH, Luxemburg, Peter Haslinger, Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, Germany, Simone Lässig, GHI Washington, USA, and Torsten Hiltmann, Humboldt University, Germany

7:00 pm

Conference Reception at the GHI, *Second Floor Lobby*

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<https://www.ghi-dc.org/events/event/date/real-time-history-engaging-with-living-archives-and-temporal-multiplicities>

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