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Call for Applications: Working with Wartime Testimonies: Practical Workshop in Digital Humanities

24.-25.5. 2024, Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prague

During the workshop „Working with Wartime Testimonies: Practical Workshop in Digital Humanities" the participants will explore existing digital archives housing wartime testimonies, especially regarding the ongoing Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine, but also the archives of Holocaust survivors' testimonies as well as those who survived the Syrian Civil War. Ethical considerations loom large in this discussion, with the project addressing the sensitive nature of working with wartime testimonies. The workshop seeks to showcase the opportunities digital tools offer for preserving and analyzing wartime testimonies. Through practical exercises, keynote lectures, panel discussions, and student presentations, participants will gain insight into utilizing digital tools effectively, enabling them to engage with testimonies in innovative and interdisciplinary ways. Participants will explore issues of trauma, consent, and privacy and learn strategies for ethically collecting, preserving, and disseminating testimonies in a way that respects the dignity and agency of those involved while considering their own psychological well-being, too.

Keywords:

- Digital Humanities
- Wartime Testimonies
- Memory Studies
- Memory Transmission
- Memory and War

Organisational information:

We invite MA and PhD students to join the workshop. Students can also present and discuss their research connected to the workshop topics and get relevant feedback from senior scholars and fellow students. Interested students should submit a brief letter of motivation and a description of their research if they plan to present (max. 250 words). In case of a high volume of applications, priority will be given to those planning to present their research.

Please apply by May 1, 2024, to katerina.fuksova@fsv.cuni.cz

For selected participants from 4EU+ partner universities (Geneva, Warsaw and Sorbonne) and for MA and PhD students from Ukraine we can offer a travel grant of 300 €.



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Program (TBC)

Friday May 24th

Location: CEFRES, Upper Hall
Na Florenci 3, 110 00 Prague 1

17.30 - 18.30

Opening Keynote: "From Euromaidan to Full-Scale Russian Invasion: Archiving Ukrainian Society's Experiences"

Natalia Otrishchenko, Lviv Center for Urban History

18.30 - 19.45

Panel Discussion: "Europe after the Russian full-scale invasion"

Valeria Korablyova, Charles University,
Vladimír Handl, Charles University, Jakub Eberle, Institute of International Relations Prague, (Chair TBC)

19.45 - 21.00

Reception in the CEFRES courtyard and library

Saturday May 25th

Location: Faculty of Social Studies,
Charles University
U Kříže 8, 158 00 Praha 5 Jinonice

09.00 - 10.00

"Digital Collections of Historical Sources: Users' and Producers' Perspectives"

Jiří Kocián, Charles University

10.15 - 11.15

"Collecting and Analyzing Wartime Video-Testimonies in Syria. What Can Images Do?"

Cecile Boëx, EHESS, School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences

11.30 - 13.00

Student Presentations

Chair: Astrid Greve Kristensen, Sorbonne University

14.00 - 15.30

Practical Workshop and coding in Taguette in the digital database "Voices of Resistance and Hope" with Natalia Otrishchenko, Lviv Centre for Urban History

15.45 - 17.00

Panel Discussion: "Trauma in War Testimony Research"

Natalia Otrishchenko, Lviv Center for Urban History, Cecile Boëx, EHESS, Yana Leontiyeva, Czech Academy of Sciences, Kateřina Fuksová, Charles University (Chair)