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## ***The Future of Digital Humanities: Data Preservation and Dissemination in the Long Run***

13–14 September 2024, Milano

Over the past few years, interactions between information technology and historical research have multiplied. This has resulted in, amongst many other things, a considerable process of digitization of existing archival documentation and a consequent massive production of data. This international workshop aims to assess the state of the art through the many experiences that, with not always fortunate outcomes, have followed one another in Europe and around the world. It intends to do so by shifting the focus from the issue of collecting historical materials to that of preserving and indexing them in digital media, bringing together archival, historical, digital humanities and data science expertise.

### **Friday, 13 September**

Università degli Studi di Milano, Dipartimento di Scienze e politiche ambientali

Aula di Economia – via Celoria 2

#### **9:45 Introduction**

Alessandro Olper (Univ. degli studi di Milano) — *Welcome address*

Giuseppe De Luca and Giovanni Ceccarelli (Univ. degli studi di Milano) — *Economic history and Digital Humanities: a few introductory remarks*

#### **10:15 Issues in preserving and indexing historical data: A few case studies**

Maria Carmela Schisani (Univ. Federico II, Napoli) — *The IFESMez database*

Giorgio Lizzul (Univ. degli studi di Milano) — *The CIVES & ESTIMO databases*

Stefano Locatelli (Univ. di Parma/Fordham University) — *Indexing medieval school books and merchant manuals: The Knot project*

#### **11:00 Coffee break**

**11:30** Bernadette Mischka (Regensburg Univ.), Constantin Lehenmeier (Regensburg Univ.) — *Oberservationes Meteorologicae: Indexing and preserving historical tabular data*

#### **12:00 General discussion**

#### **12:30 Lunch break**

#### 14:15 What can we do to enhance data preservation in the long run?

Gerhard de Kok (Univ. Leiden/Huygens Institut), Leon van Wissen (Univ. of Amsterdam) — *Layers of Annotations: Connecting Archives with Open Standards*

Till Grallert (Humboldt Univ. – Berlin) — *Digital History and the challenges of Data Culture: our work at NFDI4Memory*

#### 15:15 Coffee break

#### 15:45 Round table: Digitization, Indexing and Archives: Issues, opportunities and prospects?

Marie-Claire Dangerfield (Stadsarchief Rotterdam)

Francesca Imperiale (Dirigente Soprintendenza archivistica e bibliografica della Liguria)

Annalisa Rossi (Dirigente Soprintendenza archivistica e bibliografica della Lombardia)

Daniele Tinterri (Univ. degli studi di Padova)

Ingmar Vroomen (Stadsarchief Rotterdam)

#### 17:30 General discussion

## Saturday, 14 September

Museo dell'Assicurazione ETS

via Rugabella 10, Milano (in order to attend see below\*)

#### 9:30 New strategies for data conservation: the TraderS project

Sabine Go (VU Univ. Amsterdam) — The 2024 NL Infra Structure Call

Giovanni Ceccarelli (Univ. degli studi di Milano) — Do we need a pilot project?

Pierre Gervais (Univ. Paris 3 Sorbonne Nouvelle) — The TraderS project

#### 10:30 Coffee break

#### 11:15 General discussion

#### 12:30 Lunch

\*Attendance at day two of the workshop is limited in number due to space constraints. Those wishing to attend must send a request before 1 p.m. September 11, to the following email address: [giorgio.lizzul@unimi.it](mailto:giorgio.lizzul@unimi.it)



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