CALL for PAPERS

(Politics of) Digital Humanities in Eastern European Studies

Joint workshop between the Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe and the Aleksanteri Institute - University of Helsinki.
Venue: Helsinki
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Discourses about the essence of Digital Humanities (DH) became very frequent in the last decade. While digital mega-projects increasingly attract large research funding both on national and on European level, a large number of questions regarding the added value of DH tools, the robustness of methodological approaches and vulnerabilities of infrastructure remain open.

This workshop – the first of a series on the challenges of DH in Europe, with a special focus on Eastern Europe – takes up a challenge to reflect on ‘digital turn’ in the context of area studies. In doing so, this event formulates questions on concrete strategies, policies and main actors shaping and constructing this field. We particularly look for contributions concerned with the use and application of DH in Eastern European Studies, focusing on:

a) using and re-using history,
b) producing and constructing e-heritage,
c) issues of e-security.

In a world going ever more digital, ideas, images and practices necessitate a rethinking and reconceptualization to capture the changes of research methods and infrastructures both at the national and regional levels. To investigate these connections and interdependencies, scholars with methodological and theoretical approaches from various disciplines such as history, art history, political sciences, sociology and digital humanities are invited to submit their proposals.

Please submit your short abstract (max. 300 words) and a short CV as well as contact details by May 30, 2018 to the workshop organizers:

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