



**Universität
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Historisches Seminar



Digital History and the Writing of History

Zurich Doctoral School

30th September and 1st October 2017

The digital humanities have transformed the ways historians do history—with the emphasis on *do*. Thanks to the digitization of sources, to the construction of scholarly databases, to techniques of data mining and keyword searching, and to open access, historians have ever more tools at their research disposal. By this logic, digital history can be reduced to the construction, management and usage of “big data.” But digital history is also—should also be—a matter of writing history in new ways, in ways that complement and even echo the practice of hyperlinking, or the construction of soundscapes and data maps.

This idea of digital history as narrative, rather than simply as big data, lies at the heart of the University of Zurich’s autumn school for PhD history students. Bringing together historians who work with deep mapping and «indigenous» archives, who experiment with new forms of narrative in their «traditional» writing, and whose regional expertise covers East Asia, the Pacific, and Europe, we plan for two days of discussion, reading, experimentation and intellectual exchange in the rolling hills southeast of Basel.

Invited guest professors David Ambaras (North Carolina State University), Noelani Arista (University of Hawaii) and Roland Wenzlhuemer (LMU Munich). **From Zurich** Tobias Hodel and Jan-Friedrich Missfelder. **Organized by** Martin Dusinberre and the Zurich Doctoral Program in History.

Schedule

Saturday 30th September

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| 11:30 | Arrival of doctoral students |
| 12:00-13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30-14:00 | Welcome, Introduction |
| 14:00-16:00 | Session 1: Led by David Ambaras (North Carolina State University), with precirculated reading assignment |
| 16:00-16:30 | Coffee |
| 16:30-18:30 | Session 2: Led by Noelani Arista (University of Hawaii), with precirculated reading assignment |

Sunday 1st October

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| 9:00-11:00 | Session 3: Led by Tobias Hodel (University of Zurich), with presentation of Ad fontes—a digital history project in Zurich |
| 11:00-11:15 | Coffee |
| 11:15-13:15 | Session 4: Led by Jan-Friedrich Missfelder (University of Zurich), with precirculated reading assignment |
| 13:15-14:30 | Lunch |
| 14:30-16:00 | Wrap up session: Led by Roland Wenzlhuemer (LMU Munich) and Martin Dusinberre (University of Zurich) |

The readings and required assignments for all the sessions will be precirculated in August. Participants in the Doctoral School are expected to have prepared fully for each session and be ready to participate actively.

Registration and Organizational Details

We will be a group of around 18 people. Please apply with a short statement (180 words) expressing the reasons for your interest in participating to

doktoratsstufenberatung@hist.uzh.ch

Deadline of application 15th July. Participants will be notified by the end of July.

Location: Seminarhotel Leuenberg

The seminar hotel is located in 4434 Hölstein and is easy to reach from Basel SBB via Liestal.

The History Department covers full-service accommodation at Seminarhotel Leuenberg. Travel expenses will not be reimbursed.