

RESAW

A Research infrastructure for the Study of Archived Web materials



Welcome to the first Newsletter for the European research infrastructure project RESAW, a Research Infrastructure for the Study of Archived Web Materials. The aim of the Newsletter is to inform about RESAW's activities, it will be published two-three times per year, and it is publicly available for everyone who wants to subscribe to it, not only participants in RESAW.

RESAW — communication

The website resaw.eu has been established, and along with the Newsletter and an email list resaw.eu will be the primary information channel about RESAW's activities and results.

A few minor things are still missing, but the website is online now, so please visit it. We have aimed at creating a website which does not demand too much maintenance and updating, due to limited resources, and we have started with a minimal version which can be expanded later. If you have suggestions for improvements or comments to the mention of your institution or activities, please contact Niels Brügger (nb@imv.au.dk).

Especially the people responsible for the four small pilot projects are encouraged to send me more text introducing the projects.

An email list has also been set up, you can find it at the following web address: <http://maillist.au.dk/mailman/listinfo/resaw.dac>. The email list is also publicly available for everyone who wants to subscribe to it. And, especially, for everyone who wants to keep us all informed about everything of relevance to people interested in web archiving and the use of web archives.

And, finally, you are encouraged to use the hashtag `#resaw_eu` in case you mention RESAW in tweets. The hashtag `#resaw` does not work well, therefore I suggest `#resaw_eu`.

PhD Seminar, June

A PhD seminar entitled 'Web Archiving and Archived Web — a new Research Method, a new Object of Study?' is organised by the Danish Digital Humanities Lab/NetLab & Aarhus University, the PhD programme 'ICT, Media, Communication and Journalism'. The seminar is 11-12 June, and deadline for applying has expired, but we may be able to squeeze one or two extra seats in, in case you know of someone wanting to participate. All presenters participate in RESAW, and a large number of the participating PhD scholars are from institutions that are part of RESAW.

RESAW Seminar, 3-4 December 2014

We had a very fruitful seminar about RESAW in Aarhus in December 2013, and it will be followed by a seminar 3-4 December 2014. The University of London and the research project 'Big UK Domain Data for the Arts and Humanities' will organise this seminar — more information will follow as we approach, but do not forget to book the date. The seminar will take place in London.

International conference, 8-10 June 2015

An international conference entitled 'Web Archives as scholarly Sources: Issues, Practices, and Perspectives' is organised to take place in Aarhus, 8-10 June 2015. We have formed an organising committee with the following members: Niels Brügger, Valérie Schaffer, Jane Winters, Richard Rogers, Anat Ben-David, Ditte Laursen, Eld Zierau, Helen Hockx-Yu, Wolfgang Nejdl, and Marta Severo.

Acceptance will be on the basis of double-blind peer review of abstracts, and a smaller group has already drafted the call, and it will be out June/July, but please book the dates in your calendar for what looks to become a great event. I have applied for funding at the Danish Digital Humanities Lab, and hopefully we will be able to make the conference free of charge, or with a very small fee.

Pilot projects

We have decided to launch four transnational pilot projects, all based on the good will and the resources of those who want to participate. The four projects are:

- .eu (responsible: Ditte Laursen, the State and University Library/Netarkivet, Denmark, dla@statsbiblioteket.dk, and Helen Hockx-Yu, the British Library, Helen.Hockx-Yu@bl.uk)
- EU's National Web Spheres (responsible: Niels Brügger, Aarhus University, NetLab, nb@imv.au.dk)
- Eurovision Song Contest (responsible: Henrik Sivertsen, the Royal Library/Netarkivet, Denmark, hess@kb.dk)
- The History of Commemoration on the Web (responsible: Jane Winters, the University of London, Jane.Winters@sas.ac.uk)

The aim of the pilot projects is to test the possibilities of transnational cooperation — between web archives and between web archives and web scholars —, and to constitute a valuable preparatory work for a Horizon 2020 application.

Hopefully we will be able to report from some of the pilot projects in the next Newsletter. In case you want to know more about the ideas behind the pilot projects feel free to email one of the responsible persons.

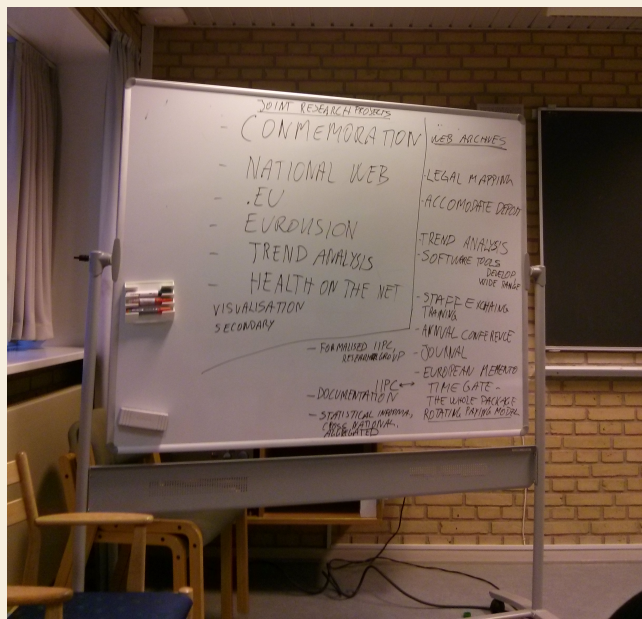
In case you start a pilot project within the RESAW topic, please let me know, and I will mention it on resaw.eu.

RESAW Seminar December 2013

Anat Ben-David has been so kind as to send me some photos from the RESAW seminar in Aarhus, December 2013.



Helen Hockx-Yu, the British Library, talking about Margaret Thatcher (it is Helen to the right...)



The results

The RESAW Newsletter is edited by Niels Brügger, who coordinates RESAW's activities in 2014-16. If you have any comments, things you want to have mentioned, or other suggestions regarding the Newsletter, please email Niels at nb@imv.au.dk.

In case you do no longer want to receive the Newsletter, please let me know by sending me an email to nb@imv.au.dk.