

Web archive studies researching web domains and events

WARCnet network, closing conference 17-18 October 2022, Aarhus, Denmark

Since the beginning of 2020 the WARCnet international network has studied the history of (trans)national web domains and of transnational events on the web, drawing on the increasingly important digital cultural heritage held in national web archives, and beyond.

The WARCnet network will have its closing conference 17-18 October 2022 in Aarhus, Denmark. The closing conference is open for submissions from researchers, web archivists, IT-developers, and practitioners from inside and outside the network who can contribute to the field of study of WARCnet. We invite submissions that focus on web archives and at least one of the following fields:

- Studies of web domains,
- Studies of transnational events with web archives,
- Studies of events on the Web,
- Digital methods and tools,
- Research Data Management,
- Data formats for web archive studies,
- Web archiving practices and challenges.

Topics

Relevant topics include (but are not limited to):

- Mapping the Web (studies of web domains, diachronic visions, comparisons between web domains...),
- Events on the Web (noise and silences, transnational approach, hybridisation of sources, use of social networks...),
- Connecting (with) web archives (practices, uses, corpora and especially transnational corpora and studies, etc.),
- Web archives at scale (layers, spaces, micro-stories, communities, transnational approaches, domain names, close, distant and scalable reading of web archives, etc.),
- Web archives at stake (values, challenges, data management, future perspectives),
- Thinking out of the box, working with web archives (innovative methods, challenges, using derived data and metadata, engaging with black boxes, new paths forward),
- The boundaries of web archives (missing data, content, social media, emerging digital formats, connections with other forms of digital and analogue collections, etc.),
- Whose web archives? (access, curation, exclusion and inclusiveness, oblivion, deletion, etc.),
- Required skills and training to unlock and teach with web collections.

Submission and deadline

Proposals for individual papers and panels can be submitted until 4 March 2022.

Individual paper proposals should be submitted in the form of an abstract between 300 and 500 words (all incl.). Panel proposals should consist of 3-5 individual contributions (abstracts 300-500 words each), combined with an introductory rationale for the panel (also 300-500 words).

All proposals must be submitted through the submission website at <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=warcnet2022>. Please note that the submission deadline will not be extended. All submissions should be anonymised since they will go through a blind review process. Notifications of acceptance are sent to submitters no later than 4 April 2022.

Submissions are welcome from all disciplines within the humanities and social sciences, including media and communication, history and digital humanities. Data scientists, web archivists, web curators, practitioners are very welcome too.

We also strongly encourage early career researchers to submit.

Please note that the WARCnet closing conference takes place during the two days leading up to the conference of the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA), which also takes place in Aarhus, and you may therefore want to use the opportunity to attend both conferences.

Read more about the WARCnet network's activities since 2020 at warcnet.eu.

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