Diving deeper into web archives in difficult times

WARCnet meeting
20-22 April 2021

PROGRAMME

WARCnet
web archive studies

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Under the heading 'Diving deeper into web archives in difficult times' the WARCnet network's third meeting aims at:

o   Reporting and discussing preliminary results from the four Working Groups (WGs)

o   Debating some of the challenges that Working Groups have encountered, including questions related to providing data and preparing and managing data for analyses

o   Outlining potential next steps, including possible ways of collaborating across Working Groups

The meeting will have five types of sessions:

o   Keynotes by people from outside the network

o   WG sessions, including a joint brainstorming session

o   WGs presentations to other WGs

o   Pitching of future presentations

o   A roundtable

The meeting will end with a brief business meeting to address administrative matters.

Venue: The meeting will be held remotely in Zoom, hosted by Aarhus University.

Keynotes are open to a wider public, therefore people from outside the network will be joining these sessions.

All hours in the programme below are CEST. Participants from other time zones may benefit from this time converter http://www.worldtimebuddy.com.

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Tuesday – Thursday 20-22 April, all day:

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Tuesday 20 April

9:30-10:00

Welcome, and more

- Welcome, status and updates of the network — Niels Brügger (10 min.)
- Introducing 'Engaging with Web Archives 4 Digital Humanities' — Sharon Healy/Michael Kurzmeier (10 min.)
- Launch of Twitter challenge — Kees Teszelszky (10 min.)

10:00-10:15

Coffee break

10:15-12:00

Individual WG meetings

Each WG will meet in a breakout room. WGs will organise their own meeting.

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00-14:00

What is happening in the WGs?

Chair: Peter Webster

Each WG will briefly present what they have been doing since the last meeting, 15 min. to each WG, including QA.

- WG1: Comparing entire web domains — Niels Brügger
- WG2: Analysing transnational Events — Valérie Schafer
- WG3: Digital research methods and tools — Michael Kurzmeier

- WG4: Research Data Management across — Sally Chambers

14:00-15:00

WG exchange of challenges and solutions

Chair: Jane Winters

Each WG will briefly present some of the headaches they have had in their work and ask the network for possible solutions and potential collaborations. 5-10 min. presentation from each WG (by one or more WG member(s)), followed by a brainstorm.

15:00-15:30

Coffee break

15:30-16:30

Keynote: Towards an Infrastructural Description of Archived Web Data

Emily Maemura, PhD Candidate at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Information, Canada

Chair: Ditte Laursen

Discussion/Q&A after the keynote. (Open for audience outside network)

16:30-

Online social gathering (network members and keynote only)

Wednesday 21 April

9:30-10:30

Keynote: Correct application of OAIS to the preservation of websites and things that they may contain

David Giaretta, Lead author of the OAIS Reference Model and ISO 16363

Chair: Michael Kurzmeier

Discussion/Q&A after the keynote. (Open for audience outside network)

10:30-10:45

Coffee break

10:45-12.15

Short presentations dedicated to specific achievements or work in progress within WGs (to be continued)

Chair: Sally Chambers

o WG1: Digging into national web domains across web archives —approaches to an initial mapping, Yves Maurer, 20 min.

o WG1: Digging into national web domains across web archives — how far have we got?, Anne Helmond/Niels Brügger (tbc), 10 min.

o WG3: Web Archives — Researcher Skills Analysis (WARSA) overview, Jason Webber, 10 min.

o WG3: Launch of the WARSA Survey, Michael Kurzmeier & Olga Holownia (tbc), 5 min.

o WG3: WARSA Survey — an RDM overview, Sharon Healy, 5 min.

o WG3: Preliminary thoughts on 'big qualitative' methods for web archives research, Jessica Ogden, 15 min.

Discussion/Q&A after every WG's presentations

12:15-13.00

Lunch

13:00-14.30

Short presentations dedicated to specific achievements or work in progress within WGs (continued)

Chair: Derren Wilson

o WG2: Exploring COVID datasets through an internal Datathon (Susan Aasman, Nicola Bingham, Karin de Wild), 45 min., including discussion/QA

o WG4: Research Data Management Support for Research using Web Archives: reviewing our draft semi-structured interview questions (presentation by Susan Aasman, discussion led by Eld Zierau (tbc)), 30 min.

o WG4: Who would we like to interview? Finalising our list of interviewees (presentation by Beatrice Canelli, discussion led by Olga Holownia (tbc)), 15 min.

14:30-15:00

Coffee break

15:00-17:00

Workshop: Web Archives — Skills, tools and knowledge workshop

Contributors: Brügger, N.; Holownia, O.; Ogden, J.; Schmid, K.; Wilson, D.; Webber, J.

This workshop aims to explore the skills, tools and knowledge that have been used to successfully research web archives and will investigate which have been useful or important. This session is an exploratory conversation with the aim to potentially create a 'skills matrix', a series 'persona's' that can facilitate targeted training and support for new researchers in the field. These may be developed further at future workshops.

Thursday 22 April

9:30-10:00

Pitching future presentations for the network

Chair: Katharina Schmid

Many network participants will be presenting at conferences in the near future, in this session they are offered the possibility of pitching ideas or an early version of their presentation to get feedback from the network. Each pitch is 15 minutes, including QA.

- Jane Winters, University of London: WG2[3]
- Susan Aasman, University of Groningen: Pitching histographical oriented pre-conference workshop @Resaw

10:00-10:30

Introducing SolrWayback, a new tool for exploring web archives

Chair: Niels Brügger, Aarhus University

SolrWayback is a new tool for exploring web archive collections, and it can easily be added on top of any web collection in WARC format. Solr Wayback has been developed by the national Danish web archive Netarkivet at the Royal Library, and it is open software.

Presentation by Thomas Egense, the Royal Library, Denmark.

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12.00

Roundtable: Web archives in teaching

Chair: Valérie Schafer

Roundtable discussion about the use of web archives in teaching. Participants will be addressing questions like: Datasets used? Methods used? Reactions from students and skills to have developed?

- Sophie Gebeil, Aix Marseille Université
- Frédéric Clavert, Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C²DH), University of Luxembourg
- Susan Aasman, University of Groningen

12:00-12:15

Coffee break

12:15-12:45

Business meeting

Chair: Niels Brügger, Aarhus University

Looking ahead to the next project meeting, and finding Twitter Challenge Winner.

12:45

End of meeting

12:45-13.15

SG meeting (separate meeting)