Models of data extraction and architecture in relational databases of early modern private political archives

International Conference
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Thursday, October 27

15.00-18.30 (3.00-6.30 pm)

**Welcome remarks**
Franz Fischer  
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**FIRST SESSION - Perspectives: Historical archives and Digital Humanities**
Chair: Maria de Lurdes Rosa, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Dorit Raines (Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia), Archival turn, Network turn and Digital turn – are we on the verge of a historiographical turn?

Fabio Vitali (Università di Bologna), The representation of historical uncertainties as the outcome of competing and incompatible certainties

Giovanni Colavizza (University of Amsterdam), Artificial Intelligence in historical archives: Between automation and augmentation

Lukas Klic (I Tatti, Harvard University) Metapolis: Spatializing histories through archival sources

Thomas Wallnig (University of Vienna), “And this is what the computer gave us.” Some considerations on the epistemic status of centrality measures, topic models, cosine similarity and other tools and methods humanists tend to view with suspicion

Friday, October 28

9.30-12.00 (9.30 am-12.00 pm)

**SECOND SESSION - Experiences: Historical archives, data base and online publication**
Chair: Giovanni Colavizza, (University of Amsterdam)

Javier Anton Pelayo (Universitat de Barcelona), Extraction, architecture, and recovery of family correspondence data. The platform “Epicat. Family letters from Catalonia (16th–19th centuries)”

Maria de Lurdes Rosa (Universidade Nova de Lisboa), VINCULUM project database (ERC project 819374): From the archives to a sustainable and perennial future

Mairin MacCarron (University College Cork), Data models and historical data: Lessons learned from the ‘Digital Edgeworth Network’ and ‘Gendered Networks’ projects

Valentina Dal Cin (Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia –CESTA, Stanford University), From archival records to structured historical data: Processing employment applications in the early nineteenth century

12.00-13.00 (12.00-1.00 pm)

**THIRD SESSION - Challenges: Graziani Archives and OMEKA S**

Dorit Raines (Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia), The Nuncio’s Secret archives project: the virtual creation of a diffused archive

Gabriella Desideri (Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia), Reconciling complex historical records with OMEKA S relational database: the case of the Graziani archive

Carlo Baja Guarienti (Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia), A puzzle with missing pieces: Extracting, deciphering, and digitally rearranging data in Graziani’s private archive

Luca Iori (Università di Parma), How to digitally reconstruct the history of a sixteenth-century private library? Antonio Maria Graziani and the vicissitudes of his books

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**WORKSHOP: Historical records in a digital perspective – where do we go from here?**

The workshop is open only for speakers