



““ May you **live**
in
interesting
times ””

Programme



Fiesole
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*In memory of Ward Shaw, whose support, wisdom and
friendship accompanied and enriched the Retreat
for over a quarter of a century.*

April 12, 18:30-20:30

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Monday, April 13

University of Tübingen's Alte Aula (Münzgasse, Tübingen)

Preconference

In times of rapid transformation and uncertainty, academic libraries, and other scientific collections face the dual challenge of ensuring equitable access to knowledge on the one hand, while promoting sustainable practices on the other hand. This pre-conference explores how diverse types of collections can foster resilience, inclusivity, and long-term stewardship across disciplines. It is centred around Tübingen-specific projects, approaches, and methods of preserving and making accessible collections. The contributions will present innovative practices and strategic approaches that enhance accessibility, encourage responsible use, and support the sustainable management of resources in research and education. By showcasing examples of collaboration, curation, and preservation, the poster session aims to highlight how collections function not merely as static archives but as dynamic infrastructures that enable academic progress and societal benefit. Embedded within the overarching conference theme "May you live in interesting times: Access and Sustainability - Developing Strategies to Deal with Uncertainties," this pre-conference invites reflection on how collections of all kinds can help academia navigate complexity and shape a sustainable future.

09:00 - 09:30

Registration & Welcome Coffee

Sponsored by Katina Magazine

09:30 - 09:40

Opening - Welcome

Angelika Zirker

Associate Professor of English Literature, University of Tübingen, Germany

09:40 - 09:50

Introduction - Part 1

Regine Tobias

Chief Library Director, University of Tübingen, Germany

— The Role of the Library at the University

09:50 - 10:00

Introduction - Part 2

Sibylle Meissner

Managing Director, Tübingen School of Education, University of Tübingen, Germany

— Tübingen - Our Profile and the Role of Collections in Academia

10:00 - 12:30

Poster Pitches and Display

Anja Schreiber, Alex Klein

“Making Openness Work (So You Don’t Have To)”: Bridging Open Science and Higher Education with the ZOERR in Times of AI

Michael Derntl

The Role of the University of Tübingen’s Digital Humanities Center in Promoting Access, Sustainability, and Digital Competencies

Kevin Körner, Glaucia Peres da Silva, Esther Fink, Ann-Kathrin Steiner, Luke West

Exploring Virtual Worlds Together: The Multiplayer Serious Game Platform Graveler for Multimedia Knowledge Transfer in GLAM Contexts

Kevin Körner, Stefan Krmnicek, Luca Dreiling

Immerse in Your Collections: Virtual Reality Case Studies from GLAM Institutions Using the ExPresS XR Framework

Dorothee Huff, Mireille Murkowski, Fabian Schwabe

Travelling Through Data: Julius Euting’s Oriental Diaries in the Digital Age

Steffen Patzold, Dorothee Huff, Corwin Schnell

From Fragments to Findings – Research Infrastructures for Digital Humanities

Thorsten Trippel

Text+ in Practice: FAIR Access to Language Corpora and Lexical Resources in a Federated Infrastructure

Anne Kremmer, Annika Vosseler

Tracing Origins and Confronting Legacies. Provenance Research at the Museum Der Universität Tübingen MUT

Anita Dreher, Claudia Schulte, Julian Dörenberg

Core Facility Biobank Tübingen - High-Quality Biosamples and Data for Research Excellence

Edda Schwarzkopf, Carola Lorea

The OMnibus of MANTRAMS. A Mobile-First, Immersive Digital Archive of Multimedia Material on Mantras in Global Southern Asia

Martin Fassnacht

Tübingen Specialist Information Services: Innovative Infrastructures for Specialised Research

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break

Sponsored by Mohr Siebeck

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 14:05

Welcome & Introduction

Rebecca Lenzini

Fiesole Retreat Series, USA

Michele Casalini

Casalini Libri, Italy

Leah Hinds

Charleston Hub, USA

14:05 - 14:20

Opening from the University of Tübingen

Samuel Wagner

Vice-President, University of Tübingen, Germany

14:20 - 14:50

Keynote Speech

Richard Ovenden

OBE, Head of GLAM, Bodley's Librarian and the Helen Hamlyn Director of the Oxford University Libraries, UK

14:50 - 17:00

Session 1

Does Reading Matter (Anymore)?

In this session, and following on Richard Ovenden's erudite and persuasive keynote highlighting the importance of reading in an increasingly challenging time, we pursue questions that abound. There's more to read than ever, our phones are distracting us from reading, and the Large Language Models are prowling around the world reading everything in sight and preparing to show off just how much better they are at the task than humans have ever been. There seems to be less time to read than ever before, and we are seduced by avatars who might do our reading for us. Let us examine more deeply just what's going on and how librarians, publishers, and academics might think about it? The session will combine research-driven examination of current developments with open-ended imagination and provocation about what this revolution will do to us. What do we lose when our attention spans shrink? Or will we be freed up for other intellectual activity? How do we - whoever "we" are - take what's best from these times and preserve society's values in the midst of upheaval.

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Ann Okerson

Director, Offline Internet Consortium, USA

Joy Connolly

President, American Council of Learned Societies, USA

— **The Arts of Attention and Invention**

Lukas Griessl

Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Tübingen, Germany

— **“I Knew that Reading the Texts Wouldn’t do Me Much Good Anyway.”: Ethnographic Perspectives on Generative AI and Changing Practices of Reading in Academia**

Coffee Break

Sponsored by AM

Marjorie Levine-Clark

Professor of History and Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives & Community Relationships, University of Colorado, Denver, USA

— **From Books to Bits: Reimagining Victorian History for Today’s Students**

Panel Discussion

17:00 - 17:30

Special Talk

Andrea Bonaccorsi

Professor of Economics and Management at the School of Engineering, University of Pisa, Italy

— **The Knowledge of Humanities and the Role of Books. For a New Epistemological Reflection**

17:30 - 18:30

Cocktail

Provided by University of Tübingen

Tuesday, April 14

University of Tübingen's Alte Aula (Münzgasse, Tübingen)

09:00 - 09:30

Welcome Coffee

Sponsored by Katina Magazine

09:30 - 09:45

Welcome from University of Tübingen

Karla Pollmann

President, University of Tübingen, Germany

09:45 - 12:20

Session 2

Collection as Data

The session focuses on Collections as Data from various perspectives, academic and library-related, and will address unique collections and making them accessible, e.g. through digitization, as much as using collections newly, even innovatively, with the help of Large Language Models (LLMs) and AI, e.g. through data mining and creating new networks between collections. Data from collections may become primary research data. The session also touches on questions of sustainability of data and access, e.g. in the Global South, and on specific disciplinary 'data cultures'. It will be hosted jointly by the University of Tübingen and the National Literature Archive (Deutsches Literaturarchiv) Marbach.

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Angelika Zirker

Associate Professor of English Literature, University of Tübingen, Germany

Natalie Maag

Head of the Library of the German Literature Archive, Marbach, Germany

Hanna Fischer

Professor of German Linguistics, Research Center Deutscher Sprachatlas, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany

— From Historical Survey Sheets to Computational Dialectology:
The Wenker Collection as Research Data

Gaetan Rappo

Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Japanese History, Faculty of Culture and Information Science, Dōshisha University Kyoto, Japan

— **Data Mining and Text Reuse in the Collections of Japanese Buddhist Texts**

Coffee Break

Sponsored by Mohr Siebeck

Sarah Schnitzler

PhD candidate in Literary and Cultural Theory and a Researcher in Fan Fiction at the DLA in Marbach, Germany

— **Adding Extra Tags to Prevent Future Confusion: Fan Fiction Paratext and/as Library Metadata**

Megan Bushnell

Researcher in linguistic data, Oxford Text Archive, UK

— **Mobilising the Oxford Text Archive in the Development of Computational Linguistic Tools**

Panel Discussion

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 16:35

Session 3

Preserving Integrity: Collective Actions for Trust and Impact

AI and other factors are growing the volume of information exponentially, yet at the same time the level of stewardship and trust is fast declining. This session will explore the evolving role of libraries and publishers as vital stewards of knowledge and trust in an era of rapid information change and declining institutional confidence. It emphasizes the need to reframe the work of libraries beyond resource management toward fostering resilient knowledge ecosystems rooted in authenticity, preservation, and societal impact. Key challenges include managing diverse digital content, combating misinformation, and rebuilding trust through innovative preservation strategies. Speakers representing libraries, publishers, and vendors will examine how to sustain the integrity and accessibility of scholarly and cultural records, ensuring that trust remains central to the information environment. Together, they will discuss actions to reaffirm libraries' role at the heart of society's knowledge infrastructure, delivering impact through authentic stewardship and trusted knowledge networks.

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Michael Levine-Clark

Dean of Libraries, University of Denver Libraries, Colorado, USA

Emilie Hardman

Curatorial and Archival Practice Director, JSTOR Digital Stewardship Services, ITHAKA, USA

— **From Distribution to Stewardship**

Cristina Blanca-Sancho

Senior Director of Product Management, Academic AI, Clarivate, USA

— **How Infrastructure, Metadata, and Analytics Shape Trust**

Stephen Rhind-Tutt

President, Coherent Digital, USA

— **Using AI for Increased Efficiency and Functionality**

Coffee Break

Sponsored by MDPI

Teri Oaks Gallaway

Executive Director, SCELC, USA

— **The Consortium as a Trust-Building Organism**

Panel Discussion

17:00 - 18:00

Optional Free Tour at Mohr Siebeck publishing house

19:00 - 22:00

Conference Dinner

Sponsored by EBSCO

Wednesday, April 15

University of Tübingen's Alte Aula (Münzgasse, Tübingen)

09:00 - 09:30

Welcome Coffee

Sponsored by Katina Magazine

09:30 - 12:05

Session 4

Collection Development Under Constraint: Coordination, Collaboration, and Partnership in a «Coopetitive» World

Several shocks have shaken the academic world in recent years, making the publishing and research landscape increasingly complex, while also calling established practices and certainties into question. The impact of the pandemic has been far-reaching, calling into question the model of competition between stakeholders without establishing a new paradigm. 'Big deals' have been challenged without a new dominant model emerging. The value of research is increasingly being challenged in terms of return on investment and efficiency. The emergence of new players in the field of artificial intelligence is reshuffling the deck in the world of research and scientific publishing. Long-standing partnerships and established preeminence are being undermined by drastic changes in scientific policy, particularly in the United States, but also in Europe and elsewhere. Finally, research stakeholders have never experienced such pressure on their budgets at a time when substantial investment is needed more than ever. Against this backdrop of uncertainty, the session entitled 'Collection development under constraint: coordination, collaboration, and partnership in a «coopetitive» world' will explore how agile and inventive collaborations and 'coopetitions' between stakeholders can help overcome administrative or regulatory constraints, mitigate the impact of funding restrictions or shortages, and enable Higher Education and Research institutions, stakeholders, and content providers for both public and private sector to develop their policies and collections, and expand their content and services.

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Julien Roche

University Librarian and Director of the Libraries, University Lille, France; LIBER President

Stephanie Chancy

Caribbean Partnerships Librarian, Director of Operations Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC), George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA

— When Cooperation is the Key, an Introduction to the Digital Library of the Caribbean

Grégory Miura

Executive Director, CollEx-Persée consortium / Campus Condorcet, Paris, France

- **CollEx-Persée in a Networked World: Can Federated Infrastructures Balance Access, Sovereignty, and Permanence? A Case Study in Coopetitive Collection Development Under Constraint**

Brian Hole

CEO of Dromologics, London, UK, and founder of Ubiquity Press.

- **Opportunities and Principles for Libraries to Collaborate for More Impact in Publishing**

Coffee Break

Sponsored by Mohr Siebeck

Jérémie Roche

Director of institutional relations at Cairn.info, France

- **Under Pressure - Collaboration and Innovation in Francophone Scholarly Publishing**

Panel Discussion

12:05 - 12:30

Closing Remarks

James O'Donnell

University Librarian, Arizona State University, USA

12:30 - 14:00

Light Lunch

14:00 - 15:00

Optional Free Tour at Tübingen University Library

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