Witnessing the Now

Challenges for Emergency Archiving and Oral History
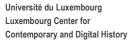## following the Russian Invasion of Ukraine
Second Workshop

23-25 November 2022, Luxembourg

The workshop is held by the Centre for Contemporary and Digital History at the University of Luxembourg in the frame of the project "*24.02.22, 5 am: Testimonies from the War*" conducted by the Center for Urban History (Lviv) in cooperation with the University of St Andrews, the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Science, the Luxembourg Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C²DH) at the University of Luxembourg. The workshop is organised by Machteld Venken and Lars Wieneke.

As a civic response to the ongoing Russian war in Ukraine scholars and activists are engaged in efforts to document extreme violence and its consequences. This international workshop brings together researchers conducting various forms of emergency archiving for collaborative reflection on the challenges and limitations of this work. Through a series of sessions and roundtables we aim to create an open space for sharing experiences from the intersecting fields of Oral History, the Digital Humanities and Social Anthropology, which have mobilized to critically address the ongoing Russian War in Ukraine.
We wish to problematize methodological and ethical issues in addressing historical events, which have not yet become history, as state violence is still being carried out on a mass scale, Ukrainian cities are still under siege.

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AGENDA

Wednesday, 23 November 2022   **3-5 pm**   **4th floor room 4.180**

15:00 - 17:00 Introductory session
(Digital) Cultural Heritage at risk. Lessons learned for future preservation strategies

Organisation and Moderation: Nina Janz, Carmen Noguera, Lars Wieneke (University of Luxembourg)

Valérie Schafer (University of Luxembourg)
Yves Maurer (Bibliothèque National du Luxembourg)
Olga Holownia (IIPC)
Sebastian Majstorovic (co-organizer SUCHO)
Taras Nazaruk (online)

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The Russian invasion of Ukraine on the 24th of February 2022 shattered long held beliefs and certainties including the idea that all things digital exist in an ephemeral sphere outside of the grim realities of the physical world. Instead, the war emphasized the fragility of servers, data and critical infrastructure to physical threats and their exposure to online attacks. At the same time and thanks to social networks and digital communication tools, new forms of ad-hoc support emerged that gave rise to the agency of individuals in supporting and safeguarding Ukrainian (digital) Cultural Heritage. This round table aims to reflect upon the challenges imposed on these efforts from multiple perspectives – be it from the technical point of view on providing backups and fallback infrastructures up to the impact of data protection regulations and coordination strategies for volunteers. In a discussion between internationally renowned experts we want to take stock in the lessons learned and to understand how to make (digital) cultural heritage more resilient.

Thursday 24 November 2022:   **9 am - 6 pm   4th floor room 4.030**

Session 1 / 9-10.45 am: **Current state of *"24.02.22, 5 am"* initiative**

Moderation: Małgorzata Łukianow

Natalia Otrishchenko (Center for Urban History, Lviv)
Anna Wylegala (IFiS, Polish Academy of Sciences)
Victoria Donovan (University of Saint Andrews)
Machteld Venken (University of Luxembourg)

Coffee break: 10.45-11.00 am   3rd floor space 0342090B

Session 2 / 11-12.30 am: Sharing expertise on interviewing and transcribing

Moderation: Natalia Otrishchenko (in Ukrainian)

University of Luxembourg: Kateryna Zakharchuk, Inna Ganschow, Viktoria Boretska, Iryna Zabolotska
Polish Academy of Sciences: Małgorzata Łukianow, Olena Kondratiuk, Katarzyna Jędraszczyk, Elżbieta Kwiecińska, Wiktoria Kudela-Świątek, Grzegorz Kaczorowski

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Center for Urban History, Lviv: Viktoriia Panas, Maria Gryshchenko, Valentyna Shevchenko, Artem Kharchenko, Iryna Piatnytskova, Roman Moldavskyi, Eugenii Gorb, Sergii Pakhomenko, Myroslava Liakhovych, Oksana Dudko
University of Saint Andrews: Diana Vonnak

Lunch break: 12.30-2.00 pm

Session 3 /2-3.30 pm: **Legal and Data Protection – Roundtable**

Moderation: Machteld Venken
Discussant: Lars Wieneke

Legal and Data Protection Representatives of:

Center for Urban History, Lviv: Viktoriia Panas
Polish Academy of Sciences
University of Saint Andrews

Coffee break: 3.30 – 4 pm   3rd floor space 0342090B

Session 4 / 4-6 pm: **Expanding Cooperation**

Moderation: Sofia Dyak (online)

Catherine Gousseff (EHESS)
Natalia Zinevych
Anna Chebotareva

Dinner at restaurant

Friday 25 November 2022   9 am - 5 pm   4th floor room 4.300

Session 5 / 9-10.30 am: **(Digital) Research Ethics: Roundtable discussion**

Moderation: Diana Vonnak

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Coffee break:	10.30-11 am	3rd floor space 0342090B

Session 6 / 11-12.30 pm: **Hands-On History: Metadata and Data modeling**

Moderation: Alexandre Germain

Lunch:	12.30-2 pm	3rd floor space 0342090B

Session 7 / 2-3.30 pm: **Hands-On History: Indexing**

Moderation: Inna Ganschow
Discussant: Andrew Flinn (online)

Coffee break:	3.30-4 pm	3rd floor space 0342090B

Session 8 / 16-17.00:   **Future development of the initiative**

Moderation: Machteld Venken (University of Luxembourg)

Session 9 / 17.30-18.30:   **Advisory Board meeting**

Moderation: Sofia Dyak and Anna Wylegała

Dinner at restaurant