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Workshop

Finding the Way through Historical Data

The use of GIS on historical databases

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Abstract:

During the last decade, the field of Digital Humanities has grown, with multiple projects seeing the light of day and more in the pipeline. The use of digital tools in humanities and social sciences is becoming the norm for both younger and senior researchers. It is a field with wide-open opportunities to be explored and where multidisciplinary research comes naturally. The full potentialities of Digital Humanities comes, however, with a cost. The more elaborate the outcome, the more complexity it implies in choosing the tools and in defining the methodology.

GIS tools used for historical research are exemplar, as dealing with the interaction between space and time is challenging. Changes in landscape (streets disappear, new buildings are built, etc.), and in the administrative layers (names of streets, house numbers, international and administrative borders) create difficulties to track entities over time and space. These are well known problems to historians and longitudinal database managers that wish to incorporate the geographic context provided by historical sources. To tackle this challenge researchers from historical demography, economic and social history, epidemiology and related fields developed different approaches and levels of analysis.

This workshop intends to create a place of discussion and promotion of ideas, presentation of past experiences and guidelines for future research projects that combine spatial and historical analysis. We invite all researchers, data managers and students to participate in this discussion and bring new ideas, problems and possible solutions. At the end, a *feedback session* will take place where early stage researchers can present their ideas and get some help and comments to improve their projects.

Organization:

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Program:

Day 1

09:30 – 09:40	<i>Opening</i>	Paulo T. Matos (CHAM)
09:40 – 10:00	<i>LONGPOP & GIS</i>	Kees Mandemakers (IISG)
10:00 – 11:00	<i>Grid systems in Andalusia</i>	Diego Ramiro Fariñas (CSIC)
11:00 – 11:15		Coffee break
11:15 – 12:15	<i>Historical GIS of Madrid: exploring spatio-temporal patterns of mortality</i>	Yolanda Casado (CSIC) & Dariya Ordanovich (Esri Spain)
12:15 – 13:30		Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Disentangling death record addresses: Madrid 1917-1922</i>	Laura Cilek (CSIC) & Darya Ordanovich (Esri Spain)
14:30 – 15:30	<i>The GISHistorical Antwerp</i>	Iason Jongepier (U. Antwerp)
15:30 – 15:45		Tea break
15:45 – 16:45	<i>Digitizing Dutch Cadaster</i>	Hans Mol (U. Leiden) & Thomas Vermaut (Fryske Akademy)
16:45 – 17:45	<i>Geocoding the HSN</i>	Diogo Paiva (IISG)
20:00		Dinner

Day 2

09:30 – 10:30	<i>Building and exploring an Historical-GIS for Lisbon</i>	Daniel Alves (IHC)
10:30 – 11:30	<i>Amsterdam Time Machine Addresses</i>	Ivo Zandhuis (Erasmus U.)
11:30 – 11:45		Coffee break
11:45 – 12:45	<i>Urban environment and Mortality Disparities in Spain</i>	Mathias Voigt (CSIC)
12:45 – 14:00		Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Best practices in historical GIS</i>	Round table
15:00 – 17:00	<i>Feedback session</i>	