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.

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)

Valerie Schafer (University of Luxembourg)
Yves Maurer (Bibliothèque National du Luxembourg)
Erica Peaslee (ALM, Centurion solutions, LLC - SUCHO)
Taras Nazaruk (Centre for Urban History, Lviv - online)
Kataryna Zakharchuk (University of Luxembourg)

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.

Diner at restaurant (Dimmi Si)

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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 (University of Warsaw)

Natalia Otrishchenko (Center for Urban History)
Anna Wylegała (IFiS, Polish Academy of Sciences)
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 (Center for Urban History)

University of Luxembourg: Kateryna Zakharchuk, Inna Ganschow, Kateryna Ivanishchenko
Polish Academy of Sciences: Anna Wylegała, Małgorzata Łukianow, Elżbieta Kwiecińska, Jaryna Łazar
Center for Urban History: Viktoriia Panas, Mariia Gryshchenko, Artem Kharchenko, Iryna Piatnytskova, Valentyna Shevchenko
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 (University of Luxembourg)
Discussant: Lars Wieneke (University of Luxembourg)

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

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

    Moderation: Anna Wylegała (IFiS, Polish Academy of Sciences)

    Anna Chebotarova (University of Norway)
    Felix Ackermann (Institut für Geschichte und Biographie - online)
    Iryna Klymenko (Ludwig Maximilians-University München – online)
    Catherine Gousseff (EHESS - online)
    Natalia Zinevych (University of Södertörn, Sweden – online)

Dinner at restaurant (Coyote)

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 (University of St Andrews)

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

Session 6 / 11-12.30 pm: **Hands-On history: metadata, data modeling and automated transcription**

    Presenters: Alexandre Germain (University of Luxembourg)
    Kateryna Zakharchuk (University of Luxembourg)

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

Session 7 / 2-3.30 pm: **Hands-On history: indexing and discussion**

    Presenter: Inna Ganschow (University of Luxembourg)
    Discussant: Andrew Flinn (UCL)

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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 (Center of Urban History - online) and Anna Wylegała (IFiS, Polish Academy of Sciences)

Dinner at restaurant (Nonno Nennata)

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