



MEASURING THE NATION

Collecting, Interpreting, and Digital Processing of Historical Data

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Warsaw, 29 September – 1 October 2026

29 SEPTEMBER

German Historical Institute, Pałac Karnickich,
Aleje Ujazdowskie 39 – 3rd floor, Conference Room

- 9:30** **Registration**
- 9:45** **Welcome** (Magdalena Saryusz-Wolska)
- 10:00** **Introduction** (Maciej Górny)

10:15–12:15 **SESSION 1**

CHAIR: **Tomasz Panecki**

- **Maciej Janowski** • Do Facts Give Us Knowledge?
- **Krzysztof Ostafin** • From Census Tables to Spatial Data: Digitizing and Mapping Socio-Economic Statistics in Galicia (1857–1910)
- **Anne Knowles** • Historical GIS as a Framework and Springboard for Spatial Stories of the Holocaust
- **Dariusz Gierczak** • xTree Geografika – a Data Model for Spatial Search of Geographical Names and Administrative Units
- discussion

12:15–12:45 **Coffee/Tea**

12:45–14:45 **SESSION 2**

CHAIR: **Wiesława Duży**

- **Morgane Labbé** • Measuring the Polish Nation before the Polish State: Reading Polish Statistics as a Database Compiled from the German, Russian and Austrian Statistical Bureaucracies
- **Philipp Kröger** • Measuring the Unmeasurable: Statistics, National Indifference, and Population Policies in the German-Polish Borderlands around 1900
- **Humphrey Southall** • Representing a Changing Nation: Working Geographically with the British Censuses, 1801 to 2021
- **Piotr Guzowski, Radosław Poniak, Marzena Liedke** • The Fifth Russian Revision of 1795 as a Source for Demographic Research into the Population of the Eastern Territories of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth
- discussion

14:45–16:30 **Lunch**

16:30–17:30 **KEYNOTE**

CHAIR: **Magdalena Saryusz-Wolska**

- **Bartosz Ogórek** • A Proxy or a Delusion? Variable Design in Research on Historical Human Capital

18:15 **Conference Dinner**

30 SEPTEMBER

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10:00–11:00 **KEYNOTE**

CHAIR: **Maciej Górny**

- **Catherine Gibson, Anton Kotenko** • Enumerating a Multispecies Romanov Empire: The 1897 Tartu Dog Tax Register and Canine Demography

11:00–11:30 **Coffee/Tea**

11:30–13:30 **SESSION 3**

CHAIR: **Adrianna D. Sznepik**

- **Vojtěch Pojar** • Measuring the Nation's Body in the Age of Extremes: Mass Gymnastics, Physical Anthropology, and Nationalism, 1910s–1990s
- **Mikołaj Szoltysek** • Measuring Difference: Family Systems in East-Central Europe between Ideology and Data
- **Tomasz M. Jankowski** • Early Census Taking of the Jews in East-Central Europe
- **Sławomir Brzezicki** • From Handbooks to the Dehio Alliance: The Digital Transformation of the “Dehio-Handbuch der Kunstdenkmäler” – from the Traditional Format of National Topographies of Art and Architecture to an International Research Infrastructure
- discussion

13:30–15:00 **Lunch**

15:00–17:30 **SESSION 4**

CHAIR: **Magdalena Saryusz-Wolska**

- **Anton Kotenko** • Subscribing to Nationalism: Mapping the Social and Territorial Composition of the Ukrainian National Movement in the Romanov Empire, 1906–1911
- **Victoria Gerasimova** • Beyond Coercion and Conviction: A Database Approach to Jewish Conversion in the Kingdom of Poland (1867–1914)
- **Edyta Chomentowska, Joanna Kumor-Mielnik** • The Reliability of 19th- and 20th-Century Diocesan Schematisms as a Basis for Reconstruction of the Parish Network
- **Magdalena Baran-Szoltyś** • From Archive to Interface: Galicia and the Re-Mapping of Layered Historical Spaces
- **Steven Seegel** • Squaring the Triangle: Soil, Sovereignty, and Science in the Belarusian Case of Geographer Arkadz Smolich (1891–1938)
- discussion

18:30 **Conference Dinner**

1 OCTOBER

Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences,
Rynek Starego Miasta 31 – Joachim Lelewel Room

9:30–12:00 **SESSION 5**

CHAIR: **Bogumił Szady**

- **Gábor Demeter** • Integrating Historic Databases in Hungary: the GISTA Hungarorum (1720–1910), the RD1500 (1330–1520) and the Collection of Ottoman Registers (1546–1590)

- **Ruth Mostern** • Naming Places: Gazetteers and State Power from Print to Pixels
- **Kristina Wittkamp** • Archives Reconnected: A FAIR Hub for Eastern Europe's Digitized Heritage: A Hypothèses Blog Bridging Archives, Research & Education (<https://archiveome.hypotheses.org/>)
- **Adrianna D. Sznepik, Piotr Jaskulski** • Interpreting Mass Historical Sources with LLMs: The Case of The Geographical Dictionary of the Kingdom of Poland
- **Tadeusz Epsztejn, Michał Raczkowski** • Large Landownership at the Turn of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries: Socio-Economic History and AI
- discussion

12:00–12:30 Coffee/Tea

12:30–14:30 SESSION 6

CHAIR: Maciej Górny

- **Elżbieta Nowosielska** • Newspaper Printing in the Prussian Partition between 1865 and 1918
- **Victoria Gerasimova** • Mapping the Unmapped: Jewish Presence in the SGKP and the Limits of Cultural Heritage GIS
- **Wiktór Werner** • Measuring Authoritarian Environmental Governance: Interpretable Machine Learning and the Historical Analysis of SB Activities in Late Socialist Poland
- **Timothy Tambassi** • No Neutral Data: A Perspectivist View of Historical Sources
- discussion

14:30–15:00 Closing Remarks

15:00–16:00 Farewell Lunch

16:00–18:00 Popular Science Session in Polish



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