

Call for Papers

Beyond Digital Awe: European Jewish Studies and the Challenge of Digital Humanities

Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania

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The Centre for Eastern European Jewish History at Vilnius University and the Taube Department of Jewish Studies at the University of Wrocław invite proposals for the international conference “Beyond Digital Awe. European Jewish Studies and the Challenge of Digital Humanities.”

This two-day in-person event will explore the evolving relationship between Jewish Studies and Digital Humanities (DH), focusing on three key attitudes of digital research. **Experimenting**: development of new methods and application of methods borrowed from other disciplines; **sharing**: connecting researchers, data and methodologies; and **engaging**: the role of digital humanities in engaging citizens and history consumers. While we center on European Jewish history and linguistics, particularly in east-central Europe and the Baltics, we also welcome contributions offering broader perspectives and comparative cases involving other religious or cultural communities.

We encourage proposals that address topics including, but not limited to:

- New digital tools and methods for studying Jewish history, texts, and cultures.
- Digitisation projects involving Yiddish, Hebrew, or other multilingual sources.
- Data sharing, linking and FAIR practices in Jewish Studies.
- Uses of AI, HTR, OCR, or cartographic methods in DH projects.
- Public engagement and citizen science in Jewish Studies.
- Reflections on the epistemological boundaries between DH and Jewish Studies.
- Digital curatorship in Jewish museums and archives.

Presentations may take one of two forms:

- Standard 20-minute talks showcasing research findings.
- Hands-on 25-minute sessions demonstrating practical tools, methods, and findings.

In addition, an online Data Forum will be organized in advance of the conference, where participants can share samples of their data to share know-how, encourage exchange and collaboration.

Proposals for presentations should be submitted via [on-line form](#) by **July 31**. Notification of acceptance will be sent by **August 31**. Researchers at all stages of their career, from PhD candidates to full professors, are invited to apply. Confirmed speakers are prof. Irene Zwiep from University of Amsterdam (keynote) and prof. Marcin Wodziński from University of Wrocław.

The organizers will provide accommodation and reimburse travel expenses within Europe up to 300 EUR for participants with no institutional funding available. For more information, feel free to contact Tomasz M. Jankowski (tomasz.jankowski@if.vu.lt).

We look forward to your proposals and to building a vibrant conversation!

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