

The Middle Scale: Methods, Transformations, Futures

DH Seminar Series 2024

Australasian Association for Digital Humanities (aaDH)



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Sessions are held online on the first Thursday of each month

Date & Time	Speaker & Topic	Zoom Link
Methods		
Thursday 2 nd May 1 pm – 2 pm AEDT	Michael Falk Senior Lecturer, Digital Studies University of Melbourne, Australia Topic: How Big is Big? Assaying Moore's <i>Life of Byron</i> from a distance	Link
Thursday 6 th June 4 pm – 5 pm AEDT	Vejune Zemaityte Senior Research Fellow, Baltic Film, Media & Arts School Tallinn University, Estonia Topic: A big data approach to studying the international film festival network	Link
Thursday 4 th July 11 am – 12 pm AEDT	Alayne Moody Doctoral Candidate, Digital Humanities Flinders University, Australia Topic: Life writing as a window into well-being	Link
Transformations		

Thursday 1st August 1 pm - 2 pm AEDT	James Smithies Professor & Director, HASS Digital Research Hub Australian National University, Australia <u>Topic:</u> Australasian Research Software Engineering: From HASS Research Services to Infrastructural Milieux	Link
Thursday 5 th September 1 pm - 2 pm AEDT	Maggie Nolan Associate Professor of Digital Cultural Heritage Director, AustLit University of Queensland, Australia Kath Bode Professor of Literary and Textual Studies Australian National University, Australia <u>Topic:</u> Embedding Irishness in Australian Literature	Link
Thursday 3 rd October 1 pm - 2 pm AEDT	Kimberley Connor Postdoctoral Scholar, Stanford Archaeology Center Stanford University, California, USA <u>Topic:</u> Playing with Scale: Digital Mapping at Hyde Park Barracks	Link
Futures		
Thursday 7 th November 1 pm - 2 pm AEDT	Heather Ford Associate Professor & Coordinator, UTS Data and Ethics Cluster, School of Communications University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Australia Michael Davis Research Fellow, UTS Centre for Media Transition University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Australia <u>Topic:</u> The value of knowledge integrity in the digital age	Link
Thursday 5 th December 1 pm - 2 pm AEDT	Maya Dodd Associate Professor, Humanities & Languages Flame University, Maharashtra, India Topic: Locating a New Historiography for India: Digital Archives and Public History	Link

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In the wake of the pandemic, our scholarly networks have shrunk, grown, evolved, and been reconfigured in both tangible and mysterious ways. We have been driven into digital niches – the virtual background that conceals the living room or office behind us – and into digital networks – the threads of email, tweet or link that connect us across vast reaches of space. Much like the resources, tools, datasets, and methods that comprise digital research in the humanities, the scale of our relations to each other has also changed. How are we sharing knowledge across disciplines in DH today? What new questions and concerns have we come to share?

The 2024 aaDH Seminar Series will focus on the *Middle Scale*, reconnecting digital humanists in the Australasian region to a community of colleagues working in areas ranging from network analysis and digital archaeology to literary studies and software engineering. Across three themes and eight sessions, we will discuss a range of multidisciplinary approaches in DH that are being undertaken to challenge and trouble perennial questions of data, infrastructure, collaboration, and culture.

The seminars will be held on Zoom from 1.00pm-2.00pm (AEDT) on the first Thursday of each month (unless otherwise specified), featuring speakers from across the region. Talks and discussion will address the Middle Scale under three broad themes:

- **Methods:** How are digital humanists using computation to connect the large and the small? What is the role of our own human, critical intelligence in mediating these scales?
- **Transformations:** How is digital infrastructure altering the practice of the Humanities for individuals and groups? What lies between the majesty of the database and the tininess of the datum?
- **Futures:** What futures do humanists envisage in the data landscape of today? What '[organised networks](#)' might we form to mediate between global platforms and atomised individuals?

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