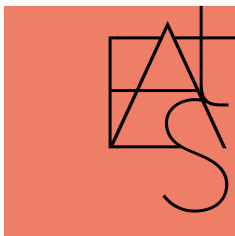




FALL METHODS WORKSHOP

DIGITAL YOUTH IN EAST ASIA:
THEORETICAL, METHOLOGICAL
AND TECHNICAL ISSUES

11TH – 13TH OF OCTOBER 2017



East
Asian
Studies

GENERAL OUTLINE

This 2nd GENESyS methods workshop hosted by EAST will serve the following purposes:

- Explore epistemic challenges facing identity building in a digital world
- Unpack methodological challenges associated with virtual ethnography
- Introduce tools and techniques of researching online phenomena
- Debate the most recent trends in online political activism in Japan

VENUE

Wednesday Oct. 11

Centre Interdisciplinaire d'Études des Religions et de la Laïcité - Université Libre de Bruxelles
17, Avenue Franklin Roosevelt B-1050 Brussels (BELGIUM)

Thursday & Friday Oct. 12 & 13

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AGENDA

This is the 2nd Methods Workshop hosted by the East Asia Studies (EASt) research unit of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) within the framework of its research project on «East Asian Youth: Identities and Practices in Public Spaces» (GENEsYs).



Jointly organized by EASt and the Maison des Sciences Humaines the various sessions scheduled over the course of this three-day gathering seek to: (1) publicize the GENEsYs research project; (2) jointly explore methodological and practical challenges facing the GENEsYs research agenda; and (3) encourage further integration within the GENEsYs researcher community.

Three public events (highlighted below in orange) will seek to contribute towards wider debates surrounding topics of interest to EASt and GENEsYs - i.e. Youth, Identity and New Technologies in East Asia.

The workshop also foresees a series of closed door roundtables focussed on methodological and practical challenges associated with GENEsYs' interdisciplinary research agenda. These are to include both skills training session geared towards the acquisition of certain tools related to the study of online phenomena, and involve roundtables geared towards experience sharing and peer-learning exercises including both invited third-parties as well as members of the GENEsYs community. A first set of two roundables will focus on the ethical and theoretical challenges facing the study of **Religious Identity Construction in a Digital World**; the following three sessions will explore the **Methodological and Practical**



The last day of the event will be coordinated by the Oxford internet Institute (OII) and will provide both theoretical and practical training sessions. These will present the most

recent tools and insights associated with the empirics of online of online research. The focus will be on the ethics, challenges, tools and softwares involved in the qualitative analysis of aggregated online corpuses of text. Beside an introductory lecture focussing on the ethics of online research, the challenges associated with big data and the the access points to online data; the day foresees three further closed-door workshops on: data-mining aimed at gathering online texts; sentiment analysis geared towards crystalizing the attitudinal inflection of large bodies of text; and modeling seeking to represent the inherent structures and relations within a given corpus.

SCHEDULE

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER

18:00 - 18:15

WELCOME WORDS

Vanessa Frangville (ULB-Philixte, EASt-GENEsYs)

18:15-19:45

OPENING LECTURE

BUDDHISM AND PUBLIC SPACE

Jin Y. Park (American University)

Chair: Baudouin Decharneux (CIERL, ULB, EASt-GENEsYs)

DAY 2 - THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER

9:15 - 9:45

Presentation of the GENEsYs Project

Vanessa Frangville (ULB, Philixte, EASt-GENEsYs)
Presentation of the project and its members

10:00 - 12:15

ROUNDTABLE 1 - Ethics and Religious Identity Construction in a Digital World

Chair: Pierre Bonneels (ULB-PHI, EASt-GENEsYs)

10:00 - 11:00

ENVISIONING ETHICS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Jin Y. Park (American Uni.)

Followed by Q&A

11:15 - 12:15

FROM THE INTERIOR TO THE EXTERIOR: JAPANESE PILGRIMAGE AS A PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEM AND ITS (NON-)PLACEMENT IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Takeshi Morisato (ULB, EASt-GENEsYs)

Followed by Q&A

LUNCH BREAK

14:00-17:15

ROUNDTABLE 2 - Virtual Ethnography: Methodological and Practical Issues

Chair: Pierre Petit (ULB-LAMC, EASt-GENEsYs)

14:00 - 15:00

THE ROLE OF THE INTERNET IN ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN EAST ASIA: IMPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH

Christine Han (Uni. College London)

Followed by Q&A

15:15 - 17:15

COSPLAY IN THE CYBER WORLD: FIELD WORKS IN ONLINE COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Hua Bin (ULB-Philixte, EASt-GENEsYs)

THE CHANGING FIELD OF CHINESE CYBERLITERATURE

Gwennaël Gaffric (ULB-Philixte, EASt-GENEsYs)

Followed by Q&A

17:30-18:30

FROM CYBER-DEMOCRACY TO CYBER-NATIONALISM IN JAPAN

Chair: Thierry Kellner (ULB-REPI EASt-GENEsYs)

Discussant: Frederik Ponjaert (ULB-IEE, EASt-GENEsYs)

CYBERDEMOCRACY OR CYBERPOPULISM?: A CRISIS OF POLITICAL REASON IN CONTEMPORARY JAPAN

Yashimoto Mitsuhiro (Waseda University)

JAPANESE YOUTH NATIONALISM IN CYBERSPACE?:

MEMORY, OTHERS, AND NATIONAL PRIDE

Kazuya Fukuoka (St. Joseph's University)

19:00 -

EASt START OF YEAR BUFFET

DAY 3 - FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

HOW TO ANALYSE LARGE VOLUMES OF ONLINE TEXT

Training Day co-organized with the Oxford Internet Institut

9:00-10:15

INTRODUCTORY LECTURE -

Chair: François Forêt (ULB-CEVIPOL)

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY (BIG) DIGITAL DATA

Yin Yin Lu (Oxford Internet Institute)

10:45-12:00

WORKSHOP I (Part 1) - Introduction to Python for Digital Text Analysis

Yin Yin Lu (Oxford Internet Institute)

LUNCH BREAK

13:00-14:00

WORKSHOP I (Part 2) - Introduction to Python for Digital Text Analysis

Yin Yin Lu (Oxford Internet Institute)

14:00-15:15

WORKSHOP II - Topic Modelling - An Empirical Approach to Theme Detection

Folger Karsdorp (Meertens Institute)

15:30-16:45

WORKSHOP III - Sentiment Analysis - The Emotionality of Discourse

Mike Thelwall (Wolverhampton University)