



Mapping Violence

Research Workshop on Digital Methodologies

Speaker Series: Holocaust and Genocide Studies

How do technologies of visualization deliver new insights into making mass atrocities or other territorially distributed phenomena comprehensible? This workshop will explore the application digital methodologies in the study of history and geography with a focus on mapping violence in its many forms. The contributors will present research findings demonstrating how Geographic Information Systems (GIS) can be used to render patterns of violence and exploitation visible. In addition, participants will demonstrate the applications of cutting-edge AI-driven tools for deciphering written source material using Automatic Text Recognition. The results presented will not only point to future pathways for the study of genocide, but for a broad range of research methodologies across the disciplines.

Date/Time: 21.05.2026, 09:00 – 12:00

Place: Y25 H 86 (Winterthurerstrasse 190, 8057 Zürich)

9:00–10:00	Digital Methodologies in Holocaust Studies Anne Knowles (University of Maine) Tim Cole (University of Bristol)
10:00–10:30	The Visualization of Uncertainty Sara Fabrikant (University of Zurich)
10:30–10:45	Coffee Break
10:45–11:15	ForATR: Research Infrastructure for Automatic Text Recognition Christine Grundig, Digital History Lab (University of Zurich) Anastassia Shaitarova, Digital History Lab (University of Zurich)
11:15–11:45	Berlin Neighbours – A Geomapping-Based Microhistory of the Shoah Profiteers Carolin Lange (Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden, Hamburg)
11:45–12:00	Open Discussion
12:00–13:00	Lunch at Green Kitchen Lab

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Participation:

Registration is required. Please contact adam.knowles@philso.uzh.ch to register.

