

Centre for e-Research King's College London

- Established 1st October 2007; full roll out 1st April 2008; builds on the ashes of the AHDS Executive expertise and projects
- Programme includes research, teaching, institutional, national and international services
- Leading on an e-research innovation programme to include 'data management in the field' (DataLab), and an InnovationLab for collaboration and communication
- Involved in two major EC projects: Digital Research Infrastructure in the Arts and Humanities (DARIAH); and European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI)

King's ISS DataLab

A DataLab comprises a set of services, tools, and guidance designed to fulfil three goals:

- To advance the conduct of research by simplifying difficult tasks, supporting new kinds of analysis with digital data, enabling linking and analysis of distributed data
- To provide economies of scale across different disciplines, genres of information, and research, teaching and other uses
- To ensure research data resources are sustainable and usable for as long as necessary for research purposes, and in a suitable state for long-term archiving where so selected

DARIAH

- The mission of DARIAH is to enhance and support digitally-enabled research across the humanities and arts. DARIAH aims to develop and maintain an infrastructure in support of ICT-based research practices.
- DARIAH is working with communities of practice to:
 - Explore and apply ICT-based methods and tools to enable new research questions to be asked and old questions to be posed in new ways
 - Improve research opportunities and outcomes through linking distributed digital source materials of many kinds
 - Exchange knowledge, expertise, methodologies and practices across domains and disciplines

EHRI

EHRI aims to bring together fragmented and geographically dispersed holocaust archives and provide a VRE to enable new and better research. EHRI will:

- have achieved a greater degree of coordination and coherence in the management and use of Holocaust material;
- have established a European data management framework for Holocaust research by joining-up disparate research repositories;
- researchers can find and access relevant data in the Holocaust research domain and will be able to discover, exchange, reuse and combine data from other researchers and other domains;
- EHRI will have demonstrated that the large amounts of new research data in Holocaust research can be effectively used by historians and other humanities researchers in new VRE's.

DataLab, DARIAH, EHRI, Planets and Preservation

King's DataLab has an explicit remit to take into account data management and preservation

DARIAH and EHRI have an implicit need for data management and preservation – altogether more challenging

For further information...

Centre for e-Research:

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/iss/cerch>

DARIAH: <http://www.dariah.eu/>

EHRI: awaiting EC funding decision