Analytical Technics for (Post-) Humanists: The Case of the Missing Instruments

An Informal Discussion with Miriam Posner

This event provides space for informal discussion on how well contemporary development of digital hard- or software actually meets analytical and research needs and goals for humanist analyses. The following questions indicate some areas in which we seek to generate ideas and debates regarding current and future developments in digital analytical techniques for the (post-) humanities: To what degree do we accept trade-offs in our research goals when confronted with tools not designed for qualitative analyses? If trade-offs in tool development and (post-)humanist methods exist, in what kinds of epistemological regimes do we place and experience digital tools, and how can we identify their powers and limits clearly? Are humanist-oriented tools necessarily bound to be less than up-to-date in terms of computational innovation from the point of view of the engineering sciences? Might there be potential intersections where the "two cultures" debate finally gives way to transdisciplinary, generative sites and methods? We hope you will join us for this rich and timely discussion.