Digital Curation and the Performing Arts

Doug Reside
Digital Curator for the Performing Arts at The New York Public Library

Moderation: Nic Leonhardt
Donnerstag, 8. Mai 2014 um 18 Uhr c.t.

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Whither Digital Humanities? – Curators meet Researchers

a Workshop with Doug Reside, NYPL
Organized by Nic Leonhardt, Research Project *Theatrescapes. Mapping Global Theatre Histories* (LMU excellent), Junior Researcher in Residence at CAS, LMU Munich

Friday, 9 May, 10am (s.t.)-3.30pm
Center for Advanced Studies (CAS), Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich

Abstract
This workshop aims at mediating the dialogue between researchers from theatre and art studies, librarians, curators and archivists. Participants will explore the chances, benefits and challenges of introducing digital tools into their respective field of work. By showcasing selected eHumanities projects, Doug Reside, digital curator of performing arts at the New York Public Library, shall demonstrate exemplary ways of incorporating computer-based image, video, audio and textual material into research, teaching and public scholarship.

Web links
Theatrescapes: [www.theatrescapes.theaterwissenschaft.uni-muenchen.de](http://www.theatrescapes.theaterwissenschaft.uni-muenchen.de)
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Schedule (subject to change)

Friday, 9 May

10-10:30
Welcome and Introduction
(Participants briefly introduce themselves and their projects (please see the portfolio for short biographical notes and project descriptions)

10.30-11.15
"The Lab: Creating digital archives" (DR)

11:15-11:30
short break*

11:30-12:30
"On Stage: Digital Preservation and Access" (DR)

12:30-14:00
Lunch
Venue: Café Reitschule, Königstrasse 34
http://www.cafe-reitschule.de/
(please note: we do not have an extra budget for catering, lunch will be at the participants’ own expense)

14:00-15:30
Discussion, Q & A
(Future) Cooperation between researchers, research institutions, museums and libraries

*) Coffee & Tea will be provided throughout the workshop
List of Participants

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Dörschel, Stephan
(Academy of Arts, Berlin)

Born in 1959; Stephan Dörschel studied Theatre Studies, philosophy and psychology in Munich (M.A.); qualification as information specialist (archivist). From 1993 to 1996 he worked at the Südwestfunk Baden-Baden. In 1996 he started working at the Archive of Performing Arts of the Academy of Arts in Berlin where he was appointed head of the Archive of Performance Arts, five years later. In 2005 he became first secretary of the Society of Theatre History. For the Academy of Arts Stephan Dörschel curated exhibitions and publication projects, e.g. on the German actress Maria Wimmer, the director Hans Lietzau as well as Fritz Kortner and Johanna Hofer-Kortner, Maya Plisetskaya, Jean-Pierre Ponnelle, Tatjana Gsovsky and Peter Zadek; he also published a book about the actor, director and theater manager Fritz Wisten.

Research interests related to the workshop
Since 2010 the Academy is involved in the project “Digitaler Atlas Tanz” (www.digitaler-atlas-tanz.de) which tries to provide digital objects about dance history for the public. They have digitalized 13 000 theatre play bills from 19th century from Königsberg and are planning to get them online using easydb (not yet online – migrated from Augias: www.adk.findbuch.net).

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Englmeier, Tobias  
(LMU Munich, Theatrescapes)

Tobias Englmeier was born 1986 in Munich. Beginning in 2005 he studied Computational Linguistics, Computer Science and American Cultural History at Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich and graduated in 2012. Until late 2013 he worked as a freelance journalist and freelance software developer.

Research interests related to the workshop:
Tobias currently is employed as a researcher at the projects “Theatrescapes. Mapping Global Theatre Histories” and “Diskurs und Gemeinschaft” (both LMU Munich). His research interests focus on semantic reasoning, information retrieval and information visualization.

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Pietrini, Sandra  
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PhD. in History of Theatre, has been a member of the research team of the University of Florence since 1995, working on the production of a digital archive of theatre iconography (Dionysos). Since 2005 she is associated Professor of Theatre History at the University of Trento and in January 2014 she has obtained the title of full Professor. She is a member of the international research group “Literatura i representació en la llarga edat mitjana” (LaiRem) and of the scientific committee of Acting
Archives, directed by Claudio Vicentini of the University L'Orientale di Napoli. She is responsible for the scientific project Arianna, a database of images and texts about the re-elaborations and re-writing of classic drama, whose section Shakespeareana contains more than 9,000 items. She is part of the reviews committee of Consulta Universitaria del Teatro (CUT), working to the creation of an international digital archive of theatre reviews. She has published articles in various Italian and foreigner international reviews. Among her monographies are Spettacoli e immaginario teatrale nel Medioevo (2001), Fuori scena. Il teatro dietro le quinte nell'Ottocento (2004), Il mondo del teatro nel cinema (2007), L'arte dell'attore dal Romanticismo a Brecht (2009) and I giullari nell'immaginario medievale (2011).

Research interests related to the workshop
- Dionysos is a digital archive of theatre history from antiquity to nowadays, published on CD-rom in 2006 by Titivillus. Directed by Prof. Cesare Molinari and Renzo Guardenti, the archive contains more than 20,000 items and is one of the larger archives on theatre history in the world.
- The international digital archive of theatre reviews is a project conceived in collaboration with the International Federation for Theatre Research (FIRT) directed by Prof. Christopher Balme and the CUT, directed by Prof. Franco Perrelli. It aims at the creation of a reference database for theatre studies and the pilot project is going to be achieved by a small team of Italian researchers (Roberta Carpani, Gerardo Guccini, Paolo Quazzolo, Sandra Pietrini, Daniele Vianello).
- Arianna is a digital meta-archive of images and texts related to classical plays, but also to their adaptations and re-writings. The database is entirely online, with links to other websites, and offers the possibility to make advanced and combined searches on the corpus. The materials stretch from engravings illustrating the plays to stage photos, through portraits to paintings loosely inspired by drama. Its theoretical basis is the concept of texts' illustration and re-elaboration. We aim to find connections between iconographical documents and adaptations of the classics, in particular Shakespeare preparing to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of Shakespeare’s death. It is a work in progress and directed by Prof. Sandra Pietrini and coordinated by Valeria Tirabasso. Documents available in the database cover the chronological span ranging from 1700 to the present time. The section Shakespeareana contains more than 9,000 items referring to Shakespeare’s plays and its re-writings, catalogued by detailed search fields such as characters, actors, acts and scenes, techniques, chronological and geographical contexts.

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Nora Probst is a research assistant at the Theaterwissenschaftliche Sammlung (TWS) of the University of Cologne and a doctoral student of Prof. Dr. Peter W. Marx at the Cologne Institute for Media Culture and Theatre. She studied theatre and film, German literature and art history at the University of Cologne. Her research interests include theatre and performance art of the early twentieth century, intercultural relations of theatre and performance and the historiography of theatre studies. She is also interested in different forms and patterns of cultural memory especially within collections, museums and archives. Currently she works as the project leader of a digitization project of glass-plate negatives at the TWS, consisting mostly of images of theatre performances of the early twentieth century. One of her recent projects was the Cologne Shakespeare exhibition *A Party for Will!* that opened in March 2014 at the Museum of Applied Arts Cologne/Museum für Angewandte Kunst Köln (MAKK), where she worked as one of the curators. In her PhD (working title: Objekte, die die Welt bedeuten. KulturGeSchichte(n) und Assemblagen der frühen Theaterwissenschaft in Köln) she explores the scientific practices of Carl Niessen (1890-1969) and other German theatre studies pioneers who approached their ephemeral field through objects, images and documents.

Research interest related to the workshop

Digital Humanities I: Glass-plate negatives
I am currently working as the project leader of a digitization project of glass-plate negatives. The aim of this conservation project is to convert all the glass-plate negatives of the TWS, ca. 3.500 items, into digital photographs, make them accessible in an online database, and preserve the original negatives in acid free archival boxes. All the images are given a distinctive signature and the additional information we have from the handwritten notes on the old boxes is transferred into the digital database (XML-based). This database will later be publicly accessible on the internet. Most of the images show theatre performances from the early twentieth century in Germany – performances that have not been very well documented otherwise. The process of digitizing the glass-plate negatives into photographs enables us therefore to analyze iconographic information that has not been accessible so far. Since the lamination of some of the original glass-plate negatives show chemical erosion and other signs of decay due to the earlier use of chemicals and paint, digitizing the negatives seems to be the best way in order to preserve the iconographic information on a long-term basis.

Digital Humanities II: Curating *A Party for Will!*
In the process of preparing and curating the exhibition *A Party for Will!* we discussed several ideas on how to integrate different digital media in the concept. We came up with digital projections of figurine sketches in one cabinet and a digital slide show of postcard series in another. In the central cabinet, where several books are displayed, we put two tablets with images of book pages, so the museum visitors could virtually turn the pages of the books displayed. Furthermore, in the film room of the museum, we showed a mix of about 90 different film clips that referred to Shake-
speare’s plays in one way or another. In addition to the exhibition, students of the institute for Media Culture and Theatre created a location based computer game (“Will in Town”), for android and apple tablet or smartphone devices. In this app, the player has to find the lost bones of Shakespeare through fulfilling several tasks and collecting candy in order to put Shakespeare’s skeleton back together again.

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**Riepl, Christian**
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1982-1987 Studies in theology at LMU Munich with main focus on old testament and biblical-oriental languages

**Research interests related to the workshop**
Key activities: Computer aided analysis of old languages (main focus Old Hebrew within the scope of the project „Biblia Hebraica transcripta“)
Structuring and analysis of linguistic corpus data (main focus corpus linguistics in the scope of „Graduate School Language & Literature Munich - Class of Language“ and the Linguistics Master’s program at LMU)
Cross-project and integrative analysis of structured research data in the Humanities
Social software, crowdsourcing, collaborative research infrastructures
Goals in the future:
Development of a research platform that
a) allows a specific acquisition of data
b) allows tagging of data (manually, semiautomatic and/or automatic)
c) stores data logically structured and platform/software independent
d) allows collaboration and crowd sourcing
e) allows visualization of search/computing results
f) allows georeferencing and chronoreferencing
g) is simple to manage and to use
h) is long term available
i) is interdisciplinary
j) is modular
k) is universal
l) allows data interchange between national and international research infrastructures (TextGrid, CLARIN, DARIAH)

Working towards “humanities computation”: We have a variety of disciplines, data material and formats, all stored in a well defined way. So it should be able to join the information of all project databases, to compute these data, in order to open up new aspects on an object of research under a widened scope. We expect, that the individual disciplines will receive important impulses, new questions will appear, and as for the humanities a new level of research will be reached.

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Biographical databases of artists

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In October 2013 Lisa-Frederike Seidler started in the Master of Arts Program for Theatre Studies at Freie Universität Berlin. In September 2013 she graduated from the Ludwigs-Maximilians-University in Munich with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Studies. The subject of her BA-thesis was the audience in the Metastasian Opera in the eighteenth century. She is particularly interested in historical changes in audience and the perception of theatrical performances. Lisa-Frederike Seidler works for Dr. Nic Leonhardt’s research project “Transatlantic Theatrical Networks (1900-1929)”.

Research interests related to the workshop
Lisa-Frederike is a research assistant to Nic Leonhardt in the project “Theatrescapes. Mapping Global Theatre Histories”.

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Valeria Tirabasso is a PhD student at the University of Trento. Her current research interests are the adaptations and iconography of Shakespeare’s The Tempest. She collaborates in a number of different activities carried on by the Laboratorio Teatrale, held by Professor Sandra Pietrini at the same university. The main activities are: the digital database of theatre iconography “Arianna Project”, for which Valeria Tirabasso works as a coordinator of the research team; the “Osservatorio teatrale” project, which is a permanent laboratory on theatre reviews and critique; the organization of events and conferences in collaboration with Professor Sandra Pietrini. She graduated in Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Pescara in 2007. She also has a master degree in Didactics of Italian as a Foreign Language (Università per Stranieri di Siena 2011). DH has always been a cross-disciplinary interest since her studies in Modern Languages (where she created a digital course in general linguistics), and in her studies in Didactic of Italian as a Foreign Language, where she specialized in the use of technologies for language learning.

Research interests related to the workshop
See Sandra Pietrini.

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Born 1984 in Graz/Austria, Gero Toegl studied Dramaturgy, Communication Studies, Comparative Literature and Literary Theory at Ludwig-Maximilians-University from which he graduated in July 2009. From September 2006 to July 2007 he visited King’s College London as a Socrates/Erasmus-student. Gero Toegl has worked for Pathos Transport Theatre Munich since 2004 as a Dramaturg, Assistant Director and Director and completed internships at Schauspielhaus Graz and Bayerisches Staatsschauspiel. His research interests concern theatre history in the context of media theory, Actor-Network-Theory and computer game studies.

Projects related to the workshop
Theatrescapes. Mapping Global Theatre Histories (LMUexcellent)

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Waltraud von Pippich is a PhD student at the University of Munich. Her current research interests are the history of the concept irony, 19th century art criticism and art theory. She is research assistant to the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft Director Division for Law and Commercialization Dr. Lorenz Kaiser. She was associate member in expert groups of the European Commission (EC), e.g. the EC Expert Group for International Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation (2011-2012) and the EC Expert Group for International Knowledge Transfer (2010-2011), together with L. Kaiser. With L. Kaiser, she co-organized international panel discussions such as Internationalisation of Knowledge Transfer 2012 in Rome on behalf of the European Technology Transfer (TTO-) Circle (European Commission, Joint Research Centre). She collaborates with the Computer Vision Group of the Department for Computer Science of the Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg. The computer scientist Björn Ommer from the Heidelberg Collaboratory of Image Processing (HCI) created for her the program Redcolor-Tool. She graduated in art history, philosophy and law at the
LMU Munich in 2007. She also studied at Humboldt University Berlin and Università degli Studi Roma Tre in Rome. DH is a main concern of her affiliation, the LMU Art History Department. She is member of DH in German speaking Regions (DHD). She just received a scholarship from the European Association for Digital Humanities (EADH).

**Research interests related to the workshop**

My interest is the *digital image*. I am interested in qualities and features of the digital image in comparison to other images. Also, I am interested in modes of possible visualization coming along with digitization on the one hand, and mathematical picture analysis on the other hand. For my research, I have been working with a computer program *Redcolor-Tool*. The tool is the result of an art history/computer science scientific cooperation (Art History Department, LMU Munich, and Computer Vision Group, Department for Computer Science, University of Heidelberg). It quantifies redness in images and visualizes frequencies of reds via cumulative histograms. According to the workshop abstract, we are going to discuss ways of incorporating computer-based material into "research, teaching and public scholarship". For me "research" here is the favor. I am curious about the opinions of Mr. Reside. Also, I absolutely love New York City and I am excited to get to know current projects.

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**Voß, Franziska**

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Franziska Voß studied Theatre, Art History, Literary Theory and Comparative Literature at Leipzig University. Since 2007 she is working on the development and concept of the Virtual Library Medienbuehne Film. As research associate of the *Special Collection Theatre and Film Studies* at University of Frankfurt/Main Library Johann Christian Senckenberg she is working on the profile and the content for the Theatre and Film Collection. Currently she graduated from correspondence degree courses (distance learning) for a postgraduate Master’s degree in Library and Information Science at the Humboldt-Universität Berlin.
Research interests related to the workshop
Currently I am writing a concept paper at the "Scientific Information Services" funding program of the German Research Foundation (DFG) The aim of the concept is to develop a special service for theatre research. The traditional Library services for collecting, sorting and publishing are outdated. More and more Libraries, archives and museums are data providers with unique service offerings for the user (virtual and print). So in my concept paper I try to combine classic and new services offerings specialized to material such as theatre images, records of performances, director’s notes and the identification of persons (actors, directors etc.). In a first step we want to collect distributed resources (catalogues, data bases, online contents and websites) under one single interface. On a second step we want to present this unique material (digital) and I hope that the tools and methods of DH can help us to create a "perfect offer" for working with our resources.

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ext train at “Odeonsplatz”
take exit to “Ludwigstraße”
then

From Munich Central Train Station
Take Subway U4 or U5 eastbound trains to “Arabellapark” or “Neuperlach Süd”
ext train at “Odeonsplatz”
take exit to “Ludwigstraße”
then

Walk 500 m, 6 min

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5. Turn right onto Ysenbrandstrasse
6. Turn left onto Koenigsallee
7. Turn right onto Maxstrasse
8. Turn left onto Seestraße
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