

The Representation of Multiplicity as a Means to Digital Cultural Empowerment

Maximum Number of Participants: 25

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Overview:

This workshop is addressing the theme of DH 2014, “Digital Cultural Empowerment”, by discussing the multiplicities inherent to the representation of cultural heritage and exploring possible ways of dealing with them.

The representation of cultural heritage needs to face multiplicity in many ways: it has to deal with different layers of time (from past to present), different types of objects on different levels of reality, and different views on it, depending on purpose, socialization, interests, knowledge etc. On a more abstract level, then, the concept of multiplicity that we wish to explore, is based on a definition of ‘culture’ as a dynamic experience.

On this backdrop digital cultural empowerment means to represent cultural heritage in a multilayered way, enabling people to access different layers of raw data as well as interpretations, mashups, comments and discussions. Bringing the constructivist approach to a digital environment, the workshop aims to discuss projects that enable the users to actively participate, as single individuals as well as groups, to the process of the building of meaning, instead of passively consuming their own cultural heritage.

Our goal for the workshop is to tackle crucial issues in this context by engaging in an exchange with the participants. Presentations of approaches from various projects will boost the discussion of issues of multiplicity, representation, participation and information handling.

Audience:

The main audience of this workshop is scholars engaged in digital cultural projects and/or the development of technological means designed to tackle the issues described. In our experience a broad variety of participant experience and background enhances the quality of the discussions significantly, therefore we strongly encourage people from all project sizes and career stages to register for this workshop.