

Einladung zum Gastvortrag (in englischer Sprache)

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Beyond the Individual: Biographies as Sources for Collective Social History

Professor Arthur will be talking about how biography, which is traditionally about individual lives, can also be a source for collective social history. The digital environment allows new connections and networks to be traced between people, and this shows how individuals contribute to larger social patterns and movements. He will show how the Australian Dictionary of Biography is an example of a print work that has recently moved online and has become more than a dictionary. Now it is a virtual research network for understanding individual lives that were significant in Australian history (some of them from Europe) and also for learning about wider social history.

Paul Arthur is Professor of Digital Humanities at the University of Western Sydney, where he leads the UWS Digital Humanities Research Group. From 2010-13 he was Deputy Director of the National Centre of Biography, ANU, and Deputy General Editor of the Australian Dictionary of Biography. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, he has over fifty publications in fields of history, literature, communication and cultural studies, and has held fellowships in Australia, Europe and North America. Paul Arthur is inaugural President of the Australasian Association for Digital Humanities, and a member of the steering committee of the Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations and the executive council of centerNet, the international network of digital humanities centres. He also serves on the executive committee of the International Auto/Biography Association.

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