



Persistent Identifier Services for the Humanities

Location: Foyle Learning Centre, The British Library

Date: Friday 9 December 2016, 10:50-16:00

Registration: https://thor_pidsinhumanities.eventbrite.com

Summary

Persistent identifiers (PIDs) are increasingly embedded in the services that researchers use every day, enabling unambiguous attribution of the full range of scholarly outputs. This makes it easier for data producers and researchers to get credit for their contributions; for data centres, universities and funders to track the impact of the research they facilitate; for publishers to incorporate data into scholarly writing; and for researchers to discover and cite data through clear provenance of information and ideas. In short, they support an entirely new research infrastructure.

Uptake in the humanities, however, lags behind other disciplines. As part of THOR (<https://project-thor.eu/>), an EU-funded project coordinated by the British Library, we are running a series of workshops to better understand the potential for persistent identifier services in the humanities, identifying barriers to uptake and creating a roadmap to guide future development.

The first workshop will take place at the British Library. We are keen to have a focused discussion to assess the extent to which PIDs are being used in the digital humanities. We will focus on research using historical sources, fields in which digital data has taken on an increasingly important role.

Draft Programme

10:50	Registration
11:00	Introduction: roles for PIDs in digitally enabled historical research (Adam Farquhar)
11:30	Position papers from established digital humanities projects, followed by discussion.
1:00	Lunch
1:30	Discussion: What is the potential value of PIDs for digital humanities scholars? What are the barriers to adoption?
3:00	Discussion: How can THOR help facilitate PID adoption in the humanities?
4:00	End