Digital Tools for Humanities Research: A Workshop

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Are reference management programmes for you? How can you improve the efficiency of your research using digital tools? What strategies might you use to promote your research on social media without oversimplifying the results? Should you use Facebook, Twitter, Academia.edu, Instagram? How can you expand the impact and reach of your research while consolidating your professional network?

To find out the answers to these questions and more, join us for this informal, hands-on workshop, with practical demonstrations and plenty of discussion. We will be looking at tools for organising research materials and improving efficiency (Zotero), as well as at creative ways to disseminate results and broaden your academic network. An Italian aperitivo complete with drinks and snacks will be provided! Bring questions, ideas, and any topics you would like our speakers to address.

Topics include:

Workflows with Zotero: Bryan Brazeau

This segment will provide an in-depth introduction to working with Zotero. We will cover how to use this powerful reference manager to organise your research and notes, use custom tags when using sources in different archives, catalog PDF documents, annotate digital sources, and automatically extract annotations from text-recognized PDF files.

Dissemination and Networking: Tomi Oladepo and Gioia Panzarella

Social networks such as Facebook and Twitter can play a crucial role in a researcher's everyday life: they can be a source of information, a way to disseminate research, and a collaborative tool to establish connections and exchange ideas. The aim of this session is to explore these possibilities, as well as what to prioritize when starting to use social networks.