I
n the age of internet searches and social media, data has become hot—and not for the first time. An international group of historians will consider the promises, fears, practices, and technologies for recording and transmitting data from the eighteenth century to the present, including their implications for the lives of citizens and subjects.

Location: Rothenberg Hall, Steven S. Koblik Education and Visitor Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016

8:30 Registration & Coffee
9:30 Welcome: Steve Hindle (The Huntington)
Remarks by Conveners: Soraya de Chadarevian (University of California, Los Angeles) Theodore M. Porter (University of California, Los Angeles)
9:45 Session 1 Envisioning Data from the Early Modern to the Nineteenth Century
Moderator: Norton Wise (University of California, Los Angeles)
J. Andrew Mendelsohn (Queen Mary University of London and Charite Berlin)
“Data as a State of Mind and the Problem of How It Came to Be in Early Modern Europe”
David Sepkoski (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)
“Narrating the Past with Data: Cameralism, Natural History, and the Visual Language of Statistics in the Nineteenth Century”
11:30 Break
11:45 Christine von Dertzen (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)
“Datafication and Visualization of Statistics in Nineteenth-Century Europe”
12:45 Lunch
1:45 Session 2 Machineries and Objects of Data
Moderator: Patrick McCray (University of California, Santa Barbara)
Theodore M. Porter
“Cases as Data in the Nineteenth-Century Asylum”
Staffan Müller-Wille (University of Exeter)
“Data Selection and Re-Use in Franz Boas’ Anthropometric Studies”
3:30 Break
3:45 Soraya de Chadarevian
“Things and Data in Recent Biology”

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

9:00 Registration & Coffee
9:30 Session 3 With Data We Order Society
Moderator: Christopher Kelly (University of California, Los Angeles)
Den Bouk (Colgate University)
“Personal Data and the US Planned Society”
Sarah E. Igo (Vanderbilt University)
11:15 Break
11:30 Rebecca Lemov (Harvard University)
12:30 Lunch

Conference registration and optional lunches by reservation only.
Conference registration fee: $25.00 (Students free)
Buffet lunch (November 18): $20.00
Buffet lunch (November 19): $20.00

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