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Summer Schools



Things That Matter

Material and Culture in/for the Digital Age

> 17 - 21 June 2024



> Groningen, the Netherlands

Description

“Things that Matter” addresses the tension between the materiality of sources and their digitization. The Summer School maps the possibilities and challenges posed by the digital age for researchers, curators and the public. We discuss the changing nature of objects such as books and scientific instruments as source materials – what distinguishes an original from its digital copy and does it matter? What challenges are involved in the practice of collections and collecting through digitization, both technologically, environmentally and intellectually? How do virtual collections and exhibitions influence user experiences and expectations? What collections are digitized and why those? Who makes the selections? How do we meet scientific demands on systematic design and transparency when working on online search engines and on differing (and sometimes

incompatible) designs of databases?

The Summer School brings together experts from both academia and the cultural heritage sector. Over the course of one week of intensive teaching, they will deliver lectures, lead seminars and hands-on sessions in libraries and museums, and supervise student-led projects and presentations.

“Things that Matter” consists of 2 components, which can be taken together or independently:

- > The online course Curating a Virtual Exhibition, starting 15 April 2024. Total hours: 60 over 5 weeks.
- > The on-site Summer School, 17 - 21 June 2024. Total hours: 140 hours of group work and assignments to be turned in afterwards.

> Academic coordinators	Prof. Raingard Esser
> Fees	Free for participants from consortium partners and ENLIGHT partners. € 250 for external participants.
> Target audience	MA students and PhD students in History, Cultural Studies, Art History and related disciplines
> Application deadline	31 March 2024
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