Digital Humanities Workshop

Managing historical data in MS Access

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Beginners course: 25-26 April 2016
Advanced course: 27-28 April 2016

Registrations open on March 23rd, 9:00 AM

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Workshop and guest lectures: *Opening the digital toolbox. Managing historical data in MS Access.*

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What is the content of the workshop?

The workshop is a training course full of tips and tricks for collecting and analysing historical data in a Microsoft Access database. This unique workshop will tackle specific database problems concerning historical data: different spellings of proper names, missing data, managing chronology, variations in currency systems etc.

A **beginners course** will introduce the key elements to design a basic but 'bulletproof' database as a research tool. A subsequent **advanced course** will concentrate on the possibilities of Access for analysis of historical data and will address specific research issues. The latter also includes 'clinics' for specific problems, difficulties or issues with Access which individual participants encountered in their own research. Each course is capped off by a **guest lecture** open to all.

When/where will it take place and who is the lecturer?

The workshop will take place at VUB, Campus Etterbeek - the beginners course on **Monday and Tuesday 25-26 April**, the advanced course on **Wednesday and Thursday 27-28 April**. Specific details on the room and starting hours will be provided following the confirmation.

Lecturer for both courses is **dr. Mark Merry**, affiliated with the Institute of Historical Research at the University of London. He has about ten years of experience with developing relation databases for projects with historical data and is also the lecturer of the famous courses "Databases for Historians I and II" in London.

Who can apply and what are the costs?

The workshop is open to PhD-students, postdoctoral researchers and senior researchers working with historical data. Please note that **places are limited** to 25 participants in the beginners course and 25 participants in the advanced course. In each course there are 5 slots reserved per participating university (KU Leuven, UAntwerpen, UGent and VUB).
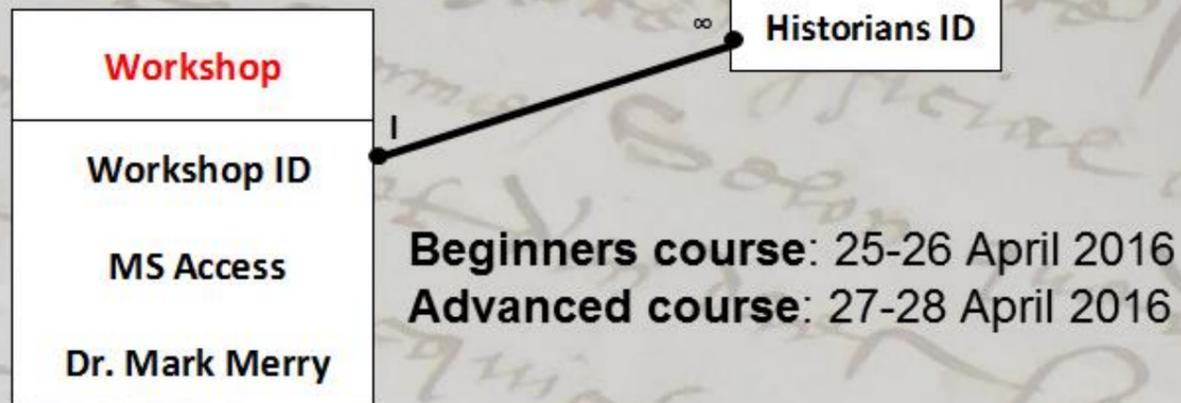
A **small fee of € 20** per participant per course covers the cost of copies, coffee breaks and a sandwich lunch at noon each day. Tuition itself is free, thanks to generous funding from Digital Humanities Flanders, the Flemish Government's OJO ("Omkadering Jonge Onderzoekers"), and additional support by various institutions.

How to apply?

Please fill in the registration form at http://goo.gl/forms/RKVUW5FMTx

Registrations will be possible starting of the **23rd of March at 9:00 AM**. Your attendance will be determined on a **first come, first served basis**. Although you can apply for both courses, priority for the advanced session will be given to candidates only applying for the advanced course. Once all spots are filled, registration will be closed and confirmations will be sent. Please note that **sufficient proficiency with Access is obliged when applying for the advanced course**!

The **deadline** for application is Sunday 10th of April 2016.