

Global Information History Workshop

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Friday, 24 October 2025: Memory, History & Information

Work-in-progress paper: John Brewer (California Institute of Technology)

“Memoire, Memory, History, Information: A Personal View”

Readings: Memoir, memory and information (tba)

Friday, 14 November 2025: Intercultural Diplomacy & Self-Fashioning

Work-in-progress paper: Aditi Gupta (University of Oxford)

“Gentil in Images: Cross-Cultural Diplomacy in Eighteenth-Century India”

Readings: Colonial India, diplomacy and European collecting (tba)

Friday, 12 December 2025: Information Management & Humanism

Work-in-progress paper: Mikhail Sergeev (Herzen University, Saint Petersburg)

“Conrad Gessner and Information Management: Three Case Studies”

Readings: Conrad Gessner, information management and the Renaissance (tba)

Save the Date: Annual GIH Symposium on Friday, 8 May 2026 (tba)

Website: For more information, please visit <https://sites.harvard.edu/globinfohistworkshop>.

Each Zoom session takes place 10.15am–noon Eastern Time / 16.15–18.00 Central European Time. Zoom links and the readings for each session will be circulated in advance.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at globinfohistworkshop@gmail.com.

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