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Section 2011

TEQIP-III WORKSHOP ON INTRODUCTION TO THE DIGITAL HUMANITIES

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Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Guwahati is a centre for research and teaching composed of academics from eleven different disciplines: **Economics, English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, History, Archaeology, Political Science, Geography and Development Studies**. Apart from its undergraduate B.Tech taught courses which include uniquely designed content offered by members of the faculty, the department offers highly interdisciplinary areas of investigation in its MA and PhD programmes. The department collaborates with related Indian as well as international institutions in projects and workshops in order to promote and produce cuttingedge work in humanities and social sciences.

About TEQIP-III

TEQIP was conceived in pursuance of the NPE-1986 (revised in 1992) by the Govt. of India under the Ministry of Human Resources and Development as a long-term programme, to be implemented in phases, for quality enhancement and resource sharing among technical institutions in India. The Knowledge Incubation Cell for TEQIP (KIT), established at IIT Guwahati under the 2nd phase of TEQIP, functions as a multi-disciplinary as well as interdisciplinary Innovation Incubation Centre with a focus on imparting knowledge, infusing innovation and forging the path to academic excellence. TEQIP III started from 2017-18 as a Central Sector Scheme with a focus on the Low Income States (LIS), the Northeast, the Hill States and the Islands. The programme is conducted by IIT Guwahati's Centre for Education Technology.

About the Course

The objective of the proposed workshop is to provide faculty and research scholars of the humanities and social sciences in the TEQIP mapped institutions with an introduction to the vibrant field of digital humanities. The term and the field of scholarship is extremely broad and is often confusing for newcomers to grasp. Even active practitioners of the field are often hard put to provide a limited definition of what the term signifies. At the pedagogical/philosophical/theoretical level, therefore, the workshop will aim to provide students with ontological, nomenclature and taxonomic meta-debates about the field in general. At the practical level it aims to provide information about tools and softwares that are usable by individuals without a technical or computational background. As such it will reveal project and teaching possibilities, discuss theoretical positions about dealing with technological interventions in the humanities, introduce cutting edge software, standards, and best practices and offer basic literacy in some softwares and languages with limited hands-on experience. It will impart some skills and conceptual clarifications in connection with the field. It will also delineate processes and workflows in the conception and execution of digital humanities research projects and proposals, particularly those incorporating an archival element. It will offer participants knowledge about generating digital data from material objects and records (oral/visual/textual), managing the generated data, and generating metadata for such datasets. It will offer insights into theoretical issues and debates about the semantics of cultural texts (audio/video/image) which are often emotionally charged and politically fraught and the ethics of managing them with the help of technology.

Course Content

The workshop will offer participants, through case studies and demonstrations, insights into ways in which humanists can collaborate with computational scientists to generate meaningful knowledge about their object of study. Pedagogy sessions would be coupled with time dedicated to hands-on experience with software demonstrated by experts. Examples include but are not restricted to: TEI-XML (with basic HTML), digital metadata generation for content management and OpenRefine (free, open source data cleanup software), Tableau Public (free, open source data visualization software) and Omeka (free, open source platform for publishing digital collections on the web) basics.

Registration

The course is open to members of the faculty of TEQIP mapped institutions. Please refer to "Institution List" link in the NPIU website or *the list of TEQIP mapped institutions*. However, PhD scholars from these institutions may be accommodated subject to the vacancy of seats. There will be a refundable registration fee of 2000 INR (inclusive of 18% GST) for the participants from TEQIP mapped institutions. Please note that the fee would be reimbursed only after participation in the course.

Seats that remain unfilled will be open to faculty/students of other institutions with a non-refundable registration fee of 2000 INR (inclusive of 18% GST). There will be a total of 40 seats for the course which will be filled based on a first-come-first-served basis.

The registration fee will cover course materials and working lunch.

How to Apply

- 1. Take out a Demand Draft of 2000 INR (inclusive of 18% GST) drawn in favour of Registrar, IIT Guwahati, payable at Guwahati towards registration fee.
- 2. Download the course *Application Form* and enter all details (typed entries are preferred over handwritten ones) including the particulars of the Demand Draft.
- 3. Generate a PDF document of the completed application form and take a printout of the same.
- 4. Affix your recent passport size color photograph and sign in the appropriate space.
- 5. Download the course *Endorsement Form* and get it duly approved and signed by the head of your Institution. Seal of the Institute is mandatory.
- 6. Send the documents in hard copy and DD via speed post to either of the the course coordinators (see home page for contact details) so that it reaches IIT Guwahati latest by 23.04.2019 (Tuesday).
- 7. Send the PDF soft copy of both forms to iitghss.tegip@gmail.com.
- 8. Fill this *Intimation Form* after you have sent the application form and the DD via post.

Accommodation

For participants from TEQIP mapped institutions, based upon request, accommodation can be arranged free of cost either in the Institute Guest House, in student hostels on campus or at hotels in Guwahati city. Depending on availability lodging may be extended to non TEQIP candidates on self payment basis. Please contact either of the coordinators and/or <code>iitghss.teqip@gmail.com</code> for further queries.