



**Interdisciplinary Doctoral Workshop: Historical Research Practices  
with Prof. Andrew Goble (University of Oregon)**

Thursday, 19. September 2019

University of Zurich, Room tbd

**09:00 – 10: 00**

**Introductions**

The participants introduce themselves briefly and describe their thesis in 3 minutes.

*break 30 mins*

**10:30 – 12:00**

**I. Introduction by Prof. Andrew Goble: historical research practices in Japan**

Prof. Andrew Goble, a specialist of medieval Japanese history, will hold an introductory lecture on the dominant historical research practices in Japan and their impact on research on Japanese History outside of Japan.

Discussion

*Lunch break 90 mins*

**13:30 – 15:30**

**II. Participant status reports: historical research practices across disciplines**

Participants contribute a short status report about the work of influential historians in their research field, addressing questions such as mentioned in the workshop description (see announcement email). It could be a general overview over dominant tendencies of historical research in their field, a reflection on recent trends, it may address the work of a specific historian, or possibly discuss one specific article or monograph.

Discussion

\*length of individual presentations ca. 5-10 mins

*break 30 mins*

**16:00 – 18:00**

**2. Discussion**

In-depth discussion of the topics and problems addressed throughout the day, specifically in relation to the participant's own PhD research.



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**Workshop description and goal**

The workshop aims to establish a dialogue between disciplines by reflecting on the historical research practices across various fields. Many questions are of interest, such as, for example:

- what are dominant research paradigms? (eg. hagiography vs. systematic approach)
- what problems are being addressed? What is not being addressed?
- what sources are used? (eg. written documents vs. archaeological excavations)
- how does the selection of topics influence the selection of sources and vice-versa?

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss problems faced in their own research connected to these issues and exchange ideas with peers from other fields.

**Status reports**

Participants will contribute a short status report on research practices in their field. They are relatively free in the form of that presentation as long as it addresses relevant issues as described in the description above. Eg.. it could be a general overview over dominant tendencies of historical research in their field, a reflection on recent trends, it may address the work of a specific historian, or possibly discuss one specific article or monograph.

The status reports should be about 5-10 minutes each.

**Registration**

Register with [alexandra.ciorciaro@uzh.ch](mailto:alexandra.ciorciaro@uzh.ch) by **August 20th, 2019**.