

2ND LAGOS SUMMER SCHOOL IN DIGITAL HUMANITIES (LSSDH-2018)

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*(An International Summer Institute in Digital Cultures & Digital
Scholarship)*

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University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria

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***HUMANITIES, TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION: A
MULTIDISCIPLINARY FORUM FOR THE EXPLORATION OF
TOOLS, TECHNIQUES AND THEORY IN DIGITAL HUMANITIES***

Introduction

The **Lagos Summer School in Digital Humanities (LSSDH)** has now become an annual interdisciplinary research and capacity building space for the promotion of the principles and practice of digital humanities in Nigeria and Sub-Saharan Africa. It is the initiative of the University of Lagos Digital Humanities Research Unit.

LSSDH was conceived as a training and research platform for young scholars and early career academics willing to explore tools, techniques and theory offered by digital humanities for globally-competitive research and digital scholarship. Our primary aim is: “to raise, develop and equip a new generation of scholars and researchers in the humanities and social sciences for innovative digital scholarship, national development and global competitiveness”.

It is a fact that recent advances in digital cultures and digital scholarship around the world have thrown up serious challenges for scholars and researchers in the humanities. In this global south, this revolution in digital technology has become a compelling call to scholars and researchers to seize the moment and embrace international best practices for innovative research in the humanities and social sciences.

The application of computer-aided methods and digital tools in research orientations and knowledge productions in the humanities, cultural studies and social sciences has continued to evolve new insights and approaches on the potential of these fields to contribute to social transformation, research and innovation as well as enhance the capacity to build a knowledge-based society in Nigeria and other countries in the global south.

Although the gaps in research, infrastructure, human capital and skills have hampered serious research activities in Nigeria, the Lagos Summer School in Digital Humanities strives to address some of these gaps. The maiden edition of the Summer School in Digital Humanities was a pilot study held successfully at the University of Lagos between July 10 and 15, 2017. More than 30 participants from some key universities and institutions around the southern part of Nigeria attended the 5-day summer training programme. The 2018 version therefore hopes to extend the space in order to allow the participation of more junior researchers and early career academics from every part of the country including the sub-region (e.g. Ghana, Togo). This 2nd Lagos Summer School in Digital Humanities (LSSDH-2018) will focus specifically and intensely on exposing participants to basic tools and techniques and theory in digital humanities as well as the process of digitizing cultural materials.

LSSDH2018 also hopes to offer a unique space for multidisciplinary interactions that will strengthen the relevance and significance of the humanities through the contribution they can make to technological development. The exposure of participants to how they can employ new technologies for research and study in the humanities can potentially open up great possibilities for cutting edge innovative research and national development. As Burr (2016)

asserts, the fact is, the Arts possess a large number of areas in which computational methods, software and hardware systems can be applied. Therefore, a p p l i c a t i o n o f d i g i t a l t e c h n o l o g i e s i s b e l i e v e d t o p o t e n t i a l l y h e l p s c h o l a r s i n t h e humanities and liberal sciences to develop academic and professional competencies suited to address a range of multidimensional human and social problems.

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