Archives of crisis and conspiracy: the digital future

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This webinar is one of a series of six organised by the British Records Association’s Archives Advocacy Group which will be held during 2021 and 2022. The aim of the series is to raise and debate questions surrounding the criticality and value of archives and records as information and evidence. questions such as:

- What does the record – be it in hard copy paper format, digital or other media – mean to us?
- Why should we be concerned about its survival?
- How can the authenticity and significance of records be assessed?
- How can perceived barriers to the access and use of records be broken down?

Speakers Valérie Schafer from the University of Luxembourg, Friedel Geeraert Belgian Royal Library and Kees Teszelszy National Library of the Netherlands will consider how memory institutions and other organisations conduct rapid response archiving to capture the digital records of crisis. This includes how they decide what to include and exclude, and how and when those born-digital archives should be made available to researchers and the wider public. It will also consider how huge digital archives, which may contain multiple forms of misinformation, can be effectively described and contextualised when close reading and cataloguing are not possible.

The webinar will take place on 31 March 2022, 6:00PM – 7:30PM via Zoom. A link will be emailed to you once you have booked a ticket.

The webinar series is in partnership with the Institute of Historic Research (IHR) Tickets are booked on the IHR website.

Past webinars in this series can be viewed on the IHR’s YouTube channel.