ASG Human Memory in the Digital Age

Much of human interaction and communication increasingly takes place in a digital universe. The professional and personal lives of many people today include both offline and online elements. At work, computers constitute an essential tool; in private, the smartphone is an omnipresent device that connects one with family and friends, delivers entertainment and news and serves as planning tool and calendar – all activities that are part of the human memory-making.

The aim of this ASG is to explore the effects of digitalisation processes on human memory by creating a network of scholars interested in both memory and digital technologies. Multi-disciplinary in nature, this ASG provides an environment where scientists from several faculties at Lund University get together and exchange ideas and knowledge from their respective fields in order to answer the main objective of the group: How is human memory affected by the increased digitalized universe in which people unfold their professional and personal lives? By human memory we understand here the social representations of the past, at both the individual and collective levels. Ultimately, the proposed ASG will result in the creation of a network of scholars across several faculties at Lund University, who will be able to develop connections with like-minded researchers abroad and to formulate research questions that may form the basis for larger grant applications for both Swedish and international/European funds.

Activities
10th of October – Open presentation on “Constructing reality: On how the brain constructs representations of the world around us and allows us to revisit the past and imagine the future” by professor Mikael Johansson, department of Psychology, Lund university

12th of December – Open presentation on ”Cognitive consequences of linguistic diversity” by professor, Sven Strömqvist, Centre for languages and literature, Lund university

19th of January – Open presentation “on Memory, communication and technology from pre-historic to modern times” by senior professor Peter Gärdenfors, cognition science, department of Philosophy, Lund university

30th of January – Open guest lecture by Andrew Hoskins, interdisciplinary research professor, College of Social Sciences, University of Glasgow, UK: https://www.gla.ac.uk/colleges/socialsciences/ourstaff/andrewhoskins/#/on ”Digital Forgetting”

13th of February – Open lecture on “Our arbitrary memory of the future-shaping our collective expectations in the digital age” by Martin Ingvar från Karolinska Institutet: http://ki.se/en/people/maring

27th of February – Erik J Olsson and Ylva von Gerber on “The internet as collective memory in the age of fake news”

10th of April – Open lecture on “Google the past: Human’s and Memory in the ‘Globital’ Age” with Anna Reading, professor of Culture and Creative Industries at Kings College,
University of London, UK:
https://www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depst/cmsi/people/academic/reading/index....

8th of May – Open lecture on “Conceptions in the code - How metaphors explain legal challenges in digital times” by Stefan Larsson, docent and lecturer, LTH, Lund university

9th of June – Symposium on Human Memory in the Digital Age [symposium_9_juni_4.pdf]
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