

Archives Reflecting 21st Century Challenges – Migration and Sustainability

Conference announcement

The ICARUS Convention #34 will bring together diverse initiatives that explore how archival materials and practices respond to pressing global challenges of the 21st century, such as migration and climate change. The convention will be hosted by the National Archives of Hungary on May 12–14, 2025.

Under the overarching theme “Archives Reflecting 21st Century Challenges,” the convention will highlight the dual role of archives as custodians of historical memory and active participants in addressing contemporary issues. Participants will explore:

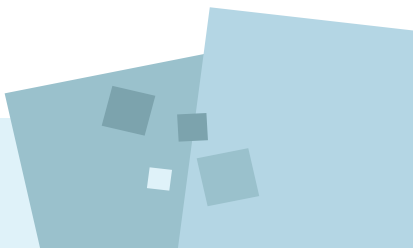
- How archival materials provide insights into historical and ongoing migration patterns.
- The societal responsibilities of archives in supporting migration research and documenting migrant experiences.
- The adoption of greener approaches by archival institutions to enhance climate resilience and sustainability.

The convention will feature among other topics:

AToM Symposium: Archives and Traces of Migration

This symposium will delve into the archival and documentary traces of migration, examining how archives can document, preserve, and make accessible the histories of migrant communities and individuals. Despite the massive historical and growing movement of people between countries and around the globe, as well as the burgeoning economic, political, and cultural interest in many countries of origin to build closer ties with their diasporas, migrant individuals and communities often fall between the cracks of library, archival, museum, and other cultural heritage institutions.

What are their roles in supporting research on migration? What are their societal responsibilities toward keeping the memory, documenting, and providing access to materials created by migrant communities and individuals?

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The symposium invites memory heritage professionals, archival, museum, and library professionals, as well as scholars, to contribute to the focused discourse on archival and documentary traces of migration. Topics include but are not limited to:

- Collecting, processing, and presenting migration-related documentary and archival material.
- Collecting, archiving, and publishing oral histories of migrants.
- Collaboration with migrant communities in cultural heritage projects.
- Case studies showcasing migration through archival evidence.

Through these discussions, the symposium seeks to address the critical role of LAMs in supporting research on migration and fostering closer ties with migrant communities.

Sustainable Archives and Greener Approaches Workshop

This event will focus on the role of archives in addressing climate change and sustainability, exploring innovative practices and strategies for reducing the environmental footprint of archival institutions. Topics include:

- Eco-friendly archival practices.
- Sustainable digitization methods.
- Archives as resources for environmental research and advocacy.

Participants will discuss how archives can adopt greener approaches while ensuring the long-term sustainability of cultural heritage.

Monasterium workshop

This event introduces the next line of features implemented in the upcoming version of Monasterium.net (MoM NG). We showcase major functional updates that enhance how users interact with the data. The presentation will cover parts of the user space, advanced (similarity) search capabilities that include textual, visual, and hybrid methods, as well as elements of explainable artificial intelligence. While primarily a presentation format, we will highlight key points with (live) demonstrations to illustrate how these innovations transform traditional browsing and search functionalities. Through this combination of overview and selected hands-on examples, participants can gain a better understanding of MoM NG's inner workings and its evolution to a cutting-edge document exploration and analysis platform.

