

International colloquium:
Litlink: A Cue Card System in a Research Environment of
Collaborative Work, Online Publishing and GIS

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The group “Linking of Knowledge in the Humanities” (LoKiH) and the Research Group “Trading Diasporas in the Eastern Mediterranean (1350-1450)” of Transcultural Studies Programme (TS), University of Heidelberg, will host an international colloquium “Litlink: A Cue Card System in a Research Environment of Collaborative Work, Online Publishing and GIS” in Heidelberg on 25-26 February 2010.

On the first day we will discuss the Filemaker-based cue card system and bibliographical tool Litlink, the software used for the “Medieval Mediterranean Diaspora Database” (MMDD) and perspectives for its further development. We will also discuss alternative models of knowledge management, namely the “Heidelberg Research Architecture” (HRA). Topics will include: how Litlink could fit into this integrated research environment and which of its elements could inspire the further development of Litlink. On the second day, we will discuss solutions for collaborative work, online publishing, and GIS in the humanities and how they could interact with and inspire database systems like Litlink.

By exchanging experiences and practices from different fields, we hope to provide a platform to strengthen cooperation in the field of applied scientific computing or e-humanities. The concentration on the software Litlink shall help to focus the presentations and discussions of tangible problems related to interaction and connectivity and will provide concrete stimuli for the further development of Litlink. We are particularly keen to integrate functionalities for enhanced network analysis of the prosopographical data (qualifying the links between the knots for instance by genealogical information), GIS, mind mapping and metaimage-inspired graphic display of information. However, the final and larger aim is to provide a platform for different projects to interact and share information and experiences and to improve coordination of their efforts.