



Symposium

Principles for Ethical Use of Digital Testimonies of Victims and Witnesses of Mass Violence

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DAY ONE

Monday, June 22

9h00-9h30

Welcome

9h30-9h50

Introduction

Susan Perry & Claudia Roda

UNESCO Chair in AI and Human Rights - AUP

Brian Schiff and Constance Pâris de Bollardière

The George and Irina Schaeffer Center - AUP

9h50-10h50

Keynote | Ethical Considerations about
Digital Testimonies of Victims of Violence

Dafna Feinholz *UNESCO*

10h50-11h05

Coffee Break

11h05-11h40

Presentation of the Draft Recommendation
and of the Collaborative Writing Tool

11h40-13h40

Panel 1 | Recommendations. Focus on
Specific Archives and Platforms

Chair: Claudia Roda

Rossella Pulvirenti *Manchester Law School* |

Beyond Testimony at the International Criminal Court:

Witnesses' Human Rights and the Limits of

Consent in International Criminal Justice

Verena Lucia Nägel *Freie Universität Berlin* |

Open.Oral-History: Ethical Challenges

in the Curation of Sensitive Testimonies

Elodie Buronfosse & Doriane Poisnel *ECPAD French Army Archive* |

Protecting the Published Photographs and Videos of the French

Army Through an Ambitious Ethical and Digital Transformation

Eva Kovacs *Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies* |

Beyond Law and Technology:

The Ontological Uncertainty of the Testimony

13h40-15h00

Lunch Break and Students' Poster Session

15h00-16h30

Panel 2 | Global Recommendations

Chair: Susan Perry

Susan Nesbitt *Cantellus Group*,

Jennifer Victoria Scurrall *ETH Zurich*,

Nathan Heath *Syntony Research*,

Broderick McDonald *The Alan Turing Institute*,

OpenAI External Red Team Network |

Designing Trustworthy Testimony Archives

David Simon & Eve Zucker *Digital Archive of the Memorialization of Mass Atrocities - DAMMA* | AI and Holocaust Testimony:

Possibilities, Perils, and Principles

Shirin Anlen *WITNESS* | The End of the Blur:

Protecting Digital Testimonies in the Age of AI (online)

16h30-16h45

Coffee Break

16h45-18h15

**Collective Discussion of the Recommendation:
Definitions, Objectives, and Values**

Chair: Philipp Ambach *International Criminal Court*

18h30-20h00

Cocktail

DAY TWO

Tuesday, June 23

9h00-9h30

Welcome

9h30-10h30

Panel 3 | Challenges and Opportunities of New Technologies

Chair: Constance Pâris de Bollardière

Evita Feldentale *Museum of Occupation of Latvia* |

Video Testimony Collection of the Museum
of the Occupation of Latvia in the Age of AI

Gabor Toth *University of Luxembourg - VOICES from Auschwitz* |

Survivors Through the Lenses of Bio-Signal Processing:
An Intrusion into Privacy?

10h30-10h45

Coffee Break

10h45-12h15

Panel 4 | The Case of USC Shoah Foundation

Chair: Brian Schiff

Sam Gustman *USC Shoah Foundation* |
Collect, Catalog, Preserve, Access, Verify

Catherine E. Clark *USC Shoah Foundation* |
The 1s and 0s of Humanistic Questions

Sanna Steigmaier *Selma Stern Centre Jewish Studies Berlin-
Brandenburg* | Interactive Testimonies in the Age of AI:
Ethical Safeguards, Archival Practice,
and the Future of Survivor Testimonies

12h15-13h45

Lunch Break and Students' Poster Session

13h45-15h15

Panel 5 | The Consent, Role and Protection of Various Actors

Chair: Catherine E. Clark

Helga Lenart-Cheng *Saint Mary's College of California* |
Restituted Grandchildren and Intergenerational Data Rights:
Ethical Safeguards for Digital Testimonies in Argentina in the
Age of Generative AI (online)

Pollet Samvelian *Sorbonne Nouvelle*, Gayane Shagoyan, Gohar
Stepanyan, Zaruhi Hambardzumyan, Karolina Yeganyan and
Hasmik Knyazyan *National Academy of Sciences of Armenia* |
Digital Testimony under Forced Displacement: Ethics, Risk, and
Mnemonic Security

Maria Alef *Sorbonne Université* |

Witness Without the State: Role of Slow Media in Archiving

15h15-15h30

Coffee Break

15h30-17h30

**Collective Discussion of the Recommendation:
Principles, Relevant Laws, Recommended Actions**

Chair: Susan Perry

DAY THREE

Wednesday, June 24

9h00-9h30	Welcome
9h30-11h00	Working Group Drafting of the Recommendation
11h00-11h30	Discussion on Remaining Issues
11h30-12h00	Future Actions and Closing Chair: Claudia Roda




The students poster section includes:

- Kara Schneider *AUP* |
Sexualized Digital Violence and the Integrity of Mass Violence
Testimony in the Age of Generative AI
- Joseph Kosman *AUP* |
The Issue of Consent Rights of Testimonial Subjects in Digital
Genocide Archives
- Marcus Tursonoff *AUP* |
Posthumous Digital Dignity: Bridging the GDPR Protection Gap for
Deceased Victims and Witnesses of Mass Violence



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