

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

The American University of Paris

Monday, June 22, 2026

9.00 Welcome

**9.30-9.50 Introduction** by 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)

**9.50-10.50 Keynote** by Dafna Feinholz (UNESCO)

10.50-11.05 Coffee Break

**11.05-11.40 Presentation of the Draft Recommendation and of the Collaborative Writing Tool; Writing Groups Self-Assignments**

**11.40-13.40 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

13.40-15.00 Lunch Break and Students' Poster Session\*

**15.00-16.30 Panel 2. Global Recommendations**

Chair: Susan Perry

- Nesbitt, Scurrall, Heath & McDonald (Open AI Read Team), 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)

16.30-16.45 Coffee Break

**16.45-18.15 Collective Discussion of the Recommendation: Definitions, Objectives, and Values**

18.30-20.00 Cocktail

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**9.30-11.00 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?
- Stephen Naron (Yale University), Digital Humanities and Inhumanities: The Pursuit of an Ethical Approach to a Digital Fortunoff Archive

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

**11.15-12.45 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

12.45-14.15 Lunch Break and Students' Poster Session\*

**14.15-15.45 Panel 5. The Consent, Role and Protection of Various Actors**

Chair: Stephen Naron

- 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, Gayane Shagoyan, Gohar Stepanyan, Zaruhi Hambardzumyan, Karolina Yeganyan & 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 Testimonies during Russian Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine

15.45-16.00 Coffee Break

**16.00-17.30 Collective Discussion of the Recommendation: Principles, Relevant Laws, Recommended Actions**

**17.30 – 18.30 Keynote (to confirm)**

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

9:00 Welcome

**9.30 – 11.00 Working Group Drafting of the Recommendation**

**11.00 – 11.30 Discussion on Remaining Issues**

**11.30 – 12.00 Future Actions and Closing**

**\* 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