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Hornemann Institute News 2/2024

Dear friends of cultural heritage,

Today we would like to inform you about our current projects.

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Projects



NFDI4Objects

Get involved!

The National Research Data Infrastructure (NFDI), which is currently being established, promotes the exchange of research data by harmonising terminologies and developing common metadata standards.

We invite conservators from all fields to participate in the community cluster 'Conservation and Restoration/ Conservation Science' and the working groups (TWGs) 'Analysis of the RDM landscape in the field of conservation and maintenance of cultural heritage' and 'Community standards for controlled vocabularies and exchange formats in the field of conservation and maintenance of cultural heritage'. Help shape the digital possibilities in conservation and restoration! If you are interested, please contact: service@hornemann-institut.de

The Hornemann Institute is developing an online course on research data management in conservation and restoration as part of the NFDI.

It will be an introductory online course on handling digital data and data formats.

Module 1: Understanding and collecting data...

Module 2: Managing data effectively

Module 3: Evaluating data critically

Module 4: Applying and reusing data

The course will be free of charge for self-learners.

The course should be as practical as possible. If you have a documentation with a particularly large amount of different data and data formats, we would be happy to discuss it with you and integrate your challenges into the course.



Redocumentation of the Romanesque Stucco Fragments from St. Michaelis in Hildesheim

Thanks to the Centre for Cultural Heritage at the University of Heidelberg (Dr Roland Prien and Steffen Bauer), all the fragments have now been digitised and are being inserted into rectified historical images. At the same time, the catalogue is being completed and overviews of restorations and cultural history are being compiled.

In 2025, the volume of essays will be published as the 25th volume in the Hornemann Institute series and the digitised material will be published by the University of Heidelberg. Further information about the project can be found [here](#).

Photo: Antje Spiekermann (RPM)

E-Publishing



Videos

The recording of the "Hornemann Kolleg *Spezial*" on the topic „Mit Museumsobjekten um den Globus“ (*Around the world with museum objects*) by Madeleine Alsen will be available soon on [our website](#). Dipl.-Rest. Madeleine Alsen has been working as a conservator at the Roemer- und Pelizaeus-Museum Hildesheim for 10 years and has accompanied hundreds of objects around the world.

Photo: Madeleine Alsen (RPM), Design: CIVCD Team HAWK

Online Courses



Online Courses

All our online courses will be running again from 28 April to 22 June. The registration deadline is 9 April 2025.

- [Mould and Documents](#)
(Friederike Johanna Nithack M.A.)
- [Microbial Infestation of Objects of Art and Cultural Heritage](#)
(Dipl.-Rest. Barbara Hentschel M.A. with
Kassandra Wirth M.Sc., Nathaly Witt M.Sc., Prof.
Dr. Constanze Messal)
- [Church Rooms and their Climate. Heating, Ventilation, Equipment Protection](#)
(Christine Fiedler M.A., Jennifer Oster M.A., Dipl.-Rest. Ina Birkenbeul)
- [Photography as a Tool for Documentation and Examination](#)
(Christine Fiedler M.A., Dipl.-Rest. Barbara Hentschel M.A., Dipl.-Des. Clemens Kappen)
- [Consolidation of Wood. Possibilities and Limits of Structural Consolidation](#)
(Prof. Dr. Gerdi Maierbacher-Legl, Susanne Karius M.A., Christine Fiedler M.A.)
- [How to Safely Handle Contaminated Cultural Heritage](#)
(Roksana Jachim M.A.)
- [The Examination of Transparent Coatings on](#)

Furniture and Wooden Objects

(Prof. Dr. Dipl.-Rest. Julia Schultz M.A., Merle Strätling M.A., Prof. Dr. Gerdi Maierbacher-Legl)

- [Restoration Theories and Methods from 1945 to the Present Day](#)
(Prof. Dr. Dipl.-Rest. Ursula Schädler-Saub)
- [How Should We Act? Theory and Ethics of Conservation and its Significance in Practice \(Renaissance and Baroque Period\)](#)
(Prof. Dr. Dipl.-Rest. Ursula Schädler-Saub with Dipl.-Rest. Sophie Haake-Harig)
- [Conservation of Globes](#)
(Mag. Dr. hab. Patricia Engel with Michael Højlund Rasmussen)

In Spanish:

- [Teorías y Métodos de Restauración desde 1945 hasta la actualidad](#)
(Prof. Dr. Dipl.-Rest. Ursula Schädler-Saub)

Only in German (tutoring in English possible):

- [Grundlagen der Holzkunde: Eigenschaften - Verwendung - Schäden - Untersuchungsmethoden erläutert am Beispiel von Eichenholz](#) (*Basic Wood Science: Properties - Use - Damage - Examination Methods Explained by the Example of Oak*)
(Dipl.-Rest. Christina Duhme M.A., Dipl.-Rest. Mirja Harms M.A., Prof. Dr. Gerdi Maierbacher-Legl)
- [Schädigung von Kulturgut durch Salze](#) (*Damage to Cultural Heritage from Salt*)
(Dr. Hans-Jürgen Schwarz)
- [Saccharidische Bindemittel und Kleber](#) (*Saccharide Binding Media and Adhesives*)
(Prof. Jirina Lehmann)
- [Erhaltung von Wachsmoulagen](#) (*Conservation of Wax Moulages*)
(Dipl.-Rest. Johanna Lang with Dipl.-Rest. Ute Hack, Dr. Sandra Mühlenberend, Dipl.-Rest. Luise Kober)

News from the Conservation Study Programmes at HAWK



51 first-semester students have started their studies at the HAWK in the winter semester.



Save the Date: Conference "Analysen für die Praxis" (Analyses for Practice), 5 - 7 November 2025, Hildesheim

The VDR specialist group Furniture and Wooden Objects invites you to the conference ["Analysen für die Praxis – Untersuchungsmethoden für Holzobjekte in der Restaurierungswissenschaft"](#) (*Analyses for Practice – Examination Methods for Wooden Objects in Conservation Science*) from 5-7 November 2025 at the

HAWK Hildesheim. The conference will focus on efficient and meaningful analytical methods in the field of furniture and wooden objects. The influence of analytical results on conservation concepts will be examined in order to gain insights into the benefits of traditional and innovative examination techniques.

Image source: <https://www.restauratoren.de>

Best Wishes



The past year confirmed again how well we have settled in at the HAWK: our online courses, which were very innovative when we were founded in 1998, are now fully established in the international training of professionals as well as for our own students. With our two new colleagues, we will now be able to develop new ideas and projects again. We are proud of our involvement in building a national research infrastructure.

We wish you happy holidays and good health and optimism for 2025!

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