Since software services, and the innovative software architectures that they require, are becoming widespread in their use in the Digital Humanities, it is important to facilitate and encourage problem and solution sharing among different disciplines to avoid reinventing the wheel. This workshop will build on two previous Service Oriented Computing in the Humanities events held in 2006 and 2007 (under the auspices of SOSERNET and the AHRC ICT Methods Network). The workshop is structured around four invited presentations from different humanities disciplines. These disciplines are concerned with (e.g.) archaeological data, textual data, the visual arts and historical information. The presentations will approach humanities data, and the various uses of it, from different perspectives at different stages in the research lifecycle. There will be reflection on the issues that arise at the conception of a research idea, through to data gathering, analysis, collaboration and publication and dissemination. A further presentation from Computer Science will act as a ‘technical response’ to these papers, showcasing different tool types and how they can be applied to the kinds of data and methods discussed.

The presentations will be interspersed with scheduled discussion sessions and The emphasis throughout is on collaboration, and what the humanities and computer science communities can learn from one another: do we have a common agenda, and how can we take this forward? The day will conclude with a moderated discussion that will seek to identify and frame that agenda, and form the basis of a report.

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Outline programme:

9:30 Coffee
10:00 Welcome
10:15 M.C. Shraefel [live link]
10:45 Elpiniki Fragkouli
11:15 Coffee
11:45 John Bradley
12:15 Short discussion
12:30 Lunch
13:30 Allen Renear
14:00 Tapio Seppänen [response]
14:30 Coffee
15:00 Concluding discussion panel
16:30 Close