Ground-breaking research to discover the nature of human culture

CLARIAH - Common Lab Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities

The availability of massive quantities of digital sources (textual, audio-visual and structured data) for research is revolutionizing the humanities. Top-quality humanities scholarship of today and tomorrow is therefore only possible with the use of sophisticated ICT tools. CLARIAH aims to offer humanities scholars a „Common Lab’ that provides them access to large collections of digital resources and innovative user-friendly processing tools, thus enabling them to carry out ground-breaking research to discover the nature of human culture.

The economic history research group led by Professor Jörg Baten of the University of Tuebingen provides individual-level anthropometric data, which are of substantial interest, because such data allow to trace health welfare over centuries, also for less-developed countries.

These data sets reflect the current status of height research based on individual data. The research team will standardize the evidence (such as variable names), describe the context of data collection, assess the data sets for plausibility (again), add a list of publications based on it, and describe the data sets as good as possible. The data sets will be assessed for plausibility and approximate representativeness using state-of-the-art methods.

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