

Match-a-thon Session 1: Working with World Historical Gazetteer (WHG)

Monday, 11:00 – 12:30

After a brief introduction to WHG, focusing on its data reconciliation feature, participants can work with either their own data (uploaded previously or during this session) or with existing datasets already in the WHG system. In both cases, participants will need to be registered WHG users and logged in.

Your data or an example

The guide, “*Hist-ME Meetup WHG Walkthrough*” takes you through the steps of creating and uploading a data file—either your own or an example provided on the site. Participants can create and upload datasets at any time, prior to the meetup or during this session.

Working with an existing dataset

There are several datasets in the WHG system at an early stage of accessioning, in need of reconciliation with Wikidata. It will be very helpful to the Hist-ME project to join in the review of reconciliation results for these. At this time, these include the *al Thurayya gazetteer of 11c Islam* (M. Romanov & M. Seydi), *Ottoman Cities, 16c* (F. Aladağ); more may be added. In order to work with these give your WHG username to Karl Grossner (karl@kgeographer.org) any time before or during the session.

Discussion

We anticipate various questions and concerns will surface as participants work, and feedback is essential to improving WHG’s reconciliation and dataset collection features. Discussion can proceed throughout, and in time reserved at the end of the session.