



How can digital technology increase the acceptance of a fragmentary original object? Where are the boundaries between the original and a digital version and what risks are associated with this issue?

Professionals from eight countries will offer answers to these questions from the perspectives of conservation-restoration, art history, architecture, archaeology, computer science, and cognitive psychology. The case studies encompass more than 3000 years of cultural history and arise from very different contexts. A workshop and a tutorial will provide opportunities for hands-on experience. Participants will also be able to view and discuss various on-site presentations of original fragments.

The conference will offer abundant opportunities for personal encounters and an interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge and ideas.

**Contact and Information**

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HAWK | Hohnsen 2 (Aula) | 31134 Hildesheim

**Registration**  
Application deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020  
Registrations are considered in the order of receipt of payment.  
Further information and registration under:  
[www.hornemann-institut.de/english/  
fragment\\_conference.php](http://www.hornemann-institut.de/english/fragment_conference.php)

**Child care**  
On request, the HAWK provides child care by student employees with educational experience.  
Please register your child at the Hornemann Institute until 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**Co-Host**  
ICOMOS AG Konservierung-Restaurierung  
Verband der Restauratoren e.V.

**Conference language**  
The conference will be held in German and English. A simultaneous translation will not be possible.

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# THE FRAGMENT IN THE DIGITAL AGE

OPPORTUNITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF NEW CONSERVATION-RESTORATION TECHNIQUES

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#### Invitation to reflect on digital restoration

In many cases, works of art have only been handed down to us in fragmentary form. Dealing with the fragment is therefore one of the main tasks of museums and monument preservation. Based on various theoretical principles, there exists a broad spectrum of restorative possibilities—both real and virtual—between the two poles of complete restoration and simple maintenance of the fragmentary condition.

This conference aims to place the focus for the first time on the ethical questions: What do the new digital possibilities mean for the conservation, restoration, and communication of the historical fragment? Without a doubt, the new media encourage communication between professionals and the public and in doing so, offer great opportunities for a broader understanding and a sustainable preservation of our cultural heritage.

