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A Digital Information System for the History of Astral Sciences (DISHAS): Why, and How?

Since 2017, an international collaborative project coordinated at the Observatoire de Paris is building a Digital Information System for the History of Astral Sciences (DISHAS). DISHAS aims to provide a platform for scholars, both for research and for data publication, in the history of mathematical astronomy. In this presentation I will introduce DISHAS, focusing on three of its scientific aims with respect to astronomical tables:

- transmissions of astronomical models and parameters across all of Eurasia,
- productions of natively digital critical editions for astronomical tables,
- recovery of the historical actors' computational practices.

I will demonstrate the platform, to illustrate the challenges and opportunities that DISHAS presents for our scholarly work. Finally, I will sketch possible future directions for DISHAS, that will encompass tables, but also texts and diagrams.

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 12:30* pm

West Building Seminar Room, IAS

Everyone is welcomed!

*You may bring your own lunch or purchase lunch at the Institute's Dining Hall from 12:00 noon. RSVP is not necessary but appreciated to ds@ias.edu.