



Lecture as part of the Teaching Assistantship Programme 2020

# Archives, historians and historical research

#### **Organizational details**

Instructor: Dinh Phong Vu

Date: November 9, 2020, from 4–6pm

Location: Online (link will be sent in advance to the lecture)

#### Content

History is the body of knowledge about the past produced by historians. Knowledge about the past is essential to society, so history must be accurate and based on <u>evidence</u> and <u>logical thought</u>. Archives are considered the primary resources, providing reliable evidence that helps historians "reconstruct" the past.

This lecture's main aim is to answer the question: Why are archival materials necessary for historians to conduct their research? And present some of the potentials for historical research based on the archives (mostly written archives) and, at the same time, demonstrate methods and techniques for this purpose.

Keywords: History, Historians, Archives, and Historical research

## **Learning Targets**

#### This lecture will help students understand:

- The importance of history to society.
- The value of archives in general and for historical research in particular.
- The methods to access the archives.

#### **Target group**

Students, Doctoral Candidates, and Postdocs of all Faculties

## **Course language**

**English** 

**Registration** No registration needed