The paper trail goes digital:
Researching historical linguistics in the 21st century

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When starting to carry out their own research, students of linguistics are often intimidated by the sheer volume of scholarship they need to cite. This is especially true for historical linguistics, a field which dates back to the 19th century and where even now, publication takes place in many different languages and academic venues. For students in eastern Europe and elsewhere who do not have access to a longstanding research library, it may seem a hopeless task to "follow the paper trail".

This workshop will provide advice in using the Internet in maximally effective ways to consult older works, search for new ones, and check cross-references. We will examine some of the major scholarly databases in the main Western languages and point out their strengths and limitations. We will also discuss how to identify and evaluate online resources, from encyclopedias to text editions to personal pages. Finally, we will consider the optimal means of making one's research visible online as well as establishing contacts with potential colleagues.