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Artificial Intelligence and Epistemic Responsibility: Heritage Lens as a Methodological Laboratory for Digital Americanist Research

Abstract

The use of artificial intelligence in Americanist research opens new perspectives for the analysis and understanding of cultural heritage, but also calls for critical reflection on mediation, interpretation, and responsibility in knowledge-making. This paper presents Heritage Lens, a research project that uses AI systems to explore textual and visual archives related to the cultures of the Americas, conceived not only as a technological tool but as a methodological laboratory. The project addresses risks such as decontextualization, oversimplification, and digital colonialism, and proposes an approach that combines scientific rigour with attention to cultural context and respect for indigenous knowledge, redefining the role of digital humanities in contemporary research.

Keywords

Artificial intelligence – Cultural heritage – Research responsibility