DaSCHCon 2026

AI in Practice: Experiences, Workflows, and Platforms

When: *October 21, 2026 (09:45–16:45)*
Where: *Bern and online*

We are happy to invite you to the DaSCHCon 2026 at the University of Bern in Bern, which is dedicated to **AI in Practice**. Artificial Intelligence technologies are increasingly shaping how research is conducted across disciplines – from text and image analysis to metadata enrichment, pattern detection, and knowledge extraction. But how are these tools actually used in research and cultural heritage environments? And to what extent do those algorithms benefit, at what cost (e.g. data sovereignty, environmental impact), and what are the potential traps?

We invite researchers, data specialists, and professionals from academia and cultural heritage institutions to share how they integrate AI into their scholarly workflows and institutional practices. We welcome contributions that address questions such as:

- How are you using / integrating AI in your research or collections-based work?
- What are your experiences with specific tools, services, or platforms?
- How do you manage data, reproducibility, and sustainability in AI-driven research?
- Do you have any reflections on sustainability, transparency, and responsible AI use to share ?
- What challenges and opportunities have you encountered?

We particularly welcome practice-oriented case studies and methodological reflections that demonstrate how AI is being applied in real-world research and cultural heritage contexts in a meaningful and innovative way. Join us in exploring how infrastructures and AI together shape contemporary research practice and share your experiences!

The preliminary program is as follows :

Morning Session (09:45–12:00):
Presentation of selected projects and initiatives.

Afternoon Session (13:00–15:00):
We invite you to present (approx. 15 minutes) your project or ongoing work related to our theme **AI in practice**. Please submit your abstract using the attached template, which should be sent to daschcon@dasch.swiss by **July 31st, 2026**, with the following information:
- Contact details
- Name of your institution
- 500-word abstract
- Optional figures and illustrations (with copyright statement!) as separate files

We intend to compile a small book of abstracts which will be available online.

Workshop (15:30–16:45):
An open discussion and exchange of knowledge between the participants in thematic groups is planned. If you have suggestions for a topic and/or if you want to organize one of these groups please fill in the attached template and return it to daschcon@dasch.swiss by **September 21st, 2026**.

The programme and further details will be communicated during August 2026. Please see also the news item on the DaSCH website of the event which will be continuously updated:
https://dasch.swiss/news/daschcon5

Please register for the event by filling in this form until October 7th, 2026:
https://forms.gle/u7pT5XW1akHfSjN8A

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Best regards,
Rita Gautschy (Director of DaSCH)