

# Nordic Archive Days 2025 in Oslo

## Call for Papers

Nordic Archive Days are held every three years in collaboration with the five Nordic national archives. The conference is an important gathering for everyone working with archives and information governance across the Nordic countries. The next Nordic Archive Days will be held on **September 16-17, 2025, at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in Oslo**. We are planning for both physical and digital participation.

The program committee for the conference is pleased to invite submissions for the program through this Call for Papers. The theme for Nordic Archive Days 2025 is "**The Importance of Archives in Society**."

Archives play a crucial role as society's collective memory. They ensure that important documents and data from both the public and private sectors are preserved for future generations. By maintaining access to reliable information about historical events, legal documents, and societal developments, archives contribute to strengthening democracy, the rule of law, and our cultural identity. Archives also provide a foundation for research and education, serving as a resource for both public institutions and individuals. By preserving this information, archives enable transparency and accountability, which fosters trust in society. Additionally, archives play a critical role in crisis situations by maintaining essential information that can be used to rebuild and learn from the past.

The conference will address the theme through three tracks:

- **Securing Archives in Uncertain Times**
- **The Potential of Archives**
- **New Technological Opportunities**

Read more about the tracks below.

We invite submissions of short or long contributions to the program in the form of presentations, panel discussions, or workshops through this Call for Papers.

This is a golden opportunity for everyone working with archives and information governance to share their experiences, insights, and perspectives with a Nordic audience. We are looking for engaging and innovative contributions that can illuminate this important theme from various angles.

Please use the attached response form to submit your contributions, along with a portrait photo. Contributions should be sent to Nordic Archive Days, Program Committee, attention: Ole Gausdal, email: [ole.gausdal@arkivverket.no](mailto:ole.gausdal@arkivverket.no). Deadline: September 1, 2024.

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## The Importance of Archives in Society

The theme will be addressed in three tracks during the conference:

### Securing Archives in Uncertain Times

In uncertain times, measures to secure archives are more important than ever. We seek contributions that address handling such threats, such as cyberattacks, climate change, and natural disasters. The value of cooperation between national and international institutions is interesting in this context. Another relevant question is how archival institutions and others managing archives respond to economic downturns.

Contributions addressing how to protect sensitive information while ensuring accessibility and integrity are also of interest.

### The Potential of Archives

Archives contain vast amounts of information that have great potential to contribute to new knowledge in society. New technological methods will make it much easier to extract this content. How can we utilize these opportunities? How can we facilitate that data and archival materials are accessible and useful to broad user groups? The value of archives is closely linked to their use and sharing across society. We seek contributions exploring how archives and the information they contain can be best utilized. We are interested in how standardization in the digital age can increase accessibility and reuse of data. Contributions discussing the implementation of international and national standards will be relevant. We also welcome contributions that highlight how data can be made available for interdisciplinary research. Examples of innovative projects and collaborations with other cultural institutions such as libraries and museums will also be of great interest. Furthermore, we seek contributions on sustainable data management, including environmentally friendly strategies and technological solutions for reduced energy consumption.

### New Technological Opportunities

In a world where the amount of data is growing exponentially, we face unique opportunities and some challenges. We seek contributions exploring new technological possibilities for managing, long-term preserving, and making large amounts of data accessible. What are the needs for standardization and data management to ensure consistency and reliability? How can artificial intelligence, language models and machine learning contribute? How can data be made available and useful for interdisciplinary research with AI, while maintaining privacy, ethical, and archival principles? Another relevant area is the use of new technology in public administration and the private sector. Today, AI is used in problem-solving and decision-making processes. How is this documented? And what does this mean for the later use of archives? To what extent is this regulated by legislation today, and what are the needs going forward?