



# COMPUTATION AND THE PRACTICE OF 21ST-CENTURY HISTORY

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In recent works, scholars like Timothy Snyder and François Hartog have argued that the West has come to see itself in terms of a thoroughgoing presentism, a 'now' with no past or future. As historians engage with the global history of the 21st century, we will increasingly need computational tools that help us to monitor historical consciousness in realtime. Here I discuss ongoing work in the monitoring and mining of large-scale collective memory, focusing on the ways that computation reshapes historical practice.

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