Risky futures & other **Business**: The Risky Business Database Workshop

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The Risky Business Project was created to locate and collect marine insurance prices from scholars' existing datasets, which otherwise may be lost, edited volumes and primary sources to integrate these in a new multinational open access database. This newly designed database (RBDB) now includes information from insurance markets in Genoa, Livorno, Venice, Dubrovnik, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and covers a period from the early fifteenth until the late nineteenth century. The Project Team will meet with scholars and IT experts to discuss state-of-the-art DH tools, like HTR/OCR that may be integrated in the RBDB. In addition, we will be looking into crowd sourcing and marketing strategies to advance the project and as a tool to assist in preserving and maintaining RBDB's digital infrastructure in the future.

Program

Morning session

9:00 - 9:15   *Reception and opening remarks*, Claudio Piga (University of Genoa), Giorgia Profumo (University of Genoa) and Antonio Iodice (University of Genoa)

9:15 - 9:45   *Risky Business: Now and the Future (update on the current status of the project)*, Sabine Go (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) and Giovanni Ceccarelli (University of Parma)

9:45 - 11:00   *Mission (im)possible? Recognition of historical handwritten tables using Transkribus and Artificial Intelligence*, Sara Mansutti (READ Coop, Transkribus)

11:00 - 11:30   Break

11.30- 12:00   *Risky Engineering Business*, Samuele Contardi (IT software engineer)

12:00 - 13:00   *Risky Business: an outsider's assessment*, Maria Carmela Schisani (University of Naples Federico II)

Afternoon session

14:00 - 15:30   *Community building and crowd involvement. Citizen science, data collection and public engagement*, Gerhard de Kok (University of Leiden), Thunnis van Oort (University of Radboud) and Leon van Wissen (University of Amsterdam)

15:30 - 17:00   *Open Discussion*, introduced by Francesca Trivellato (Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton New Jersey, USA)
With the participation of Pierre Gervais (Université de Sorbonne Nouvelle), Ioana Marescu-Galleron, (Université de Sorbonne Nouvelle), Luisa Piccinno (University of Genoa), Carlo Taviani (University of Teramo), Daniele Tinterri (Genoa State Archives) and Andrea Zanini (University of Genoa)