

Image & Research Conference

19–20 November 2026

Auditori Palau de Congressos de Girona

Session 1: INNOVATION — 19 November

Title / Topic	Speaker
From smarter images to trusted heritage: JPEG in the age of AI	Touradj Ebrahimi (EPFL - JPEG Convenor)
Intelligent Assistant for the Contextualized Description of Images in News	Josep Maria Carmona (3CAT)
Artificial intelligence, semantic web, management software, speech-to-text, digital preservation, metadata, 3D technologies, etc.	—

Session 2: ACCESS AND CREATIVITY — 19 November

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Seeing the Bigger Picture: Multimodal AI and the Analysis of Large Photograph Collections	Thomas Smits (University of Amsterdam)
De-bias: Addressing bias in metadata descriptions in image collections in the age of GenAI	Fred Truyen (KU Leuven)
Dialogue – Debate: BIAS	Thomas Smits – Fred Truyen
Narrative creation, dissemination of collections, archives and creativity, exhibitions, citizen participation, image ethics, etc.	—

Session 3: HERITAGE — 20 November

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The Construction of Heritage Value in Photography: Research, Criteria and Challenges from the Centro Nacional de Fotografía	Mónica Carabias (Centro Nacional de Fotografía)
Image Collections Management in the Time of Lotus-Eaters	Lluís-Esteve Casellas (CRDI)
Dialogue – Debate: Rights management	Mònica Carabias – Lluís-Esteve Casellas
Archival collections, business models, image banks, intellectual property, image rights, economic sustainability, collecting, etc.	—

Session 4: CONSERVATION — 20 November

Title / Topic	Speaker
Beyond Standards: Photograph Preservation in Times of Crisis	Bertrand Lavédrine
State of the art in conservation, preventive conservation criteria, restoration of photographs and films, history of photography, digitisation, climate change, sustainable conservation, etc.	—

Closing lecture — 20 November

Title	Speaker
The Evolution of Photography and the Work of the Photographer	Tino Soriano