

Faculti Summary

<https://faculti.net/hiscod-a-new-gateway-for-the-study-of-historical-social-conflict/>

This video discusses the development of a historical social conflict database resulting from research conducted by the speaker and a colleague during their PhD studies on 18th century France. This video database aims to make historical data on social conflicts more accessible, as much of it was previously buried in rare books and difficult to access formats. The project was sparked by the work of historian Jean Nicola, who had extensive data on pre-revolutionary French social conflict but found it inaccessible.

After recovering Nicola's data, the speaker and colleagues decided to create a website for easier access to information on historical social conflict. They emphasize that while the database enhances access to existing knowledge, it does not fundamentally transform the understanding of social conflict but facilitates new research questions.

This video also describes the challenges faced in formatting the database, categorizing types of social conflict, and reconciling different methodologies used by various researchers. The project aims to include a wide range of data across different regions and timeframes, with plans to expand and include more events from various geographical areas, such as East Asia and other parts of Europe.

The speaker encourages collaboration from other historians to further enrich the database and improve access to knowledge about historical social conflict, highlighting the importance of collective efforts in expanding the project's scope and reach.