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Quill Project: Constitutions and other Negotiated Texts

The Quill platform is a new project to facilitate research into the process by which committees negotiate texts, especially in the context of constitutional conventions and legislative assemblies. The initial project is based around the records of the 1787 Constitutional Convention that produced the Constitution of the United States, and the Quill platform aims to transcend traditional narrative accounts by presenting users with a more detailed and intuitive reconstruction of the process of negotiation. We will present both the historical problems that this platform aims to address, and the approaches that we have adopted in building the Quill system.

Register for this talk via http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/bodley/whats-on.

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