The L3S successfully held its seventh Research Workshop from September 30, until October 1st, 2013 at the historical building of the hotel "Der Achtermann" in Goslar. Just like previous events in Goslar, Wernigerode, or Quedlinburg, the latest workshop took place in the beautiful Harz region of Lower Saxony as well.

This time the workshop was under the general topic of "Web Observatory" and the L3S’s computer scientists were joined by scholars from diverse areas like sociology, linguistics, computer design and law. Consisting of a creative mixture of more than 60 participants – ranging from PhD students and postdocs to professors and externals – the L3S research workshop participants explored specific challenges and synergies in several areas of focus, determining the impact on society as well as on the web science community.

The annual L3S research workshops provide a platform for the informal exchange of new ideas and a forum for planning joint projects with fellow researchers in the interdisciplinary fields of web science. They specifically aim at reinforcing the fabric of the underlying research and strengthening the network between L3S researchers. Traditionally the well known social event – organized by a small group of L3S team members – support the effort of networking.

This L3S research workshop was another step towards the planned evaluation, and thus towards becoming a member of the Leibniz Gemeinschaft.

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