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Linked Open Data in Neo-Latin Studies – How and Why?

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Slides and Code



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What will we be talking about?

- Neo-Latin studies: interdisciplinary and digital
- What are Linked Open Data and why should we bother?
- What is Wikidata?
- 3 use cases

Interdisciplinarity of Neo-Latin literature



Wordcloud generated from the subject headings of Latin works in the [Czech Union Catalogue \(SKC\)](#) printed from 15th through 18th c.

Interdisciplinarity of Neo-Latin literature



- Latin is *lingua franca* of the Early Modern Period
- Neo-Latin studies cover almost all aspects of early modern culture (cf. Greek/Latin and Altertumswissenschaften)
- Neo-Latin studies are interdisciplinary, collaboration/sharing is key

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Digital turn

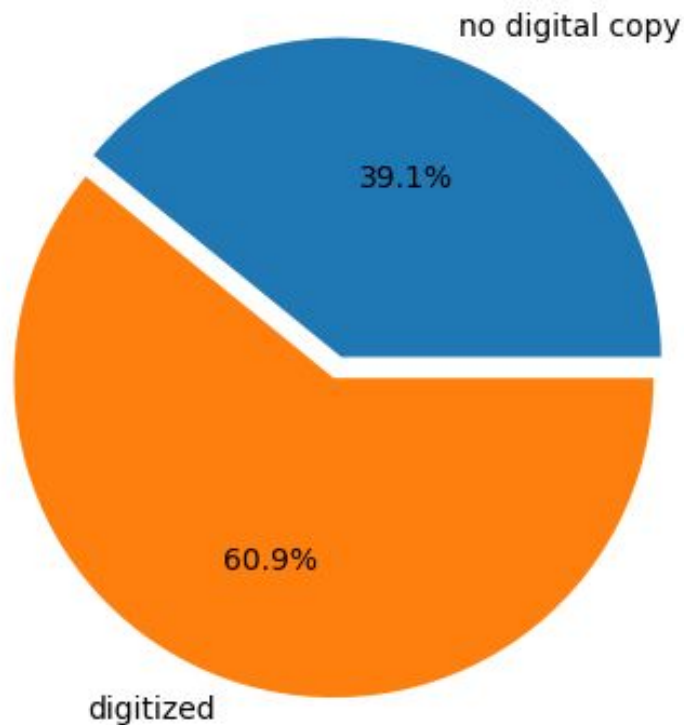
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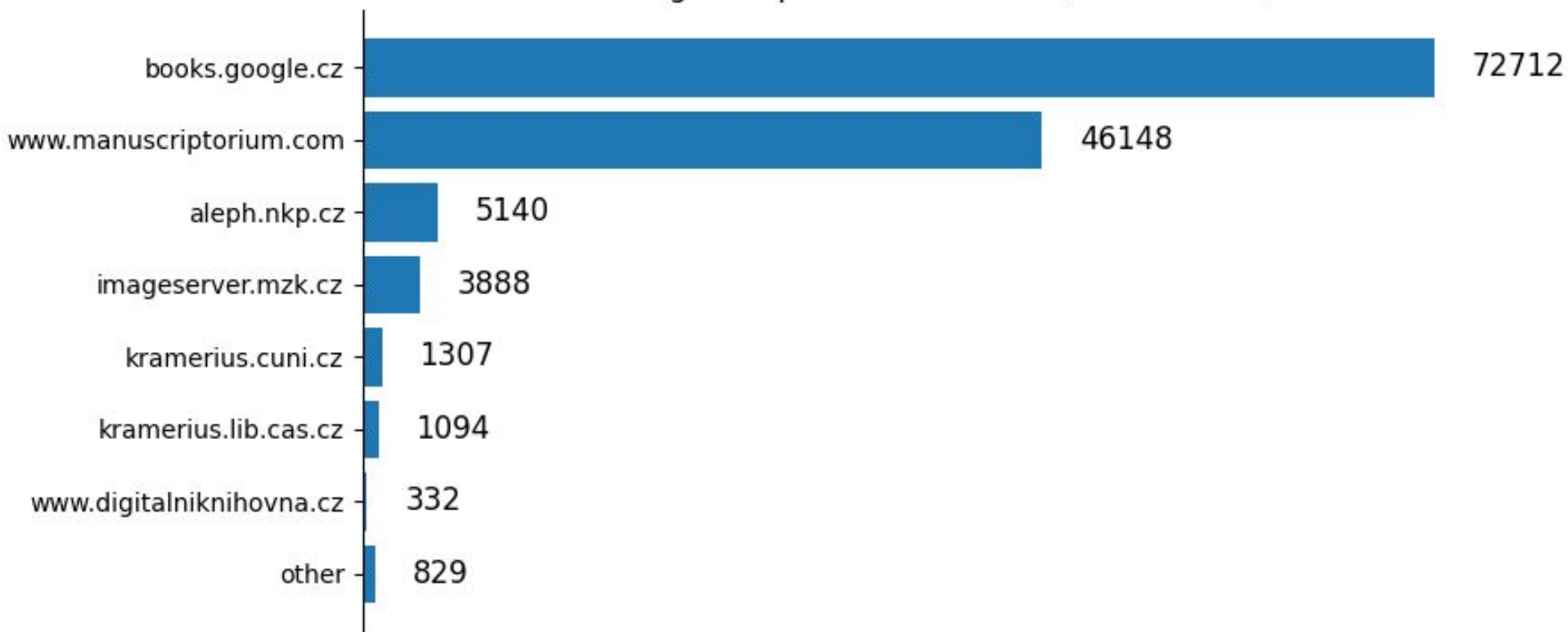


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Almost two thirds of Latin books (15th-18th c.) in SKC have digital copies



Sources of digital copies for Latin titles (15th-18th c.) in SKC



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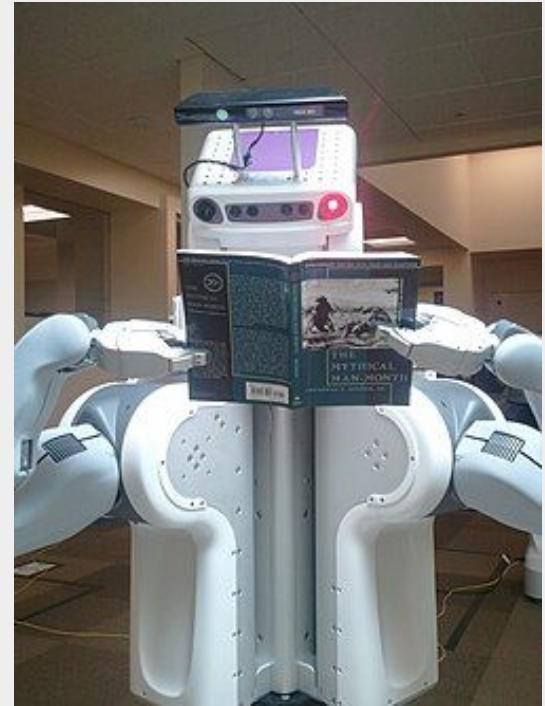
- Google Books launched in 2004
- Czech National Library has been digitizing with GB since 2011*
- Neo-Latin books everywhere, 24/7, for everybody
- advances in OCR and HTR make books searchable (serendipity)

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Arguably, digitization
has had a
transformative impact
on Neo-Latin studies.



*This hypothesis could be checked
using quantitative methods and –
hard-to-come-by – data.

Digital Neo-Latin Studies needs data

- lots of data
- open data (open license)
- high-quality data
- accessible data
- structured data
- interoperable data
- reusable data



Digital Neo-Latin Studies needs skills

- computational thinking
- quantitative methods
- data analysis
- coding



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What is Linked Open Data?

Data

verschiedene Gründe einen Aufenthalt seiner Mutter in Ráwnitz denkbar machen. Im letzten Moment fand ich ein sehr wichtiges Zeugnis für Brod; in einer Abschrift des Epitaphiums des Comenius, das ich dem ganzen Wortlaut nach veröffentliche, steht ausdrücklich: geboren in Ungarisch-Brod 1592 den 28. März.¹²⁾

Hrazdera¹³⁾ hat mit großem Fleiß nach Daten über den Vater des Comenius geforscht. Laut der von ihm aufgefundenen

Kvačala, J. (1892). *Johann Amos Comenius: Sein Leben und seine Schriften*. Klinkhardt.

<https://books.google.de/books?id=nOb8JttYIWYC>

Data

John Amos Comenius (/kəˈmiːniəs/^[1] **Czech:** *Jan Amos Komenský*; **German:** *Johann Amos Comenius*; **Polish:** *Jan Amos Komeński*; **Latinized:** *Ioannes Amos Comenius*; 28 March 1592 – 15 November 1670)^[2] was a Czech^{[3][4]} philosopher, pedagogue and theologian who is considered the father of modern education.^{[5][6]} He served as the last bishop of the Unity of the Brethren (direct predecessor of the Moravian Church) before becoming a religious refugee and one of the earliest champions of universal education, a concept eventually set forth in his book *Didactica Magna*. As an educator and theologian, he led schools and advised governments across Protestant Europe through the middle of the seventeenth century.

Wikipedia contributors. (2026, January 21). John Amos Comenius. In *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. Retrieved 18:36, May 5, 2026, from https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=John_Amos_Comenius&oldid=1334102575, [Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 License](#)



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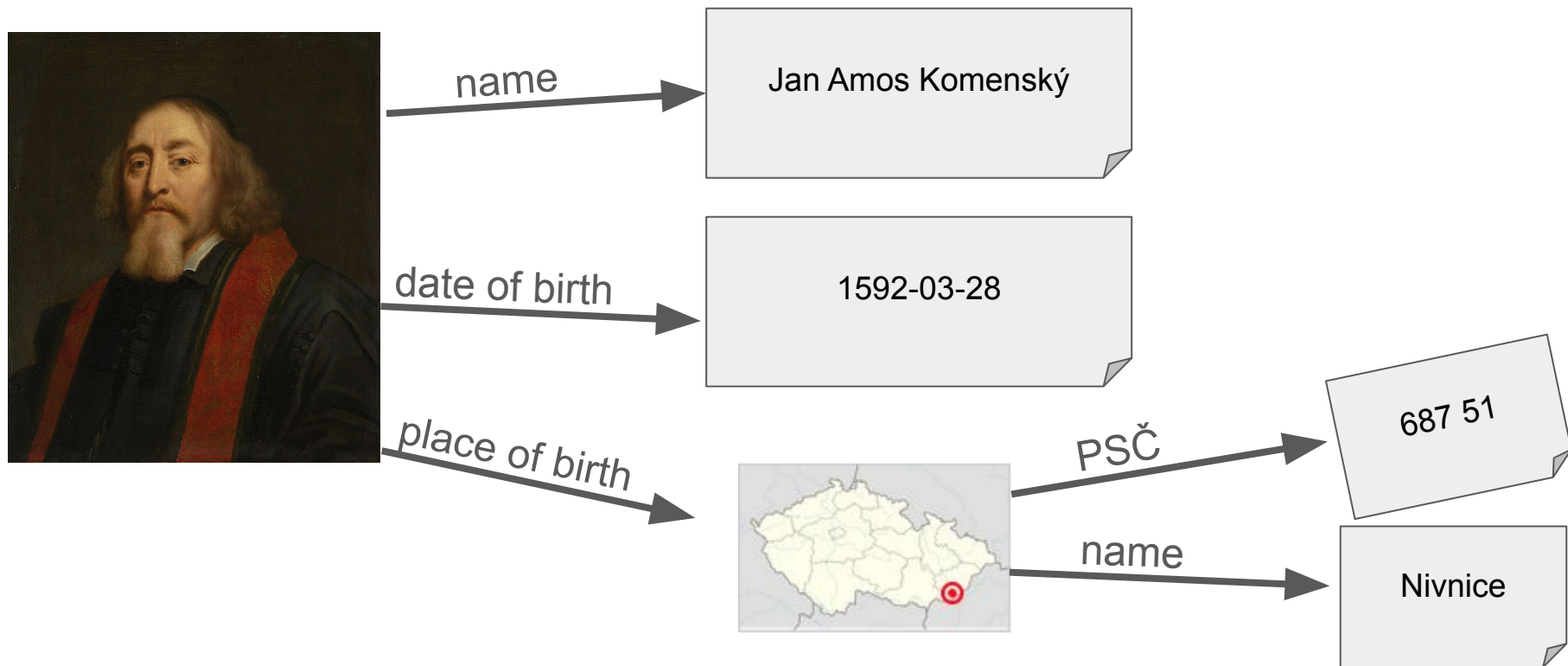
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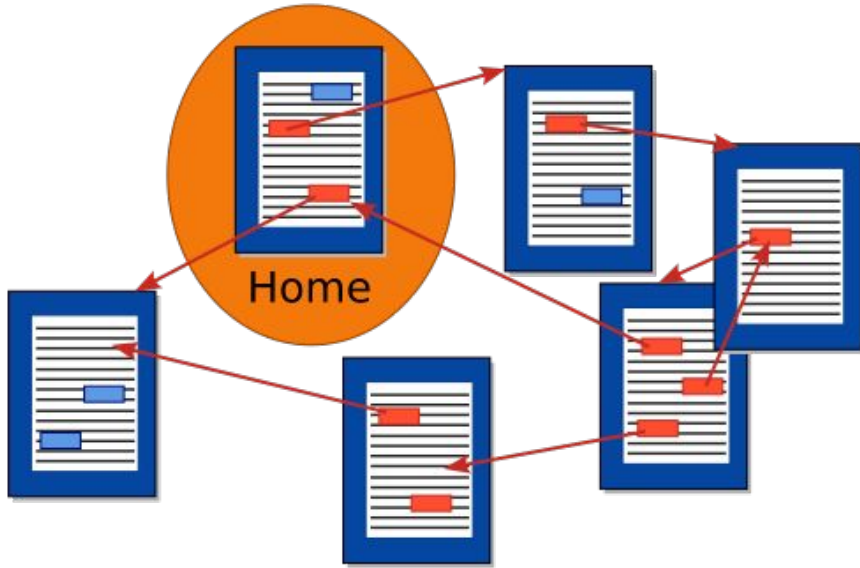
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Linked Data



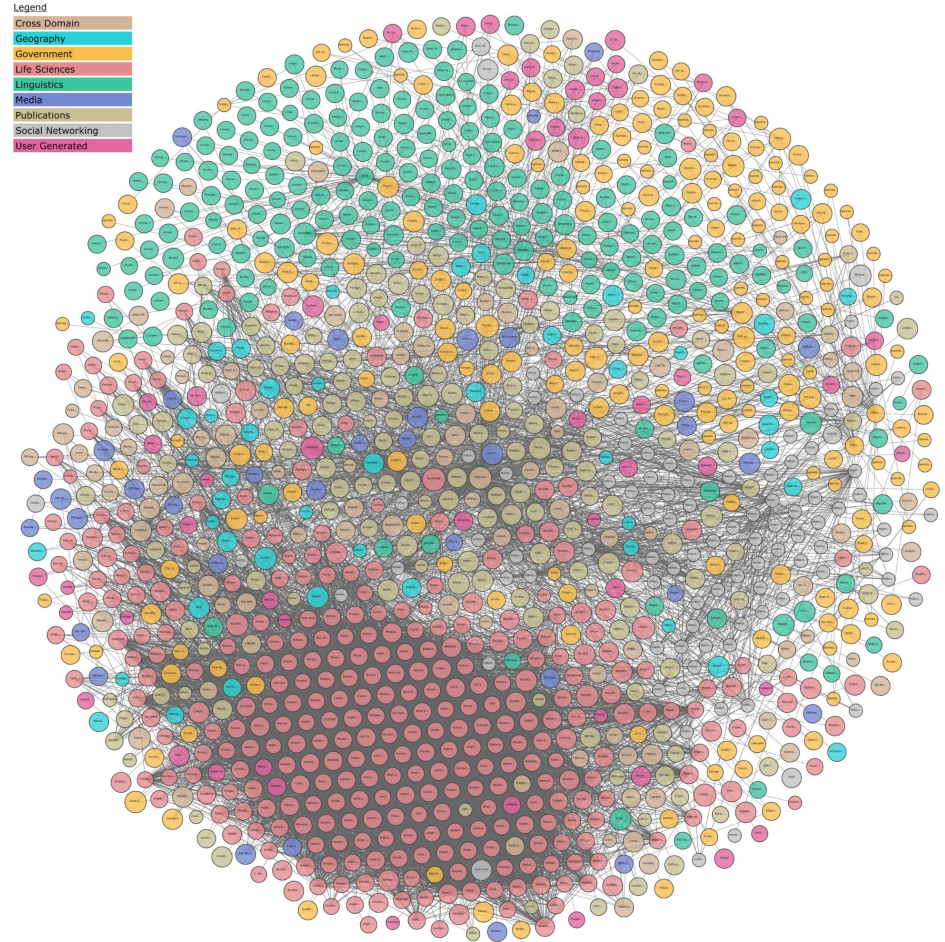
Linked Data



Linked Data (Semantic Web) is like hypertext, but for data and machines

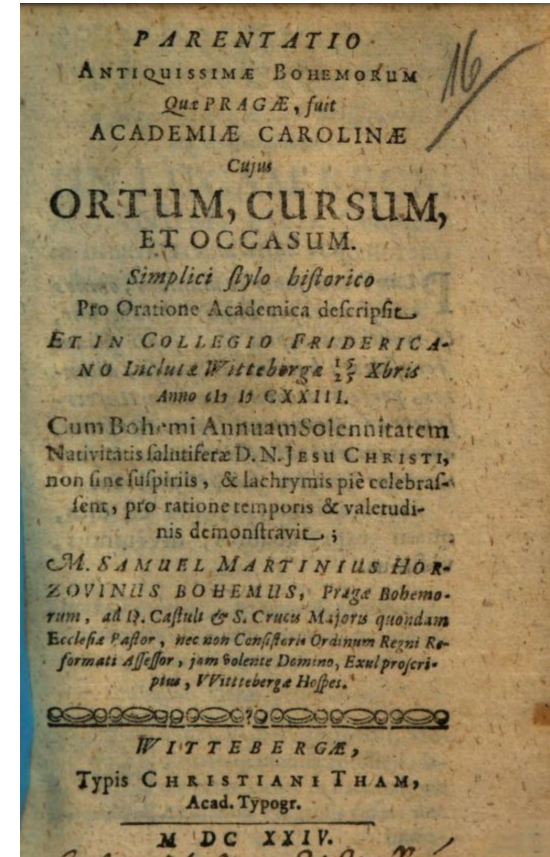
What is Linked Open Data?

- number of possible statements and links is infinite
- thanks to URIs, resources from various sources can be linked (in theory)



Linked Open Data in practice: LOD in texts

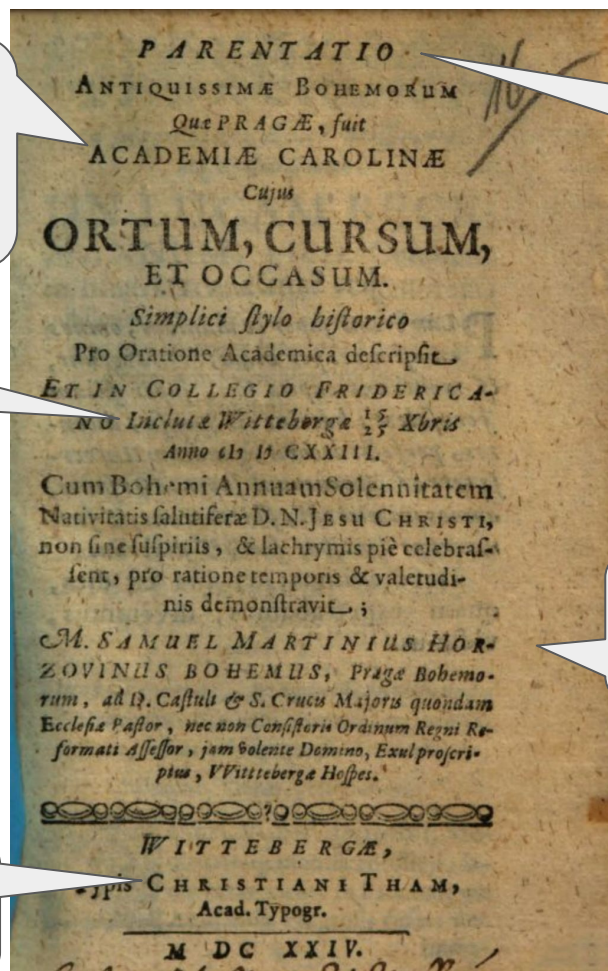
- Use identifiers (URIs) to identify Named Entities in a text
- Retrieve additional information on identified Named Entities
- Do interesting things (quantitative analysis, visualization etc.)



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Leucorea:
<<http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q60241812>>

Christian Tham:
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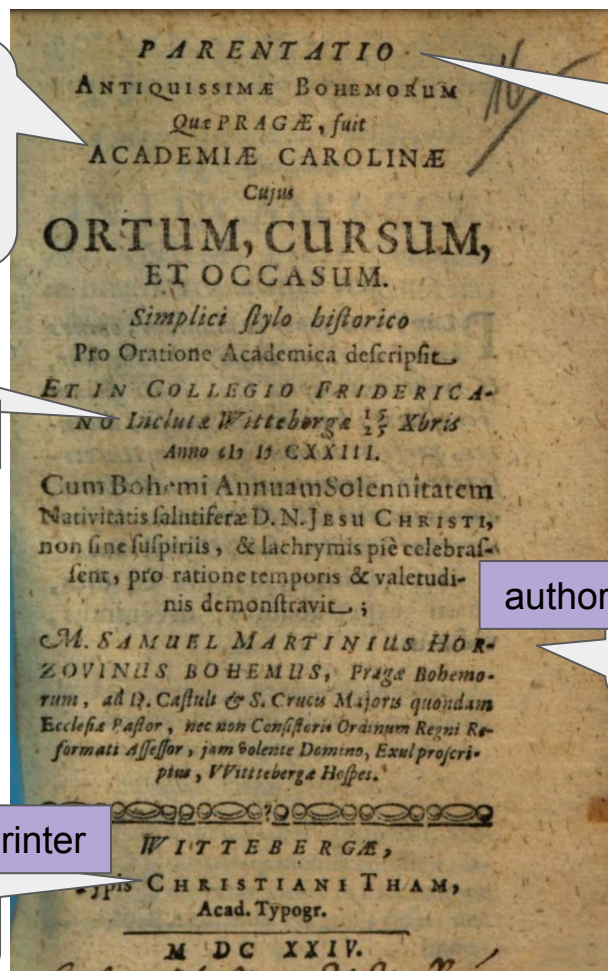
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3	Combiat SACRO REVERENDI ET ORTHODOXI THEOLOGI, Dn. M. DANIELIS ALGINI BOBOVINY, PASTORIS Ecclesiae Wranensum Vigilaris. SPONSAE & PUDICISSIMAE LECTISSIMAE VIRGINIS CATHARINAE, ab obitu CLARIS. VIRI Dn. MAXIMILIANI ALBINI de GENCOVA, CIVIS BERONAE meritisimi SPONSI Dextro alite BERONAE Celebrato, 28. Januari Anno 1620 / Anco dextra ibis applaudebant	Vrbenský, Viktorin, asi 1580-1622	PRAGAE : Typis PAULI SESSII,	1620
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NL CR AUT ID
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born
31.1.1593

born in
Hořovice

Samuel Martini:
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died in Pirna

What is Wikidata?



What is Wikidata?

- one part of the Wikiverse
- started 2012 as data backbone of Wikipedia
- open knowledge graph
- huge: 119 million items with 8 billion statements
- generic: covers potentially everything
- open: everybody can use, edit, and add, CC0-licensed
- highly interoperable: LOD-compliant, various APIs, performant infrastructure
- language agnostic



What is Wikidata, actually?

- web interface for reading and editing the Wikidata database
- database ~ triplestore
- query service to query the Wikidata knowledge graph using SPARQL
- performant APIs (SPARQL, Rest, MediaWiki)
- embedded in MediaWiki context (edit history, discussion pages etc.)
- active community
- a Wikibase instance run by the Wikimedia Foundation



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Wikidata for Neo-Latinists Part I



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What can you do with Wikidata?

- create items on any entity (person, place, idea, work, period, event, project, physical object, words ...)
- every item has a persistent URI, e.g. <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q64587232>
- add and edit statements on these items
- search for information using SPARQL queries and visualize it

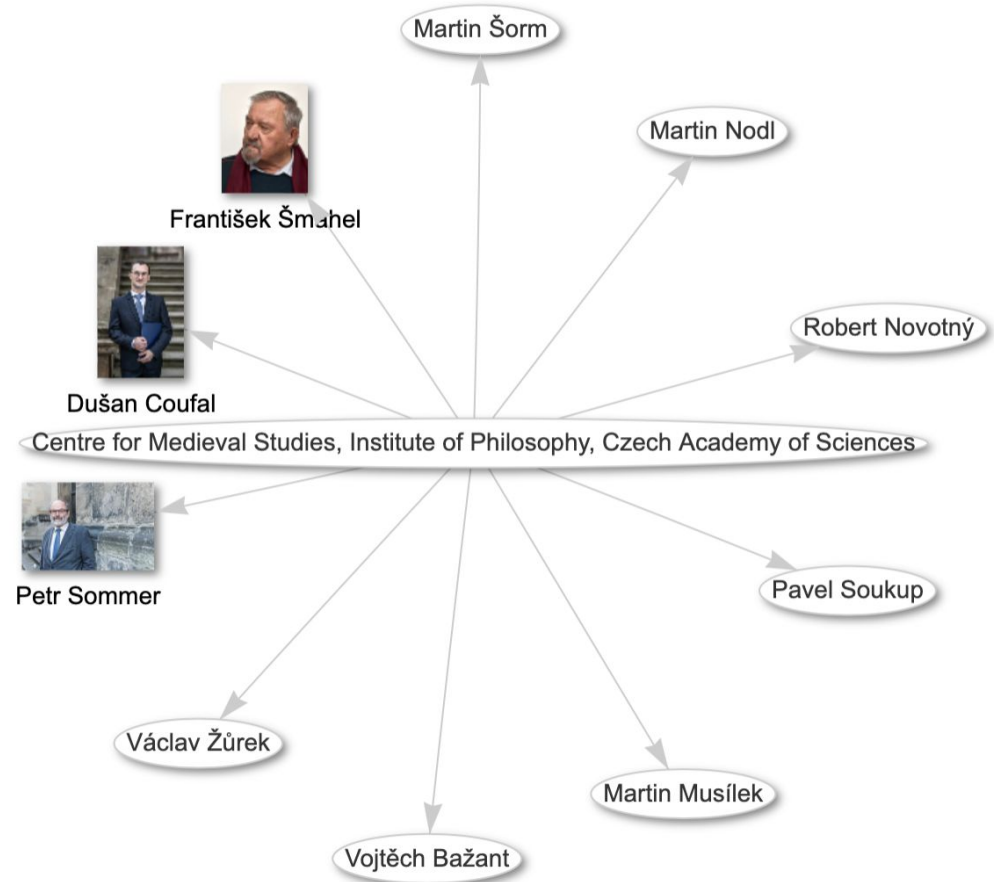
Wikidata interface showing the item **Centre for Medieval Studies, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences** (Q64587232).

The interface includes a search bar and a list of labels in various languages, such as:

- Center for Medieval Studies; Praha, , CZ; cms.flu.cas.cz
- Centrum Medievistických Studií Praha
- Centre for Medieval studies Univerza Karlova Prague
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What is Wikidata useful for? Some examples ...

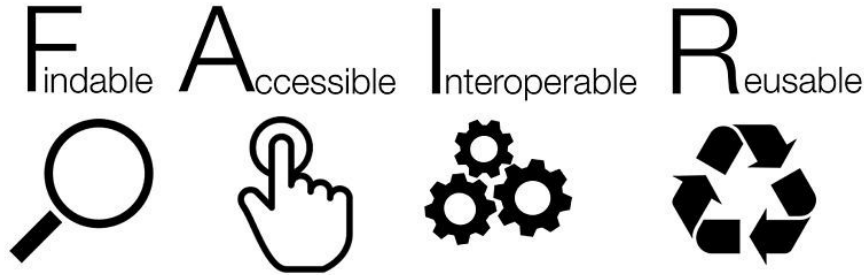
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- store your research data FAIRly, LOD-compliantly

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FAIR data is good data



- findable through **metadata**
- accessible through **identifiers** and **protocols**
- **interoperable** through **standardized formats** and **vocabularies**
- **reusable** through **metadata** and **open licenses**

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- collaborate with others
- connect your data with other databases, library catalogues etc. via shared identifiers (GND ID, VIAF ID etc.)

A Practical Example: Structure – Reconcile – Visualize

Data Source: European Humanism in the Czech Lands

A



Acanthis, Jakub

(Acantis, Acanthes, Acanthida-Mitis, Acanthides, Acanthido-Mitis, Megapolomensis, Megapolomaeus, Megapolensis, Velkopolomský, Tichý Stehlíkovic)

1580 (?), Velká Polom – after 1623

a Humanist poet, teacher and parson

I Biography

from Silesia. He was born

by Ioannes Gotsmanius / Jan Kocmánek, also a Humanist poet and later a Master

at the university of Prague. Gotsmanius to Prague studied at the school of St Henry. Subsequently Louny, which he left for later (in 1596), and then St Henry's school. After as an assistant teacher Třebenice and at the school of St Nicholas

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Extract

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Description – 135 items

Acanthis, Jakub

Acanthis, Kašpar Ladislav

Achilles, Jan

Adam of Veleslavín, Daniel

Aerichalcus, Sebastianus

Ailberus, Petrus

Albertina a Kamenek, Elisabetha

Albertus, Nicolaus

Albertus Schlacovaldensis, Leonhartus

Alginus, Daniel

Anemius, Simeon

Aquila, Ioannes

Aquilinas, Paulus

Augusta, Jan

Reconcile



OpenRefine


Connect names with Wikidata items

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Kašpar Ladislav Stehlík z Čeňkova Choose new match	(Caspar Ladislaus, Gaspar, Achantis, Stehlicius a Czienkow, Stehlík)
Jan Achilles Berounský Choose new match	(Jan st. Achilles Berounský, Jan Achilles the Elder of Beroun, Joannes Achilles Veronensis, Beraunensis)
Daniel Adam z Veleslavína Choose new match	(Adamus, Adamus Pragenus, Veleslavín, z Veleslavína, a Veleslavina, a Weleslavina, Danyel Adam z Weleslawjna)
Šebestián Aerichalcus Choose new match	Šebestián Aerichalcus (Q10396863) Czech writer
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Albertus, Nicolaus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicolaus Albert (100) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicolaus Albertus Blaauw (83)	(wikilias Albert z Kamenka)

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SPARQL-Query ([WDQS](https://wdqs.org/)/[Qlever](https://qlever.dev/)) and visualize

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<https://qlever.dev/wikidata/yjOi8J>

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1ms for resolving and sending

[Query Virtuoso](#)

[Query WDQS](#)

[Map view](#)

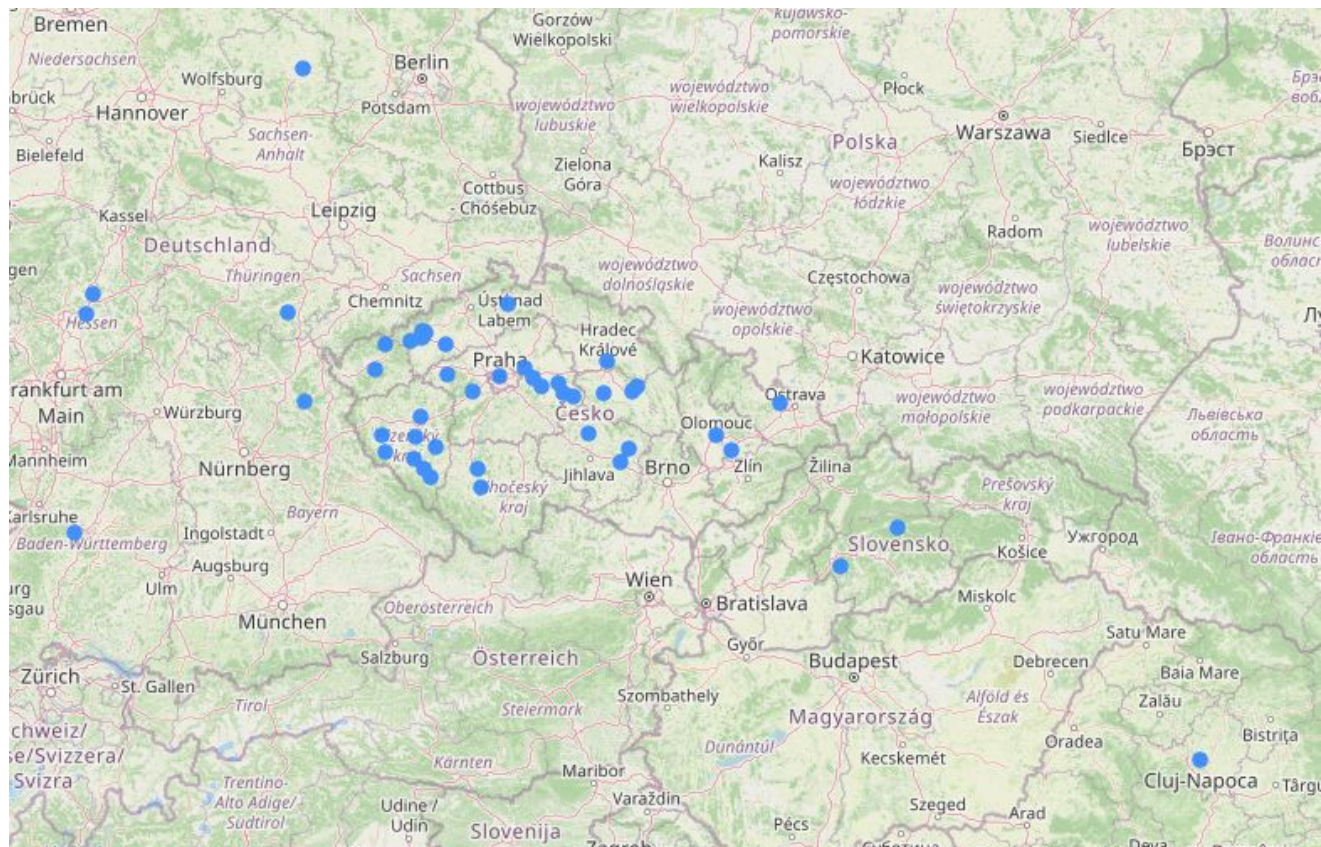
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?personLabel

?coords

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6	Q764531	-	POINT(13.421271 50.401952)
7	Q1232944	-	POINT(14.421289 50.087500)

Visualize Places of Birth



Explore Czech humanists on Wikidata








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PREFIX wdt: <http://www.wikidata.org/prop/direct/>
PREFIX wd: <http://www.wikidata.org/entity/>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
SELECT DISTINCT ?humanist ?humanist_label ?nlcr WHERE {
  ?humanist wdt:P1412 wd:Q397 ;
            wdt:P19 ?pob .
  ?pob wdt:P131* wd:Q213 .
  OPTIONAL {
    ?humanist wdt:P569 ?dob
  }
  OPTIONAL {
    ?humanist wdt:P570 ?dod
  }
  OPTIONAL {
    ?humanist wdt:P691 ?nlcr .
  }
  ?humanist rdfs:label ?humanist_label
  FILTER (LANG(?humanist_label) = "en") .
  FILTER (YEAR(?dod) < 1730 || YEAR(?dob) > 1350)
}
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Query results:

600 501ms 501ms 0.0ms

Query Virtuoso Query WDQS Limited to 100 results; show all 600 results

	?humanist	?humanist_label	?nlcr
1	 Q101160364	Zachariáš Augustin Klecar z Růžokvětu	jo2018986580
2	 Q102344821	Edelbert Nymburský	mzk2003197703
3	 Q102345390	Matěj Janda Čechtický	jo2017952962
4	 Q103508664	Elias Corvinus	-
5	 Q10396863	Šebestián Aerichalcus	jo2016918501
6	 Q10400400	Šimon Proxenus	
7	 Q104135250	Baltazar Hostounský	

<https://glever.dev/wikidata/aFXk48>

Contribute – share – make visible

<div><input type="checkbox"/> Name</div> <div><div></div></div>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Altnames</div>
<div>Albertina a Kamenek, Elisabetha</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create new item</div> <div>Search for match</div>	<div>(Alžběta z Kaménka, de Kameneck, Elisabeth Albertin von Kameneck, Elisabetha Albertin von Kameneck)</div>

Alžběta z Kaménka has no match in Wikidata (double-checked).

Let's add her!

Information on Alžběta z Kaménka

- name variants: Alžběta z Kaménka, de Kameneck, Elisabeth Albertin von Kameneck, Elisabetha Albertin von Kameneck
- died: d. 25 October 1659, Dresden (Germany)
- father: Mikuláš Albert z Kaménka (Q1934098)
- languages: Latin, Greek, Hebrew, German, Czech

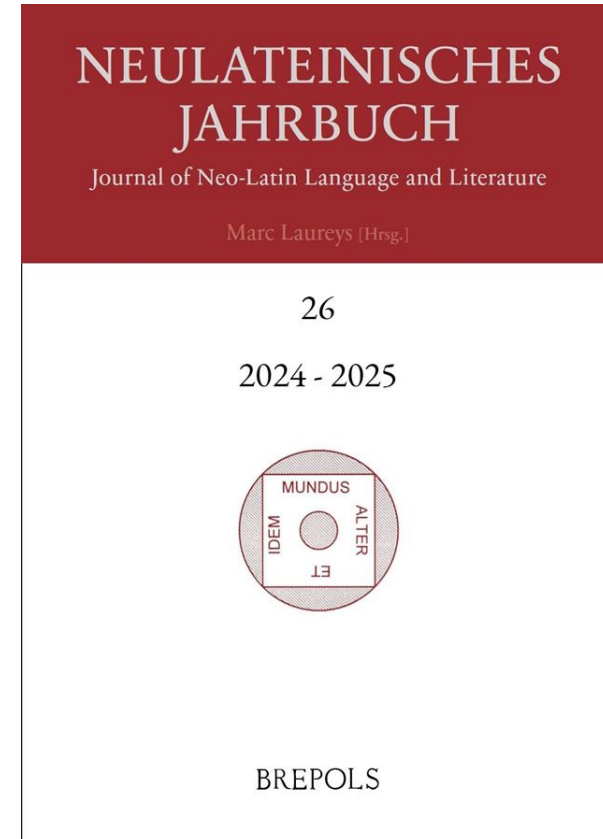
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Chart Neo-Latin Studies: NEULAT on Wikidata

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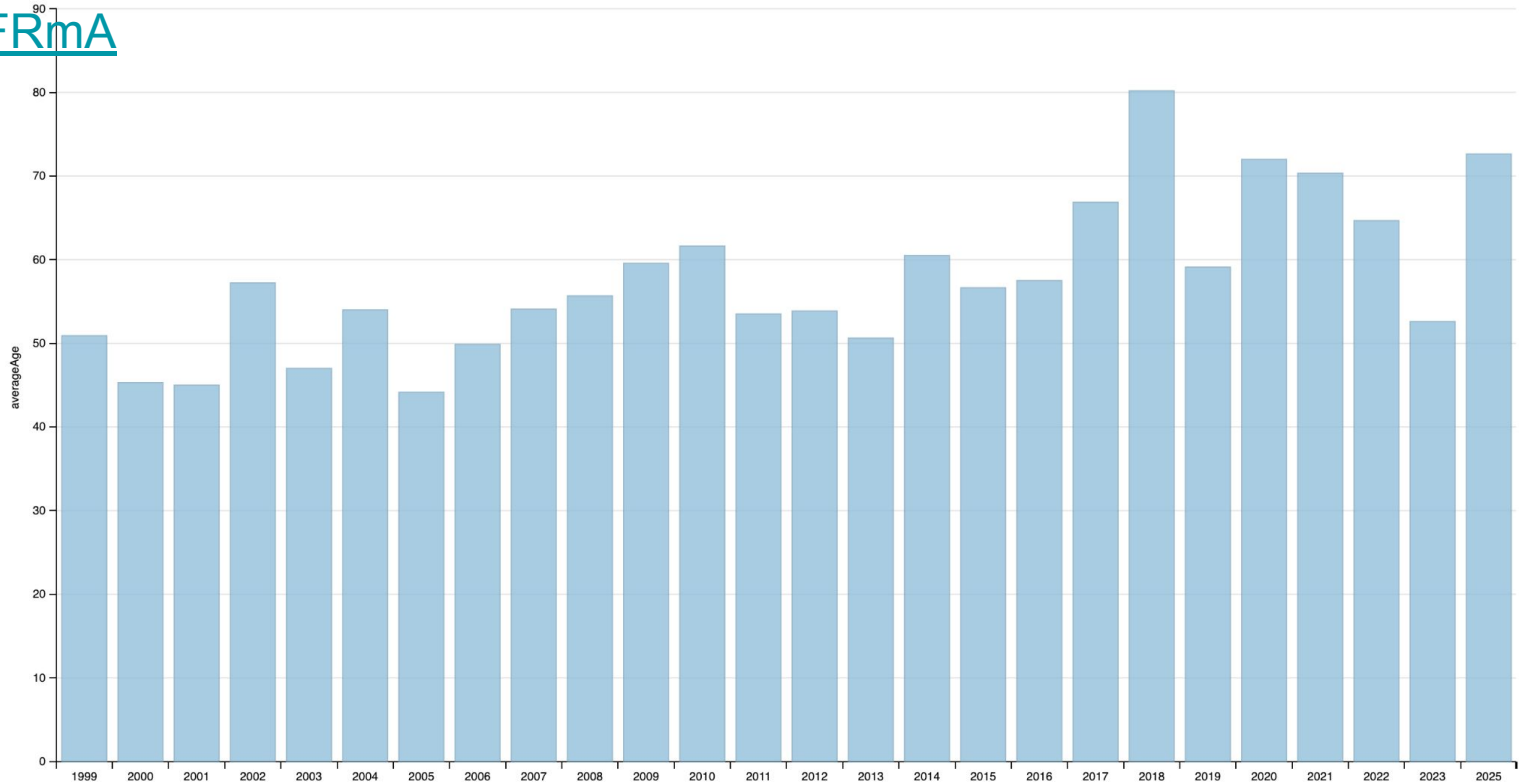
- added bibliographical information of all 288 full article of NEULAT to Wikidata, cf. [SCHOLIA overview](#)
- collaborative tagging / subject cataloguing
- crowdsource reference and citation data
- quantitatively analyse the field



NEULAT contributors are getting older ...

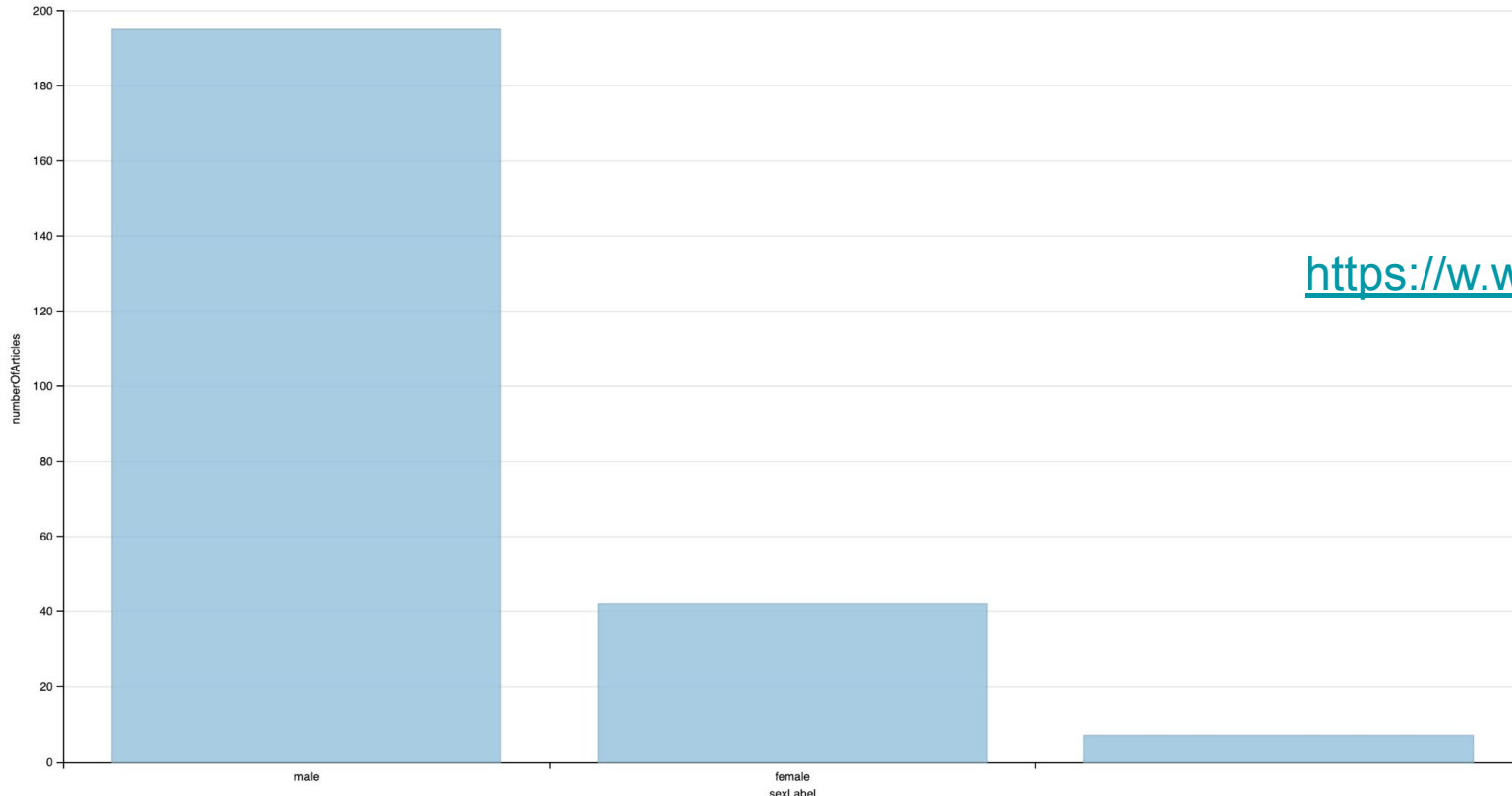
Average age of NEULAT contributors at time of publication

<https://w.wiki/FRmA>



... and are overwhelmingly male.

Gender distribution of NEULAT contributors



<https://w.wiki/FS6V>

Database of Neo-Latin Epic Poetry

Why?

- large number of works
- timespan from 1300 to our days
- international
- in print and in manuscript
- no comprehensive overview
- database as tool and inspiration for new research
- checklist in case of potentially new discoveries
- research tool in and of itself (quantitative analysis)

Compilation

Braun, Ludwig. 2020. *Pedisequa Camenae: zur Begleitung durch kaum bekannte Meisterwerke der neulateinischen Epik Italiens*.

Noctes Neolatinae 38. Georg Olms Verlag.

http://deposit.dnb.de/cgi-bin/dokserv?id=544f3471f70240d3ba11f793c81b9f2b&prov=M&dok_var=1&dok_ext=htm.

Braun, Ludwig. 2021. *Pedisequa Camenae minoris. Zur Begleitung durch weitere neulateinische Epen Italiens*.

<https://doi.org/10.25972/OPUS-22968>.

Braun, Ludwig. 2024. *Pedisequa Camenae minoris. Zur Begleitung durch weitere neulateinische Epen Italiens*.

<https://opus.bibliothek.uni-wuerzburg.de/frontdoor/index/index/docId/35254>.

Czapla, Ralf Georg. 2013. *Das Bibelepas in der Frühen Neuzeit: Zur deutschen Geschichte einer europäischen Gattung*. In *Das Bibelepas in der Frühen Neuzeit*. De Gruyter.

<https://www.degruyter.com/view/title/122128>.

... and several other books, articles etc.

Naive approach

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- **difficult to maintain**
- **not easy to collaborate on**
- **not really FAIR**
- **no guarantee for long-time availability**
- **dubious data quality**

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Migration to Wikidata

1. Transform the JSON file into CSV using a Python script
2. Reconcile data in OpenRefine
3. Create required Wikidata items where necessary (possibly using GND and VIAF)
4. Upload data to Wikidata using OpenRefine

Why Wikidata?



Why Wikidata?

- open and – very probably – persistent
- no maintenance needed
- editable by everybody: perfect for collaboration over space and time
- persistent identifiers for everything: make items referenceable
- flexible data model: stores almost anything you need
- huge general knowledge database → Neo-Latin world highly interdisciplinary, international and covering a large timespan etc.
- more accurate data: entities are precisely identified

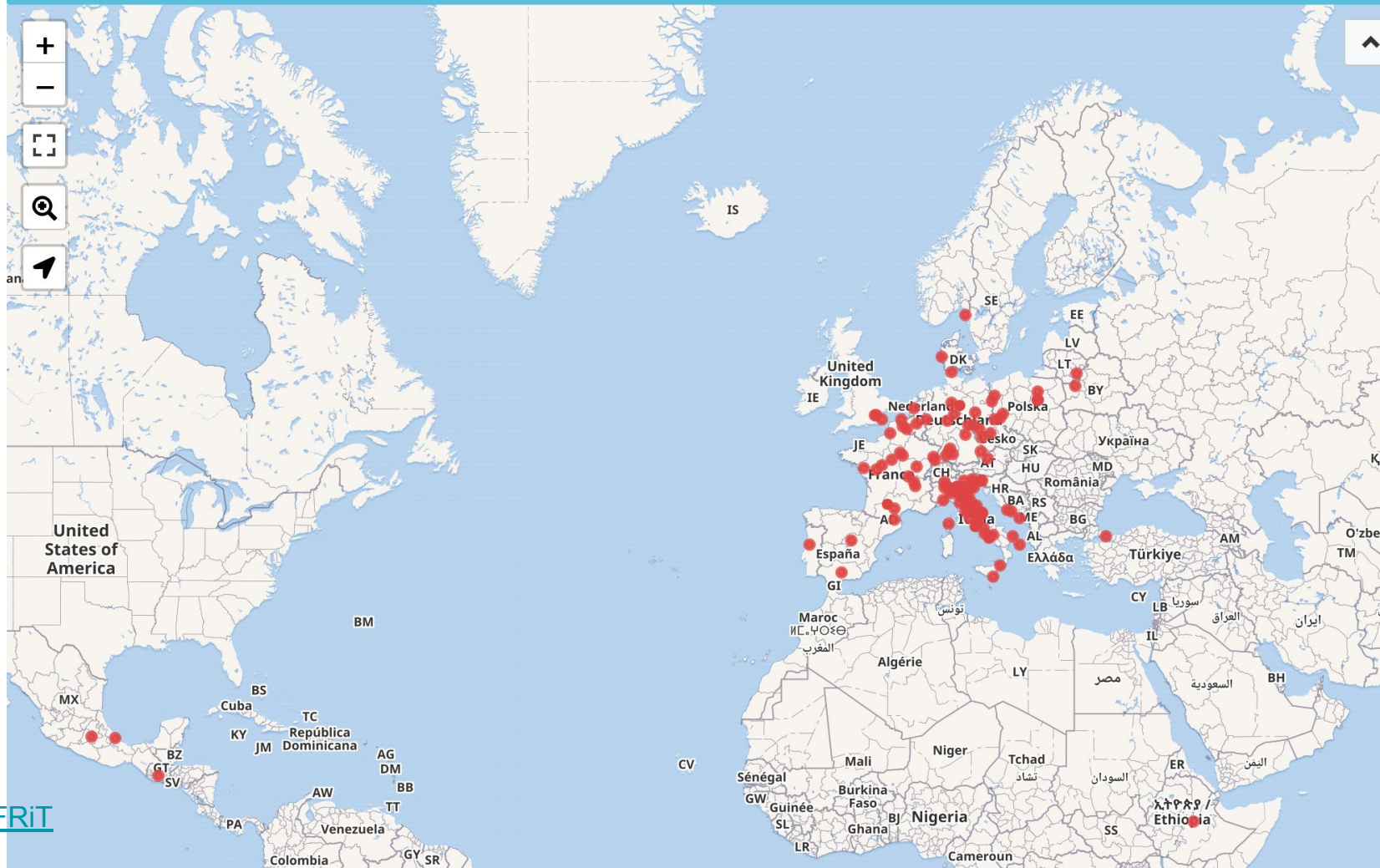
Neo-Latin epic poems with date of first publication

Search

epicPoem	epicPoemLabel	author	authorLabel	firstPublication
Q wd:Q383855	Africa	Q wd:Q1401	Petrarch	1 January 1304
Q wd:Q130945088	Historia Bononiensis	Q wd:Q64019398	Tommaso Seneca	1 January 1390
Q wd:Q130945297	Sphortias	Q wd:Q4622	Francesco Filelfo	1 January 1398
Q wd:Q130946292	Carmen heroico metro in tres libros divisum de quibusdam miraculis Virginis Mariae occursis Mutinae	Q wd:Q89580677	Gerardo Anechini	1 January 1399
Q wd:Q130945083	Bellum Parthicum	Q wd:Q102105561	Tommaso Chaula	1 January 1406
Q wd:Q130945091	Antonias	Q wd:Q1372875	Maffeo Vegio	1 January 1407
Q		Q		

[Link](#)

Places of birth of Neo-Latin epic poets



Caveats

- data is incomplete and inaccurate (cf. e.g. uncertain dates of publication)
- bias because of sources used (France, Italy and Germany covered well, other regions less so)

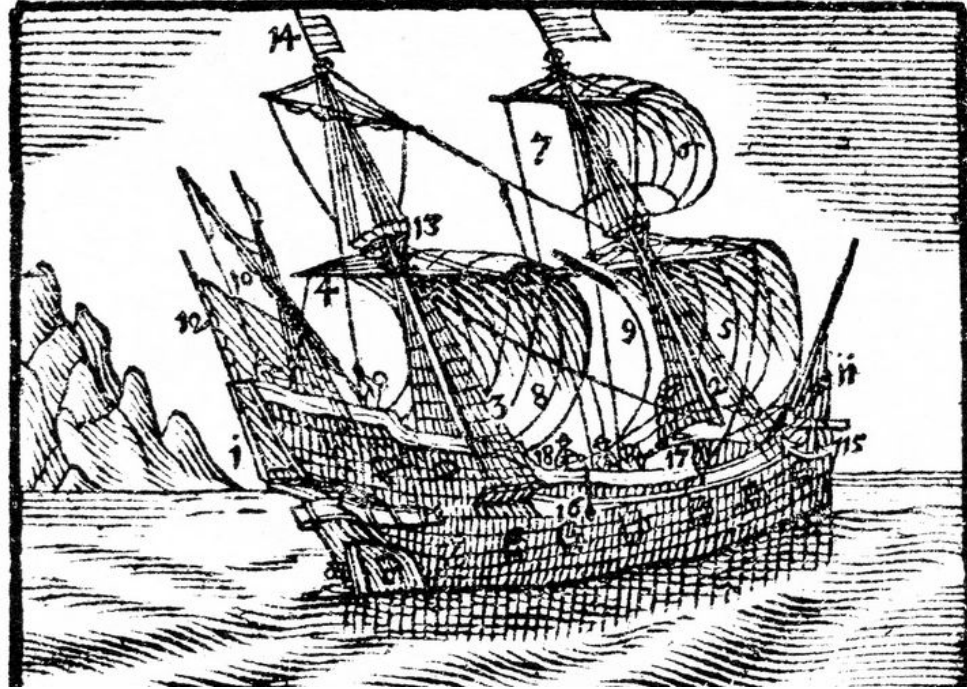
Still work in progress (will always be!)

- add low-threshold web interface for search, exploration and quick overview
- revise data for correctness, completeness, and accuracy
- facilitate data addition, document workflows and data models
- add new epic poems
- broaden the scope: add other genres
- add larger datasets (e.g. name index of IJsewijn's *Companion*)

Neo-Latin epic poems on Wikidata – summary

- works are identifiable by URI
- information on works is stored in a structured and LOD-compliant form
- information on Neo-Latin epic poems has become part of the general knowledge graph
- data can be edited and augmented by everybody
- data can be queried and analysed
- data *could* be viewed in an easy-to-use web interface (has to be built)
- project could be extended to any Neo-Latin genre or work

Wrapping up



- Neo-Latin studies benefit from digit(al)ization
- Linked Open Data is a powerful tool for research data management and analysis
- create FAIR and open data (e.g. biographical and bibliographical data)
- consider using or contributing to Wikidata

Concluding recommendations

- create FAIR and open data
- consider using or contributing to Wikidata
- Look out for, use, enquire about open data

Děkuji moc!



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