Opportunities and challenges of the TEI for scholarly journals in the Humanities

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TEI-based formats for Humanities Journals

- Which journals are using such formats already?

- Why are they using them, what for?

- How could we extend the practice?

- Why should we encourage proactively the use of TEI formats for Humanities Journals?

Journals already TEI-based
 - in Europe/France

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https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/

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Istex search

(https://www.istex.fr/rechercher/?q=baillot)

Journals already TEI-based
- in Europe/ Germany

National Research Data Infrastructure

Journals already TEI-based
- in Europe/ Germany & Slovenia

- Zeitschrift für digital Geistewissenschaften: http://www.zfdg.de

- R-I-D-E: https://www.i-d-e.de/publikationen/ride/

- Contributions to Contemporary History: http://ojs.inz.si/pnz.

Journals already TEI-based
- in America

- Digital Humanities Quarterly: http://www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/

- Scandinavian-Canadian Studies: https://scancan.net/

- Indiana Magazine of History:
  https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/imh

- The Medieval Review:
  https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/tmr

- Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies:
  https://hugoye.bethmardutho.org/index.html

- Romantic Circles: https://romantic-circles.org/praxis

Advantages of publishing in TEI

- Low budget (donwside: low economic reward)
- Sustainability
=>Appeals to decision makers

- Critical mass: already there.

Advantages of publishing in TEI for us

- Flexibility in vocabulary=> allows to manage heterogenous sources
- Allows to avoid silos (internal/specific formats)
- Continuity between primary and secondary sources

Continuity between primary and secondary sources

- Extending beyond philological approaches?
- Sociology of sciences
- Sociolinguistics
- History of science
- History of ideas
- …

Turning quantity into quality

- Reputation vs. Dissemination
- Less empowerment of publishing houses
- Less IF bullshit
- More systemic rewards for actually reading and writing serious articles.
- More recognition for all the people involved in producing serious science.

Why we need good workflows

- Who are the people involved
    - Author(s)
    - Editor(s)
    - Reviewers
    - Copyeditor(s)
- What do they do
- Who knows who does what when?

Why we need good workflows – OJS pros and cons

- Move from OJS 2.4.8. to OJS 3.1.2.
- OJS is poorly organized and needs help from googledocs
- OJS is very bad at sending reminders, too

- Why are we using OJS again?

Workflow & control

- It always comes down to an authority issue
- Because that's how reputation works in science!

- We need to let go of:
    - control
    - Perfection

and come up with quality standards that we actually need (like good tagging for finding relevant papers, reusability, etc.)

Improving workflows

- Foster pre-print publications
- Rely on the author for content to be edited but rely on automatized ways of editing formal aspects
- Separate formal and content-related editorial work more clearly
- Recognize the TEI expertise of technical/assistant editors who develop elements we need for the workflow to work
- Develop additional tools to transform TEI documents in nice-looking papers (html and pdf)

Next steps

- Develop stylesheets and publication environments
- Train scholars to digital publication literacy (being able to read XML/TEI)
- Try out other editorial environments than OJS: for instance overlay journals

- But mostly: write documentation!!!

Thank you, to all the authors of jTEI who had to put up with me asking myself too many philosophical workflow questions over the past two years, thank you for your patience.

Your papers **will** be published!

(the preprints are online already, right?)