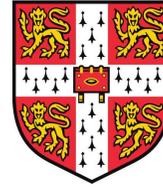


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# Data citation for the Humanities and Social Sciences: a special case?

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# Open Science and Open Knowledge

- Our common goal is **Open Science**, meaning we promote openness, integrity, and reproducibility in research;
- and the results to be treated as **Open Knowledge**; knowledge that is free to use, reuse, and redistribute without legal, social or technological restriction
- The **FAIR principles** help us with both
  - *Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, Reusability*
- We (researchers, librarians etc.) like it, public funders like and require it

## Project:



# SSHOC

social sciences & humanities open cloud



Horizon 2020  
European Union Funding  
for Research & Innovation

**Type of action & funding:**  
**Research and Innovation action**  
(INFRAEOSC-04-2018)

### Partners: 48

(23 beneficiaries + 25 LTPs)

SSH ESFRI Landmarks and Projects  
& international SSH data infrastructures

### Project budget:

€ 14,455,594.08

### Duration: 40 months

(January 2019 – 30 April 2022)

**Project website:**  
[www.SSHOpenCloud.eu](http://www.SSHOpenCloud.eu)



### Objectives:

- creating the social sciences and humanities (**SSH**) part of European Open Science Cloud (**EOSC**)
- maximising **re-use** through **Open Science** and **FAIR** principles (standards, common catalogue, access control, semantic techniques, training)
- interconnecting existing and new infrastructures (clustered cloud infrastructure)
- establishing appropriate **governance model** for SSH-EOSC



# Specificities of SSH



# A variety of data types

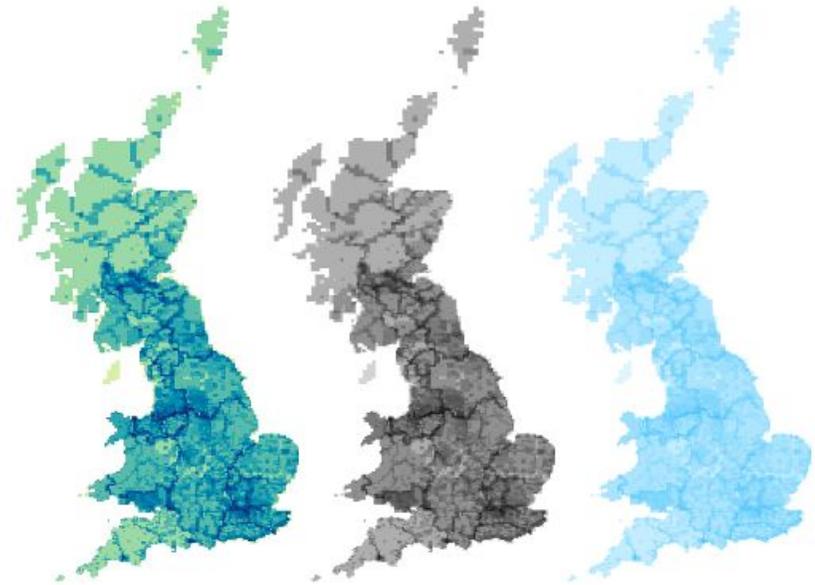
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dvdrental=# select title, release_year, length, replacement_cost from film
dvdrental=# where length > 120 and replacement_cost > 29.50
dvdrental=# order by title desc;

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title	release_year	length	replacement_cost
West Lion	2006	159	29.99
Virgin Daisy	2006	179	29.99
Uncut Suicides	2006	172	29.99
Tracy Cider	2006	142	29.99
Song Hedwig	2006	165	29.99
Slacker Liaisons	2006	179	29.99
Sassy Packer	2006	154	29.99
River Outlaw	2006	149	29.99
Right Cranes	2006	153	29.99
Quest Mussolini	2006	177	29.99
Poseidon Forever	2006	159	29.99
Loathing Legally	2006	140	29.99
Lawless Vision	2006	181	29.99
Jingle Sagebrush	2006	124	29.99
Jericho Mulan	2006	171	29.99
Japanese Run	2006	135	29.99
Gilmore Boiled	2006	163	29.99
Floats Garden	2006	145	29.99
Fantasia Park	2006	131	29.99
Extraordinary Conqueror	2006	122	29.99
Everyone Craft	2006	163	29.99
Dirty Ace	2006	147	29.99
Clyde Theory	2006	139	29.99
Clockwork Paradise	2006	143	29.99
Ballroom Mockingbird	2006	173	29.99

(25 rows)



Concordance  
Word List  
Word Sketch  
Thesaurus  
Find X  
Sketch-Diff  
Sketch-Eval  
Corpus Info

Query colour 16,486 (147.0 per million)

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J2L It would be tedious to list the types and colours of stone, ceramic etc. used at each site

J2L types of stone used for various shades of colour are predictable and limited in number.

J2L Birdcombe Avon. Here, sandstone furnished a buff colour, pennant stone a blue, liar the white for

J2L most mosaics comprise three to six basic colours, a work of good quality will include many

J2L therefore, to note ten or twelve different colours of tesserae in one pavement. In some, such

J2L the Woodchester Orpheus mosaic. <ip> 3.2 The colour of Tesserae <p> Sensitive use of shading

J2L 1976, 9). Elsewhere, intelligent use of colour is responsible for the blue shading which

J2L are notable. <ip><p> Whilst considering the colour of tesserae it is also pertinent to mention

J2L : 0.5 cm. sq. and 1.5 cm. sq. <ip><p> Like colour, the size of the tesserae affects the perspective

J2L fairly dark tesserae (deep red is a favourite colour), so producing a stronger proximity effect

J2L panels (pl. 5b). At Leicester the rosettes - coloured (from the edges inwards) red, yellow and

J2L be cramped (although "loose"). There are colour contrasts however: the simple guilloche

J2L former. However, the more subtle use of colour in the latter also produces a less contrived

J2L angular appearance. An overall poverty of colour, and the use of slightly larger (but still

J2L mosaic A). Although including the same basic colours, as well as tesserae of a similar size,

J2L blending of many tones of five or six basic colours, is notable in both designs. It is a sensitivity

J2L shows a generally consistent interface of colour, one in every four tongues of the latter

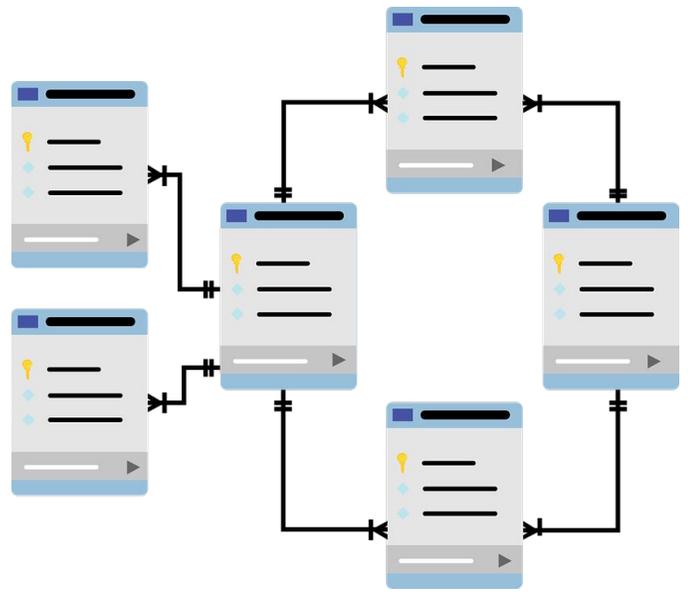
J2L Oceanus panel (contrast the confusion of colour around the heads of the lion and stag)

J2L However, on balance, the use here of similar colours (red, yellow, grey, pale-blue, brown) and

J2L Street mosaic, the presence there of a richly coloured figured panel (enclosed by a chain-guilloche

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# Data traditions and data practices

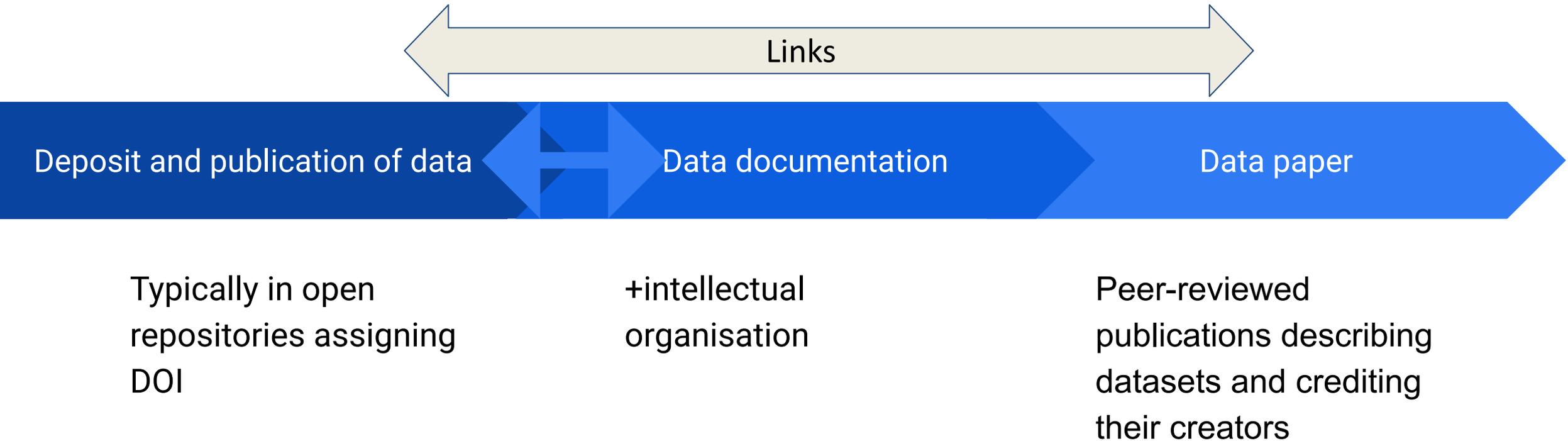
## Variety

Different traditions for quantitative/computational methods

## Focus

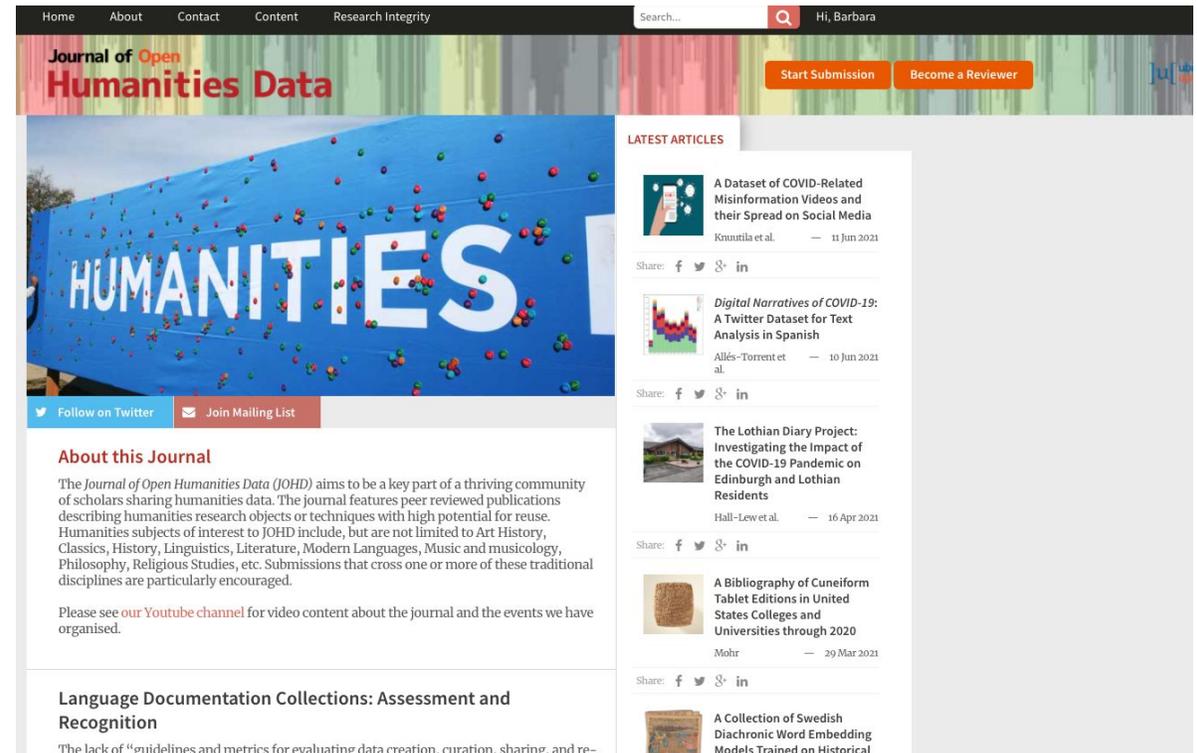
Historically, on publications (book) rather than data

# From data to data papers



# The Journal of Open Humanities Data

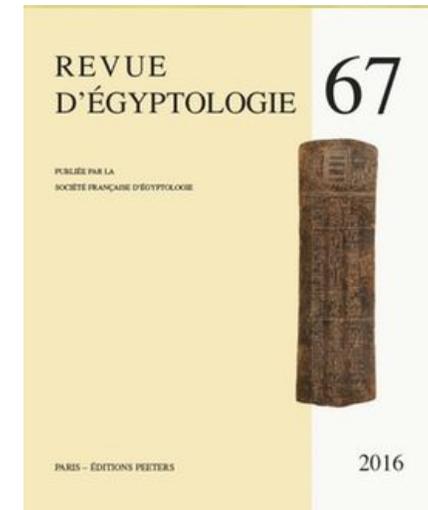
- Launched in 2015; open access and peer-reviewed
- Vision: be a key part of a thriving community of scholars sharing humanities data
- Fastest growing data journal for humanities research
- 25 articles published so far (6 in 2021)
- Two publication types
- Short data papers (1000 words): descriptions of datasets with high reuse potential
- Full-length research papers (3000-5000 words): discussion of methods, challenges, and limitations in the creation, collection, management of humanities data



<https://openhumanitiesdata.metajnl.com/>

# Data citation in SSH

- The notion of “publishing data” is relatively new
- Data until a recent period was not really “*noble*” ... the focus was more on the “final product” (e.g. an article or a book)
- Very diverse and no specific common approach to data citation A lot of initiatives ... so far no real standard, but more “communities of practices” (See SSHOC deliverable “Inventory of SSH citation practices ....” <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4436736>)



-> In order to cite data, you need **infrastructures** to publish them in a proper (FAIR) way

but you also must develop mechanism(s) to cite SSH data:

- Build stronger links between data and publication
- Facilitate and develop a “culture of data publication/citation”

etc.

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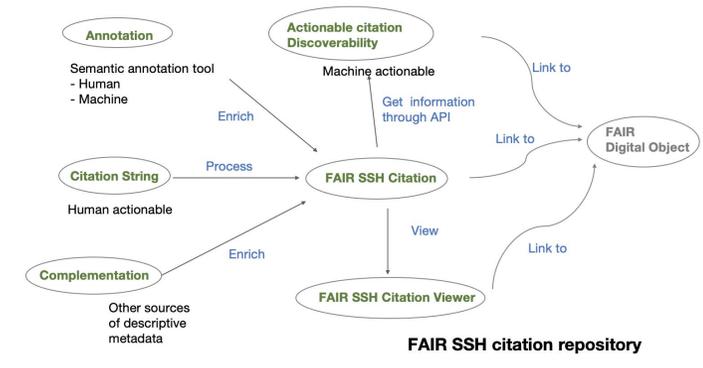
One goal of SSHOC is to address the problems of the current data landscape with its disciplinary silos

## SSHOC Project and Data citation

- Recommendations based on “Force11 Citation Principles” adapted to SSH specificities
- Make citations “actionable” as a classic citation isn’t machine actionable

-> Proposition to create a prototype of “*FAIR SSH Citation Infrastructure*”

- Process existing citations or create new ones
- Enrich them automatically (other sources) and manually (annotations)
- Standardized citations
- Publish citations into the “Citation Infrastructure” to make them actionable



# The future for data publication and citation

Although the potential for data creation, processing and (re)sharing have increased enormously

- Data citation practices still mainly based on traditional publication model ie. paper citing paper citing paper
- More complex collaborative and dynamic workflows are possible
- and also needed for using distributed and dynamic data sources e.g. social media and virtual collections of heterogeneous and distributed data
- Key is proper data identification, description and provenance tracking during the whole data life-cycle

# Libraries in the centre?

- Increased need for Openness and Sharing of data and information at all phases of the SSH DLC
- More data and new types of data
  - how do we cite millions of data points?
  - how do we cite dynamic data e.g. social media
- Are the current practices wrt data publication and citation still valid?
- Libraries may ask if they can go far beyond caring only for the end-result (papers & data),
- they are already involved in
  - storing project result data-sets for reproducibility
  - training and facilitating researchers wrt Open Science and Open Knowledge and FAIR principles
  - Providing catalogues and meta-science information
- However the physical and conceptual distance between Libraries and research labs poses limitations

