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Journal of Open Humanities Data

Dear friends and colleagues,

Welcome to the first 2021 newsletter of the *Journal of Open Humanities Data*. I hope you and your families are safe and well.

Editor-in-Chief's update

Behind the scenes at JOHD a lot has been happening, our team has continued to grow and we're excited to share the news of two upcoming special collections. Read on for more details.

Special collection call for papers: "Humanities Data in the time of COVID-19"

We have received a number of great submissions for our first special collection: "Humanities Data in the time of COVID-19", led by guest editors Sahba Besharati and Mandy Wigdorowitz. We are still welcoming submissions, check the [call for papers](#) for information.



Special collection: "Computational Humanities Research Data"

The first workshop on Computational Humanities Research was held online from 18 to 20 November 2020. We have now launched a call for papers for a special collection, open to new authors and to authors who presented at the CHR2020 workshop. The focus of the collection is on data in computational humanities research. Check out [the call for papers](#) for details. The deadline for the first group of articles is 1 March, but we will continue to accept submissions on a rolling basis afterwards.

Submission webpage

We have been working hard to improve the author experience on the website by adding LaTeX templates for both short data papers and full-length research papers. These can be found in the “Submission step-by-step” guide on the [submission page](#). Any feedback is more than welcome, please use our [contact form](#) or write directly to openhumanitiesdata@ubiquitypress.com.

First Open Humanities Data Forum

On 16 December 2020 we had our first Open Humanities Data Forum. This was an opportunity to explore the broader view of data sharing and publishing in Humanities research, talk about JOHD and introduce our Covid-19 special collection. The [videos](#) of the event are available on our Youtube channel.

Other events

I have recently given an [interview](#) with Shalhavit Simcha Cohen (Posifest) and [Dennis Relojo-Howell](#) (Psychreg), discussing JOHD, data publishing for the humanities, and my research in general. I also took part in the [panel on FAIR Data-citation for Social Science and Humanities](#) on 16 November 2020 organised by the SSHOC project.

Inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals

JOHD is now included in the [Directory of Open Access Journals](#), another confirmation of how the journal is growing in visibility and size!

Editorial team's update

Our [team](#) keeps growing too. Two social media editors joined us in January: Paola Marongiu and Emma Smith. Welcome Emma and Paola!

Publications update

The second half of 2020 and the start of 2021 have been very productive! We have published six short data papers and two full-length research papers since July 2020, covering bibliographic, library and archive data, Roman law, word embeddings, visualisation and ethnic studies:

- Esten, E., 2020. Digital Second Edition of Judaica Americana: A Bibliography of Publications to 1900. <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.15>
- Ribary, M., 2020. A Relational Database of Roman Law Based on Justinian’s Digest. <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.17>
- Drazanova, L., 2020. Introducing the Historical Index of Ethnic Fractionalization (HIEF) Dataset: Accounting for Longitudinal Changes in Ethnic Diversity. <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.16>

- Anderson, B.G., 2020. The Cybernetics Thought Collective: Machine-Generated Data Using Computational Methods. <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.19>
- Graham, S.S., Majdik, Z.P. and Clark, D., 2020. Methods for Extracting Relational Data from Unstructured Texts Prior to Network Visualization in Humanities Research. <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.21>
- Becker, S., Hurwitz, H.M. and Kumer, A., 2020. Collection Objects from the Digital Occupy Archive. <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.20>
- Ryan, Y. and McKernan, L., 2021. Converting the British Library's Catalogue of British and Irish Newspapers into a Public Domain Dataset: Processes and Applications. <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.23>
- Hengchen, S. and Tahmasebi, N., 2021. A Collection of Swedish Diachronic Word Embedding Models Trained on Historical Newspaper Data. <http://doi.org/10.5334/johd.22>

Wishing you all success in your upcoming endeavours. Until next time!

Barbara McGillivray, Editor-in-Chief



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