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## Open Humanities Data Forum, 16 December 2020

### About this event

What counts as data in the Humanities? What are the advantages of data sharing? How can the creators of data receive credit through academic publications? This Open Humanities Data Forum explores the broader view of data sharing and publishing in Humanities research. It is an opportunity to learn about open data and encourage its adoption. If you have created a resource, a dataset, a corpus and you want to get academic credit for it, or you simply want to see what is happening in this space, come and participate!

The Journal of Open Humanities Data is publishing a special collection of data-focused papers exploring the widespread effects of COVID-19 through the lens of the Humanities. The collection is entitled "[Humanities Data in the time of COVID-19](#)" and is led by guest editors Sahba Besharati and Mandy Wigdorowitz. The event will offer an opportunity to hear more about this special collection and ask any questions you may have.

### Registration

The event is organised by the [Journal of Open Humanities Data](#) and is free to attend, you just need to register [here](#). Please note that the event will be recorded for future dissemination. We run our online events on the [Zoom](#) platform and we recommend you install this ahead of time. Access details will follow with the joining instructions. There is a limit to the number of attendees we can have so we will operate on a first come, first served basis.

### Schedule

Wednesday 16 December 2020, 10:00-11:30 GMT ([see this in your time zone](#))

10-10:10 welcome and introductions

10:10-10:30 Open Humanities data and JOHD (Dr Barbara McGillivray)

10:30-10:40 My experience as an author in JOHD (Dr Marton Ribary)

10:40-10:50 The special collection “Humanities Data in the time of COVID-19” (Mandy Wigdorowitz and Dr Sahba Besharati)

10:50-11:30 Discussion and Q&A

## Speakers

Barbara McGillivray is a research fellow at the University of Cambridge and at The Alan Turing Institute, and editor-in-chief of the Journal of Open Humanities Data. She obtained her PhD in Computational Linguistics from the University of Pisa in 2010.

Barbara McGillivray’s research lies at the intersection between computational linguistics and historical linguistics and, more broadly, between Data Science and Digital Humanities. Her current research focuses on computational models of semantic change in historical texts. She became the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Open Humanities Data in 2019.

Marton Ribary is a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Surrey School of Law where he experiments with Natural Language Processing, semantic web and algorithmic rule modelling methods applied to Roman legal texts with Rabbinic test samples. He has been a visiting researcher at the Alan Turing Institute and at the Centre for Jewish Studies at the University of Manchester. He received an MA in Library and Information Studies from UCL (2019) and a PhD from the University of Manchester (2017). Marton has a background in Philosophy (MA, Budapest) and the history of Rabbinic Judaism and early Christianity (MPhil, Oxford).

Mandy Wigdorowitz is a PhD candidate in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics at the University of Cambridge. She is researching the psycholinguistic and cognitive effects of language experience in multilinguals with a focus on language and interaction from linguistic, social, cognitive and psychological perspectives. In addition to her doctoral research, she is a registered Research Psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, an Executive Member of the Division for Research and Methodology of the Psychological Society of South Africa, and the Editorial Assistant for the Journal of Open

## Humanities Data.

Sahba Besharati is a neuropsychologist and senior lecturer in cognitive neuroscience at the Department of Psychology at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits). She completed a collaborative PhD in neuropsychology from King's College London and the University of Cape Town (UCT), having previously trained in psychological research and clinical neuropsychology at UCT. Dr Besharati's research specialises in the area of human social-affective neuroscience. Her research integrates neuroimaging, neuropsychological and experimental methods to investigate self-consciousness and social cognition. She is the co-founder of a new cross-disciplinary neuroscience group, Wits NeuRL, which aims to advance the research and practice of the neurosciences in the South African context.

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