



TEN YEARS OF OPEN HUMANITIES DATA: CELEBRATING A DECADE OF DISCOVERY

JOHD Newsletter April 2025

Hello << Test First Name >>,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025! Stay up to date with JOHD's latest publications, discover our recent activities, and find out how you can get involved and contribute to JOHD.

If you know someone who would be interested in our activities, please share [this sign-up link](#) to our mailing list. Follow us on [X](#), [WeChat](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#) for more updates. This newsletter was created by Daniele Borkowski.

HIGHLIGHTS

JOHD turns 10 this year: Since its launch in 2015, the journal has been at the forefront of Digital Humanities, publishing over 200 datasets and methodologies that have shaped research in the field. Join us in celebrating a decade of open humanities data!

RECENT ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN JOHD

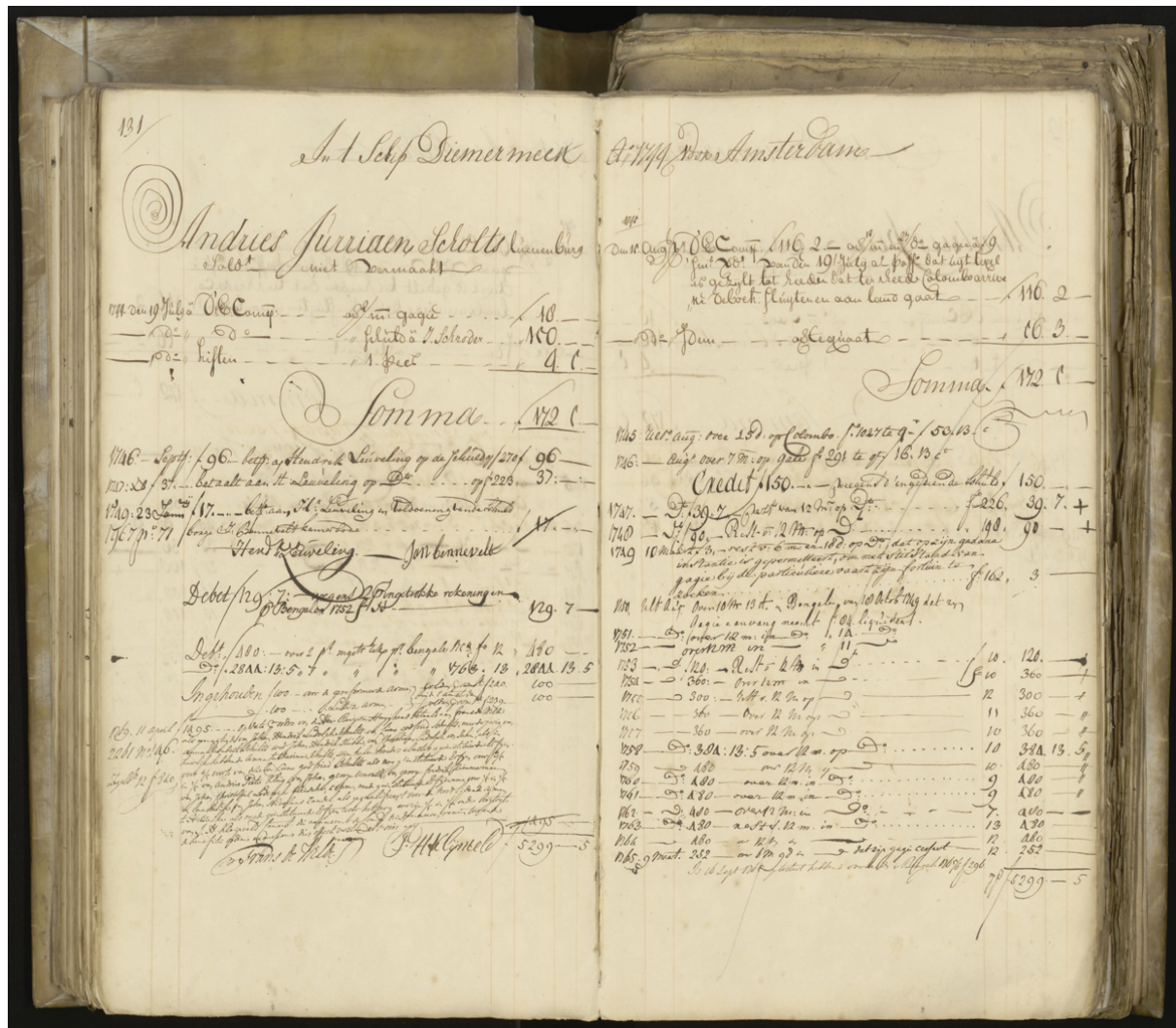
Since our last newsletter, JOHD has published 38 new articles, covering a wide range of topics from the ancient to modern world. [Click here](#) to browse our catalogue and find something that interests you! Here are the top three most popular latest articles:

Charting Lives and Careers: Enriched Data About the Dutch East India Company's 18th Century European Workforce

Author: Lodewijk Petram (Huygens Institute), Mijl Koolen (KNAW Humanities Cluster), Melvin Wevers (University of Amsterdam), and Jelle van Lottum (Radboud University).

Summary: Uncover the careers of 460,000 European workers in the Dutch East India Company with this newly enriched dataset. Tracking voyages, wages, and origins, it reveals surprising insights into 18th-century global labor and migration. A must-read for history and data enthusiasts!

[Read the full article](#)



LA80: A Lexical Database of 10 Bantu A80 Languages

Author: Tessa Y. Vermeir (Université Lumière Lyon 2), Marc Allasonnière-Tang (Université Lumière Lyon 2), and Guillaume Segerer (Université Paris 3)

Summary: LA80 is a groundbreaking lexical database covering 10 Bantu A80 languages, offering 5,588

standardized concepts for linguistic comparison and historical reconstruction. By refining raw fieldwork data, it enables deep insights into phonology, morphology, and language evolution in this understudied region. A must-have resource for linguists and language enthusiasts!

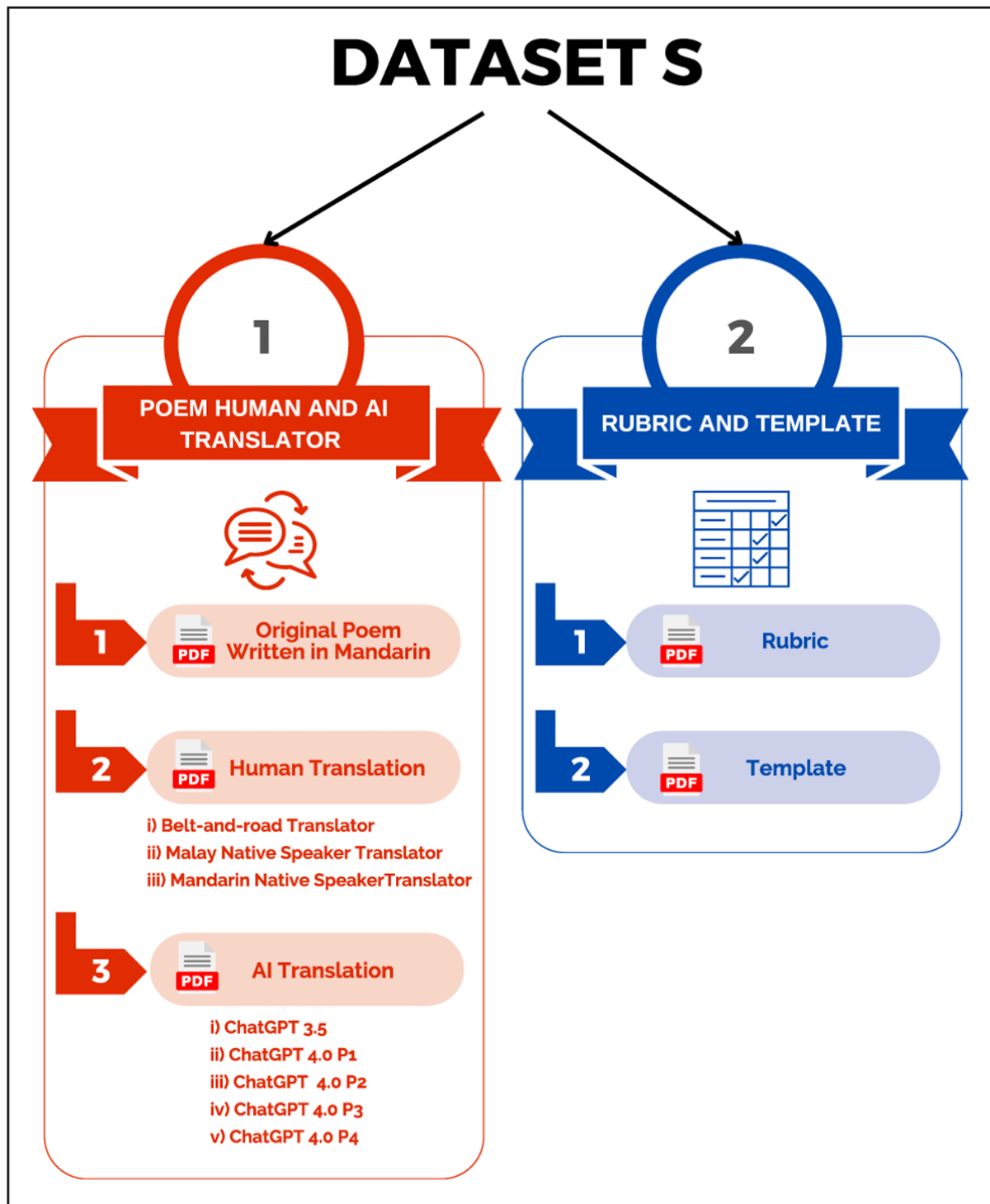
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The Dataset of Human and AI Translation

Author: Yoke Lian Lau (University Malaysia Sabah - 'UMS'), Shiaw Phin Chee (UMS), Ruth Hui Hui Chua (UMS), Zi Hong Yong (UMS), Ing Ket Yong (UMS), Jee Chin Tan (UMS), Hui Wen Yong (UMS), and Anna Lynn Abu Bakar (UMS)

Summary: Can AI out-translate humans? This dataset puts it to the test, comparing Mandarin-to-Malay translations from human experts and ChatGPT across multiple prompts. Dive in to see where AI shines and where it still stumbles!

[Read the full article](#)



JOHD TURNS 10!

Since its launch in 2015, the journal has been at the forefront of digital humanities, publishing over 200 datasets and methodologies that have shaped research in the field. We're planning a celebratory event for the autumn of 2025. If you've published a paper with JOHD and would like to present your experience at this event or would like to help out in the organisation of this event, please let us know via email to openhumanitiesdata@ubiquitypress.com. Join us in celebrating a decade of open humanities data!

UPDATES FROM THE TEAM AND EDITORIAL BOARD

Following our mission to foster a vibrant community of scholars sharing Humanities data, the JOHD team has been active in several events:

WeChat: JOHD has officially launched its [WeChat account](#)! Follow us for the latest updates on newly published papers, key developments in the #OpenData world, and highlights from our most impactful research.

Published Special Collection: We are pleased to announce the publication of our latest [Special Collection on GLAM](#) (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums). This collection explores the intersection of cultural institutions and intellectual history, offering fresh insights into how these institutions shape and preserve knowledge across generations. A must-read for those interested in the evolving role of GLAM in contemporary scholarship.

Published Paper: We're excited to announce the publication of "[It Takes a Village](#)" in *Publications*. The paper highlights how community and institutional efforts play a key role in advancing Open Science.

Conference Presentations: We presented a [poster](#) at the last [Digital Humanities 2024](#) conference in Washington, DC. Barbara McGillivray will be presenting JOHD's experience at the panel "Unlocking the potential of open language data as carriers of social and cultural information: The role of research infrastructures, data journals and training programmes to maximize reuse" at the [DH2025](#) conference.

Published Editorial: We are excited to share our latest [Editorial](#) on the Special Collection, "Representing the Ancient World". This editorial provides an insightful overview of the collection and offers a deeper understanding of the research and publications JOHD is contributing to the study of the ancient world.

EXCITING UPDATES FROM THE JOHD TEAM!

Our team is growing, and we're thrilled to welcome two new copyeditors and a new associate editor. They bring a diverse range of expertise, strengthening our commitment to open humanities data.

Mathilde Bru: I recently obtained my PhD in Greek linguistics from UCL and hold a BA and MPhil in Classics from Cambridge University. I'm particularly excited to enable scholars in the humanities to more easily share their datasets as part of her role as Associate Editor.

Anna Cencherle: I hold an MA in Linguistics from the University of Bologna, and I'm very passionate about this subject. I have joined the JOHD team to learn more about digital humanities while contributing to the spread of humanities data thanks to my work as an editor.

Honor Dimond: I work for Ubiquity Press, and did a Masters in Digital Humanities so wanted to keep up to date with Digital Humanities scholarship, as well as contribute to Open Scholarship in general.

Join us in welcoming our new team members Mathilde, Anna, and Honor!

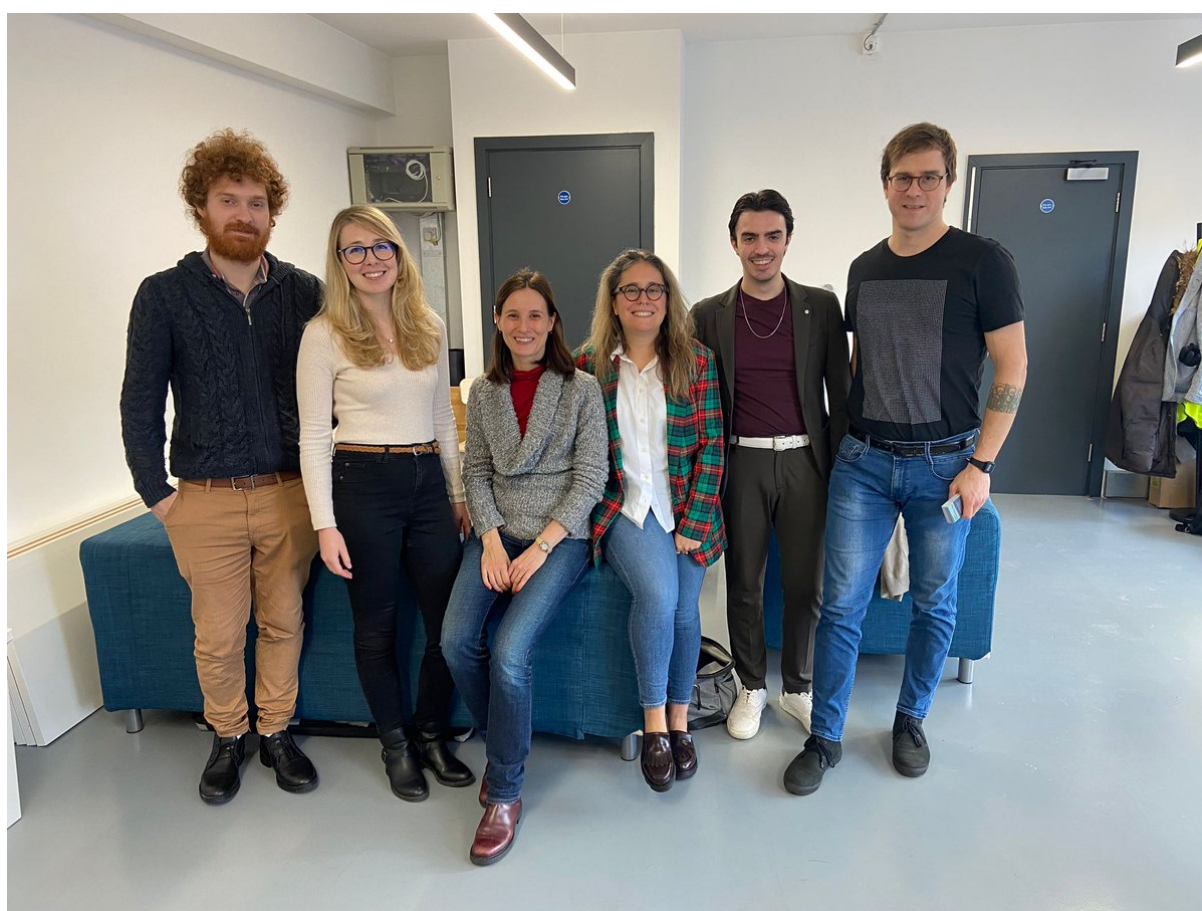
GET INVOLVED: CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite contributions to help bring the best of open research to our readers. Join us in shaping the future of Open Humanities. [Submit here.](#)

Thank you for being part of the JOHD community!

Best regards,

The JOHD Team



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