



Summer Updates from the Journal of Open Humanities Data

Hello there,

Welcome to the third newsletter of 2026! It's been a busy few months here at JOHD with new Special Collections, book launches and more. We are delighted to bring you the July 2026 edition of the JOHD newsletter, so keep reading for updates from the team, an opportunity to join us, and a reminder of our open calls for papers. Read until the very end for an exciting upcoming event aimed at future authors!

If you know someone who would be interested in our activities, [please share this sign-up link](#). Follow us on [X](#), [YouTube](#), [WeChat](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) page for more updates.

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TEAM UPDATES

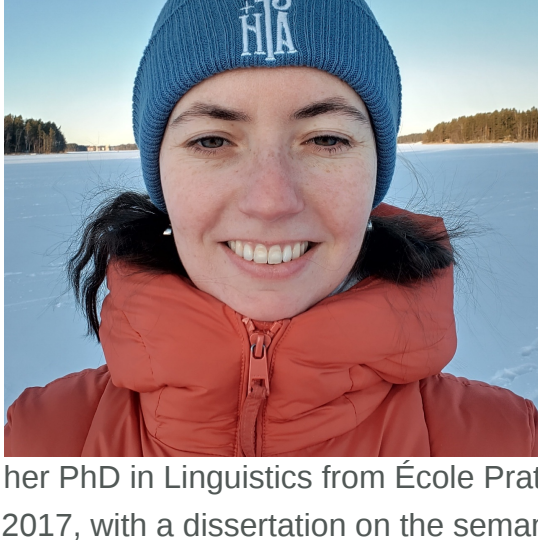
Editorial Board Interviews

As part of our ongoing effort to share the perspectives of those who shape JOHD, we invited Editorial Board members to reflect on their time so far with the journal and on the broader open humanities data landscape. Board members spoke warmly of the journal's role in raising awareness of open data practices, noting that people are now increasingly recognising the data they hold and the potential to publish it. In terms of shifts in the ecosystem, they pointed to growing institutional support for repositories, and greater emphasis on data reuse and reproducibility. They also noted that efforts to create shared standards for describing datasets are a welcome trend. Among the challenges raised, Board Members spoke of the difficulty of sharing very large datasets reproducibly and the need for ongoing training to help humanities researchers identify and value their own data. Looking ahead, our editors have suggested that the Journal might consider fostering data reuse through directed projects — such as shared tasks based on datasets already published in JOHD — as a way of deepening community engagement with open research outputs.

We warmly welcome these suggestions and are grateful to the members who took the time to contribute to these interviews as well as to all members of the Editorial Board for their time and commitment to the journal.

New Team Member

We are pleased to welcome Zinaida Geylikman as a new section Editor at JOHD!



Zinaida received her PhD in Linguistics from École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris, in 2017, with a dissertation on the semantic evolution of the feudal human nouns and in a corpus of Medieval French texts (12th–15th century). Her research interests span historical semantics and pragmatics of Medieval French, French and Romance diachrony, and corpus linguistics.

JOIN THE TEAM

We're recruiting 2 positions on the JOHD social media team

Coordinating Social Media Editor

We are looking for a Coordinating Social Media Editor to work with the Editor-in-Chief and the wider social media team to share news, papers, calls, and events consistently across our platforms (X, LinkedIn, WeChat, Instagram, YouTube, and our newsletter). The role involves coordinating posting schedules, liaising with other Social Media Editors, and contributing ideas for strengthening JOHD's online presence. It is open to candidates at all career stages, and may suit someone with experience in academic communications or team coordination. [Visit our website for the full job posting](#).

Junior Social Media Editor

We are also seeking a Junior Social Media Editor to support activity on X and help launch our new BlueSky presence, working alongside Senior Social Media Editor Paola Marongiu. This role is particularly suited to an early-career researcher interested in gaining editorial and public engagement experience. Familiarity with X and/or BlueSky is an advantage but not required. [Visit our website for the full job posting](#).

Applications for both roles should be submitted no later than **20 July 2026**. To apply, please send a CV and a short cover letter outlining your interest in open data, open research, and social media communication, and explaining how these interests are relevant to this role, to: openhumanitiesdata@ubiquitypress.com.

Please feel free to contact us at the same address if you would like to discuss the role before applying.

PUBLICATIONS AND EVENTS

Poster Presentation at DARIAH Annual Event

In May, JOHD was represented by Section Editor Andrea Farina who, alongside Ulrike Wuttke, Alessia Spadi, Beth Knazook, Joan Murphy, and Francesco Gelati, presented a poster at the [DARIAH Annual Event](#) in Rome, as part of the Research Data Management DARIAH Working Group. The poster, titled '[Data Papers, Data Stories, and Co. as 'Participatory Science': Case Studies from the DARIAH Research Data](#)', explored how data papers and related formats can serve as vehicles for participatory approaches to research data management.

Presentation at UK-IE DH Association Annual Event

In June, Andrea Farina presented at the [UK-IE DH Association Annual Event](#) in Southampton on two occasions. A poster entitled Small Data, Sustainable Futures: Lessons from the Journal of Open Humanities Data examined what JOHD's publishing history can tell us about sustainable practices in humanities data sharing. A talk, Making Data Last: Data Papers as Sustainability Infrastructures, developed these themes further, arguing for the role of data papers in building long-term infrastructure for open humanities research.

Book Launch for AI and Smart Data for Cultural Heritage

Our JOHD team members Andrea Farina and Barbara McGillivray, together with Daniele Borkowski, Simon Mahony and Xiaoguang Wang co-authored the chapter "Open data adoption across the humanities: insights from the Journal of Open Humanities Data", published in the volume "[AI and Smart Data for Cultural Heritage: Global Achievements and China's Innovations](#)". In June, King's College London hosted the [launch](#) of the book. The event brought together researchers and practitioners working at the intersection of artificial intelligence and cultural heritage, and was a timely reminder of the growing role of open, high-quality data in supporting this kind of interdisciplinary work.



JOHD at DH26

Lastly, at the end of July, three members of our team will be presenting at [DH2026](#). The short paper, ***Small Data, Big Questions: Insights from the Journal of Open Humanities Data*** (authors: Youngim Jung, Andrea Farina, and Barbara McGillivray), draws on the journal's publishing history to reflect on what open data practices in the humanities can tell us about the field as a whole. We look forward to sharing our work with the digital humanities community.

The Path to Publishing with JOHD: All your questions answered!

Our first [Open Data Surgery](#) will offer support for anyone working on a data paper or thinking about submitting to JOHD. The event is an informal space to ask questions, get feedback, and simply find out more about what publishing with us involves. The event will be on **24 July 2026** and have two sessions to suit different time zones.

- **Session 1** (ideal for participants in Asia-Pacific & Europe):
08:00–09:30 UTC / 09:00–10:30 BST / 10:00–11:30 CEST / 16:00–17:30 China / 17:00–18:30 Japan / 18:00–19:30 Australia

- **Session 2** (ideal for participants in Europe & the Americas): 15:30–17:00 UTC / 16:30–18:00 BST / 17:30–19:00 CEST / 11:30–13:00 East US / 08:30–10:00 West US

The event is free and will be recorded. [Register to join here!](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS

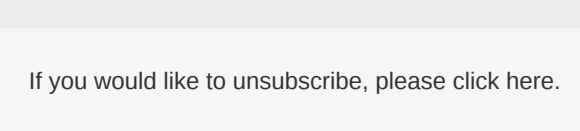
As ever, we are accepting both data and discussion papers to the Journal. We welcome your contributions to showcase the very best in open research. You can find a step-by-step guide on the submission process on our website. [Find out how to submit here](#)

Thank you for being a vital part of the JOHD community. We hope you all have a restful and sunny summer and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

Warm regards,
The JOHD Team

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