



Humanities at Scale

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Highlighting Digital Humanities Methods and Tools
A Metablog



1. Metablog? What do we want to achieve?
2. How does it work and what do we expect from it?
3. A community of experts with different roles
4. The key role of the Chief Editor
5. Conclusion



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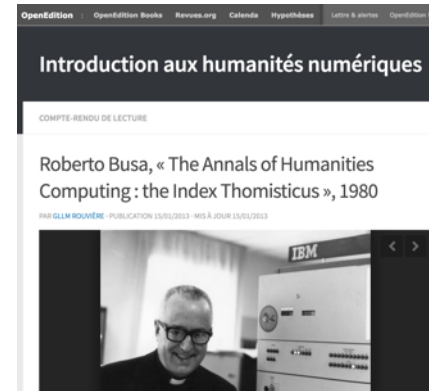
Main goal: Republish already published content

Added value:

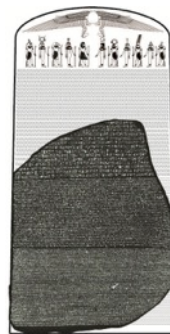
- DH experts will decide on content
- DH experts will enrich publications (TaDiRAH!)

We expect to:

- create together scientific resources;
- highlight those creations made by DH experts and
- create a network of DH experts



TaDiRAH



Multilingualism



Experts will select already published content from community editors

Experts belong to an Editorial Team where they are asked to communicate between each others and debate on the accuracy and relevancy of the content

The content ends up on this platform and keeps pointing to the original source(s)

Languages:

- The platform is currently in english
- Its content is already in 8 languages
- Expecting to have content in 7 more languages by the end of the year

Anonymous content providers

- Any user can propose content via a submit link
- Soon to be started Twitter hashtag to submit content to OpenMethods

Volunteer Editors

- Can nominate directly content
- Content is then forwarded to the Editorial Team for curation
- Trusted sources because we manually accepted their registration
- Incentive as their name is associated to relevant content in DH methods


Editorial Team members

- Select online content
- Discuss, curate and categorize using TaDiRAH, and publish content
- Content need approval by at least 3 experts

A quick view of the process

Volunteer Editors **Editors** **Anonymous users**

↓ ↓ ↓
propose multilingual content :
blogs posts, articles,
publications

↓
checked and nominated by the
Editorial Team with
PRESSFORWARD 
(free software for curating and
sharing content from the web)

↓
Introduction, publication and
categorization with TaDiRAH by
an expert

↓
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PressForward is not an automatic aggregator, so we need a « conductor », the Chief Editor who:

- guarantees the consistency of the editorial line on a daily basis
- verifies categorizations of published content
- manages the multilingual team of experts and reminds them of pending actions
- organizes regular meetings of the Editorial Team
- conducts and encourages discussions about:
 - the editorial process
 - the editorial line
 - the content discussions
- has the final decision when it comes to litigious cases
- is the link between the Editorial Team and the Management Team



Humanities at Scale was the right place to experiment this
Initial goal of HaS was an Open Humanities Methods Review Journal

We choose instead to create this Metablog to encourage the involvement of actors
from DARIAH community (and beyond)

We do believe that it will be useful for DARIAH:

- To collectively build a reference tool
- To prefigure the DARIAH “network of expertise”
- To offer a visible and valuable content selection service

OpenMethods is based on human curation, so we need a CE to make it work

Thank You!

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