

# “How to make the most of your publications in the humanities?”

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# A little bit about me...

- Right now: almost done with my PhD in **Linguistics**
- Background in **German Studies**, where open access is not really a thing (it is more widely established in Linguistics, though)
- **Not** an open access advocate from the very beginning
- A **guided process** (hi Laurent!)
- Evolution from indifference to **commitment**
- Now something that I do almost automatically, but still **in my own rhythm** – just like anything, you have to find what works for you, i.e. you have to be able to **stand for it**

# Publications in Open Access: An Integrative View

- A motto: “make the most of your publications”
  - all right, but **what counts as a publication?**
- Taking into account **all the products of a research project**, i.e. not only the results
  - considering research as a **process**
  - making research **replicable**
  - a more personal stance: **diminishing the pressure (“publish or perish”)**
    - acknowledging that you’re already *doing research* when you’re collecting data
    - no matter whether the data may be interesting for your own specific research question or not at this stage

# Publications in Open Access: An Integrative View

- In this sense, 'publications' include:
  - the **raw data**
  - the **annotated data**, which needs to be complemented by documents explaining the annotation framework and/or a data paper (= already a publication in the narrow sense)
  - the **intermediary thoughts** you develop on your data, which may be formalised as **blog posts**
  - the (peer-reviewed or not) **journal articles** based on your data
  - the **corrections or further reflections** you may want to add *after* the final results, which may be published in journal articles, but also, once again, in blog posts
- Going further, one could consider that *everything* related to your research that you say or write is already a 'publication'
  - see the practice of quoting someone as "**personal communication**" in journal articles in linguistics
  - **tweets/threads** as a new form of publication?
  - **lectures/seminars** as research in the making? They may turn into textbooks (= publications) and/or influence your research more or less directly

# Publications in Open Access: Juggling with Different Formats

## What kind of data?

### Raw data

- Choose a license (as open as possible)!

### Annotated Data

- Choose a license!
- Explain how and why (= to which purpose, with which research question in mind) the data has been annotated
- Attribution: cite the names of *all* people involved

## What kind of platform?

### Open Access Repository

In Linguistics, see ORTOLANG (Open Resources and TOols for LANGuage), <https://www.ortolang.fr/>

### Open Access Repository

- Not on a private platform (blog)
- Your data needs to be archived with key words and easily available to the academic community

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- Do it as soon as possible to ensure **recognition** and **authorship**
- Don't be afraid that anyone will 'steal' anything: the likelihood that someone else will have the same research question(s) on the same corpus is extremely low...
- It is more likely that you will develop **cooperation projects!**

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## What kind of data?

Intermediary thoughts  
Methodological Reflections  
Corrections *afterwards*  
Lectures / Seminars

## Journal Articles

- Post *all* published papers online, even if it's not the full text from the editor (preprint)
- On HAL-SHS, it is possible to indicate when the full version of a document should be released (i.e. embargo)
- You always have all the rights on a document as an author, the **ONLY** thing you may not be able to put online is the final *edited version*, often with correct pagination

## What kind of platform?

### Academic Blog

*Hypotheses* has a 'quote function'

Cite this article as: Naomi Truan, "Some Useful Free Online Resources When You're Writing a PhD," in *Ici et là*, 07/10/2018, <https://icieta.hypotheses.org/383>.

### Open Access Repository

Working documents

### Open Access Repository

Always ask the editor if they allow it:

- Shows the editors that there is a need for open access, if you're an early-career researcher, mention the "publish or perish" pressure to get tenure
- Puts pressure on the editors
- Some may give you ambiguous answers, use it at your advantage

*Academia &  
Research Gate*  
(You may know this  
already, but even  
knowing it, it took me  
a long time to take  
action)

# The Day I Removed my Publications from Academia & Research Gate

Well, this is it. **I have decided to remove all my publications from Academia and Research Gate** (and no, I will not insert a link to those sites).

Sometimes, there are things you've been wanting to do for a long time, but you didn't feel like it, or you were a bit afraid of the consequences [1]. In my case, I thought that I didn't have the choice as a PhD student; I've been told that I need to be visible online and that scholars love those platforms for their simplicity and their ergonomics. I thought that if my community uses Academia and Research Gate, I had to follow their rules in order to be (accepted as / regarded as) a full member of this community. It is true that for many young scholars who do not have access to a page of the websites of their universities, Academia and Research Gate offer simple ways to publicly present your research.

<https://icietla.hypotheses.org/114>



# Open Access Made Concrete (1/2)

- You can show how your research **evolves over time** (with everything being online, you are held accountable if you change your mind, say things differently, etc.)
  - We come back to **research as a cycle/process**, rather than a finite/absolute product
- You can **address different communities** depending on what part of your research you decide to make available
  - Computer Linguistics / Digital Humanities with the annotated corpora
  - Linguistics with the 'classic' publications
  - Colleagues / other doctoral students with the academic blog



# Open Access Made Concrete (2/2)

- You have tools to speak about your data/corpora in further publications:
  - You **don't have to present your data extensively** in each journal article if you have a reference to quote (e.g. data paper, corpus documentation, link to an open repository)
    - ✓ It saves you some space and journal articles become only one of the steps, the one where you present an **interpretation of your data**
  - You give your readers a possibility to **"look behind the curtains"** if they may not agree with some of your findings, i.e. they can compare your article to the whole corpus
  - You emphasise the fact that every article relies on **data selection**, but that "the big picture" is also easily available

Let's keep in touch!

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