“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

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• 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

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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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| Intermediary thoughts  
Methodological Reflections  
Corrections afterwards  
Lectures / Seminars | Academic Blog  
*Hypothèses* has a ‘quote function’ |

**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

**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

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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 ergonomy. 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.

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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
• 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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