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Citizen science in an open humanities framework

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Research in the
humanities:
stuck in time?



Open Science in the Humanities

Participation in CLARIAH-VL

Funded by FWO (International Research Infrastructure)

'Provide tools & resources into the workflows of humanities researchers'



Brussels Platform for Digital Humanities (DIGI)

Disciplines

Historical sociolinguistics

Social and economic history

Historical stylometry



Focus

Digital approaches to citizen science

Linked open data infrastructures



Why?

New research opportunities

Getuigenissen project

'Digital historical collection of court depositions from the Southern Low Countries (18th-19th Centuries)'

Funded by FWO Hercules / BOF

Challenge

Court depositions: unique & valuable source

But rarely used

Data collection is labour-intensive

Data analysis rarely systematic

Approach: open & citizen science

ONTDEK ONS CRIMINEEL VERLEDEN

NEEM DEEL
EN LEVER ZO EEN BIJDRAGE
AAN WETENSCHAPPELIJK
ONDERZOEK



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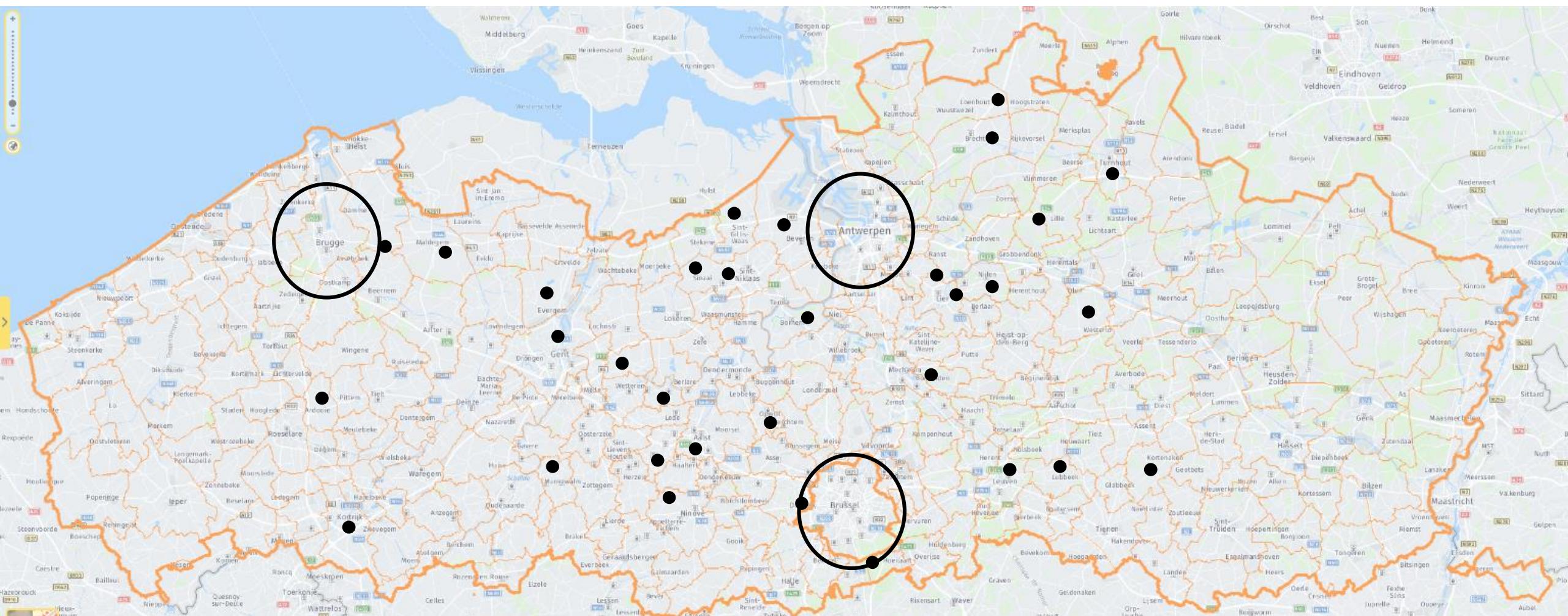


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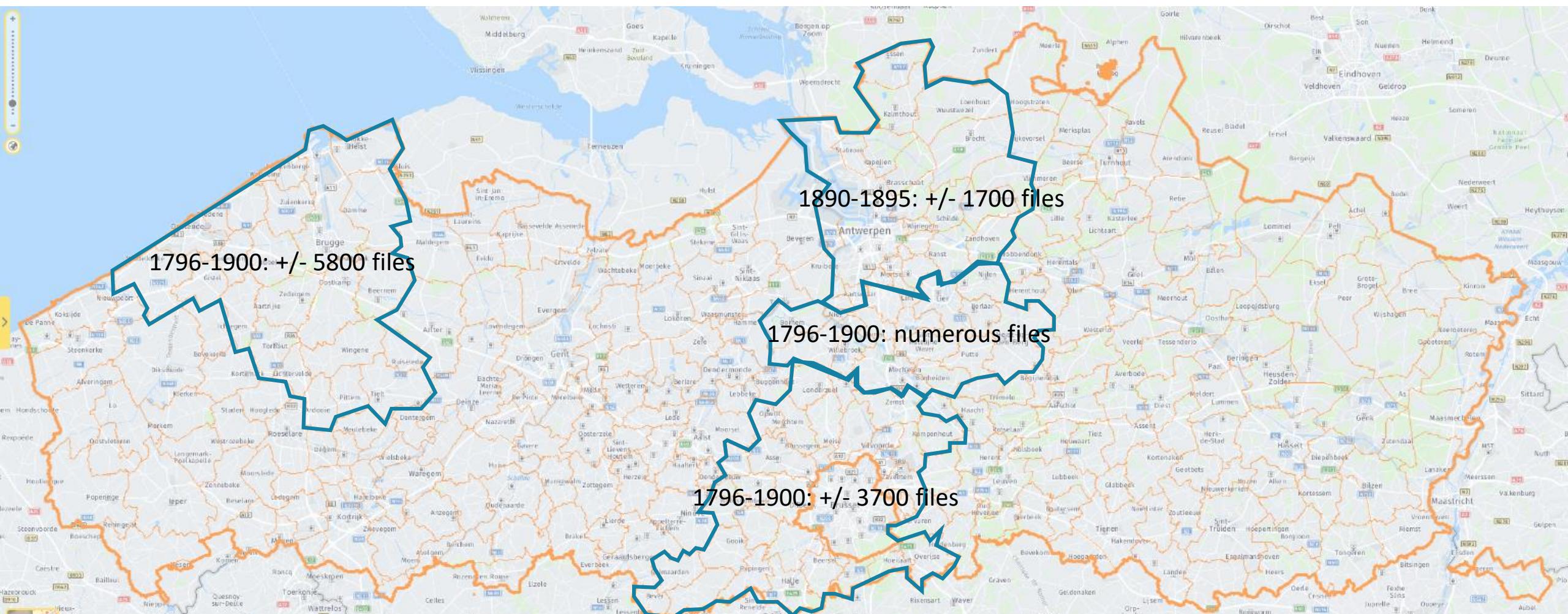




18th century

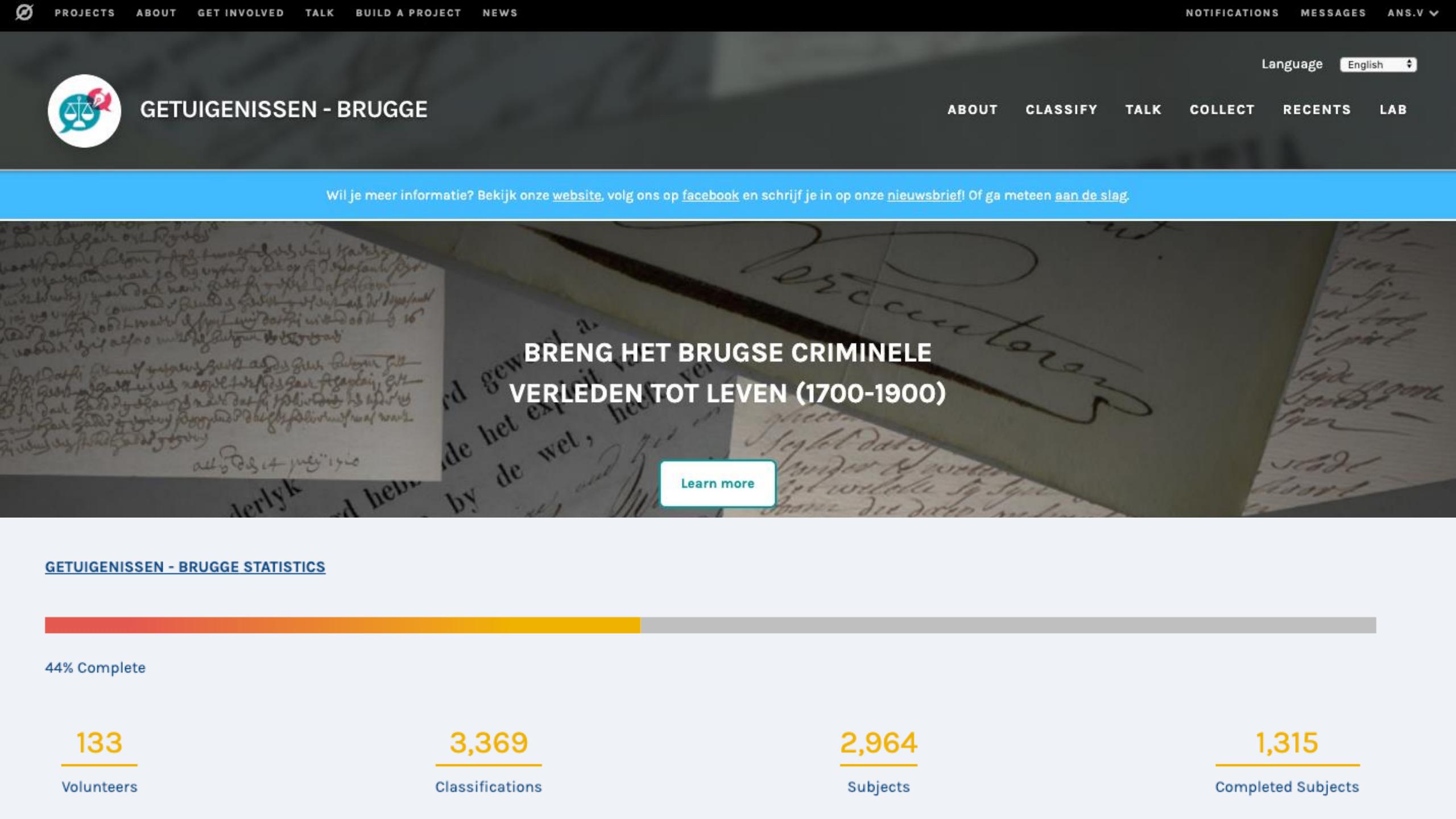


Judicial arrondissement – correctional tribunal 19th century





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BRENG HET BRUGSE CRIMINELE VERLEDEN TOT LEVEN (1700-1900)

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GETUIGENISSEN - BRUGGE STATISTICS

44% Complete

133

Volunteers

3,369

Classifications

2,964

Subjects

1,315

Completed Subjects

Digital crowd-sourcing platform

Currently

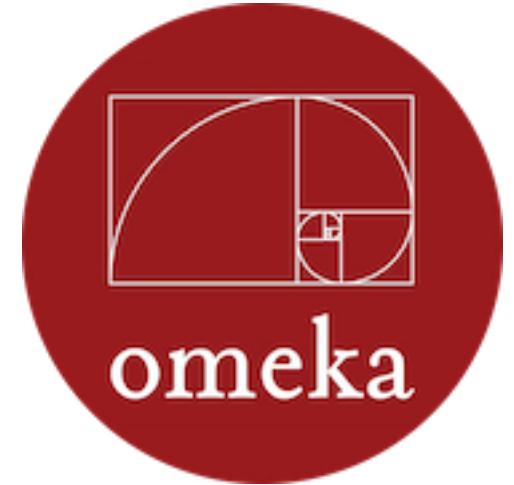
Zooniverse (<http://www.zooniverse.org>)

In development

New IIIF-enabled corpus transcription & annotation platform

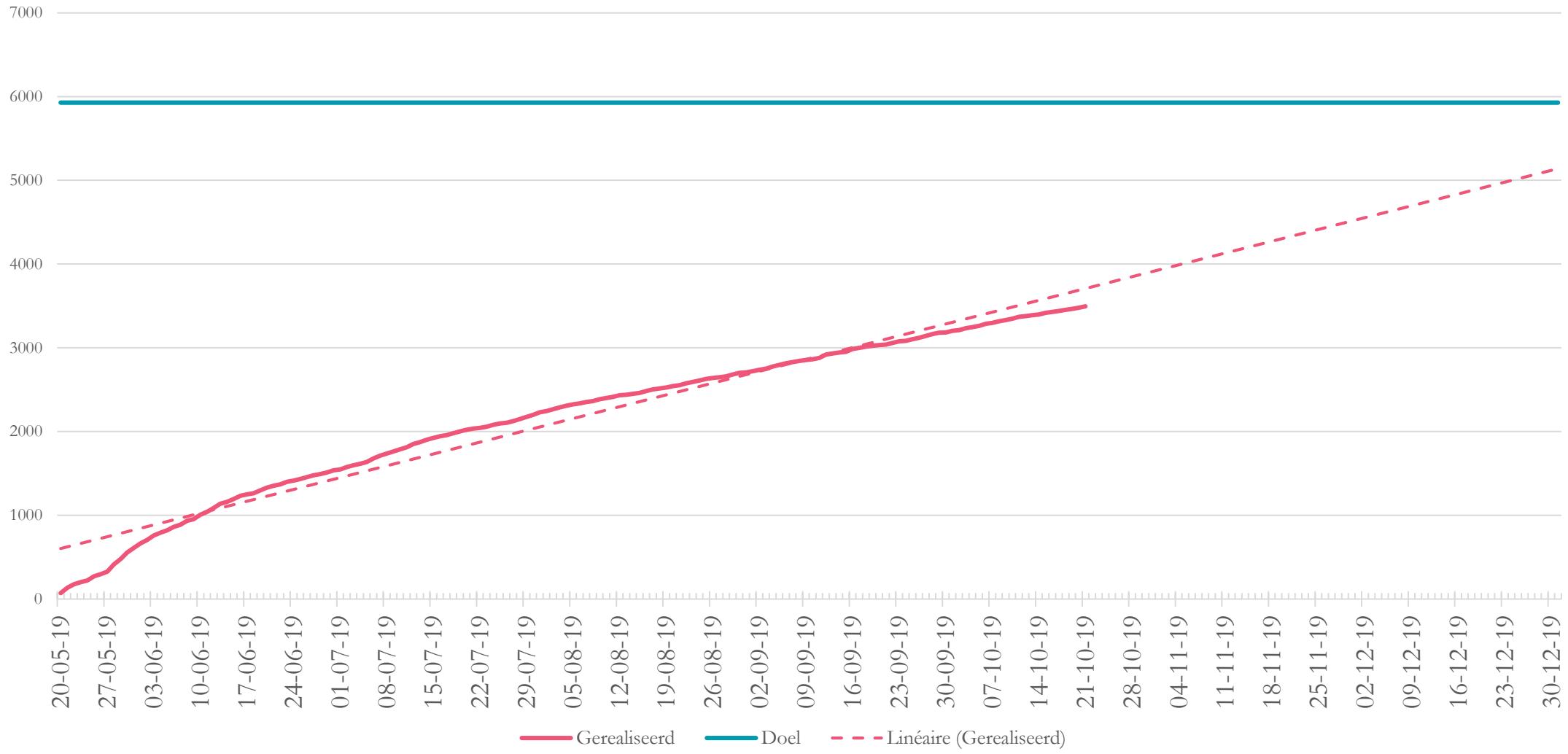
Madoc platform

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Madoc platform. At the top, there is a search bar with the word "Search" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar is a link "Cymraeg". Below the search bar, there are four buttons: "Homepage", "All Collections", "About", and "Contact". A dark grey sidebar on the left contains the text "Madoc platform" and "Madoc is an Omeka S based platform for the display, enrichment, and curation of IIIF-based digital objects.". The main content area features a large, sepia-toned photograph of the Forth Rail Bridge in Scotland. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Add to the collection" with the sub-instruction "Run a crowdsourcing project and invite others to contribute". A "Get started" button is located at the very bottom.



Trend

Update: 22/10/2019



KALENDER GETUIGENISSEN

ONTDEK ONS CRIMINEEL VERLEDEN

LEZING

'Tijdsloos?! Wat leren getuigenissen ons over vroegmoderne tijdsbesteding?'
dr. Gerrit Verhoeven (Universiteit Antwerpen)
Wanneer woensdag 25 september om 18.30u
Waar Rijksarchief Brugge

LEZING

'Hoeren, pauwen en ondeugende dochters: de levenslopen van vrouwen in de Brugse prostitutie' dr. Maja Mechant
Wanneer woensdag 23 oktober om 18.30u
Waar Stadsarchief Brugge

LEZING

'De berechting van misdrijven sinds 1795. Een kennismaking met de gerechtelijke organisatie, de strafrechtspleging en de dossiervorming.'
Paul Drossens (Hoofdarchivaris Rijksarchief Gent)
Wanneer woensdag 20 november om 18.30u
Waar Rijksarchief Brugge

LEZING

'Slaan, schimpen of stelen? Gender en criminaliteit in 17de-eeuws Brugge'
prof.dr. Heidi Deneweth (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
Wanneer woensdag 4 december om 18.30u
Waar Stadsarchief Brugge

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Stadsarchief Brugge Burg 11A, 8000 Brugge

Iedereen is welkom deel te nemen aan dit online digitalisering project! Bezoek alvast onze website.

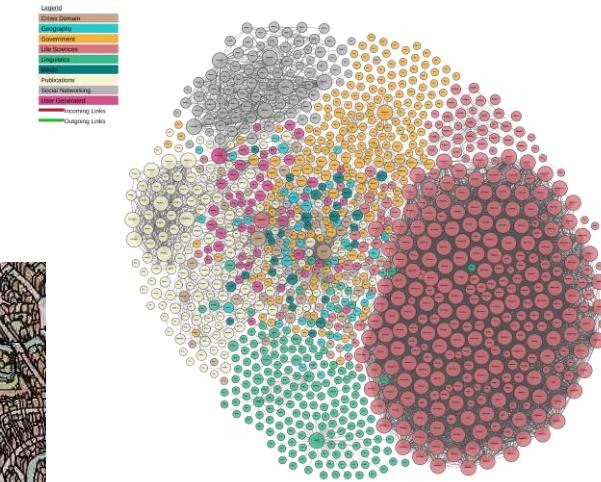
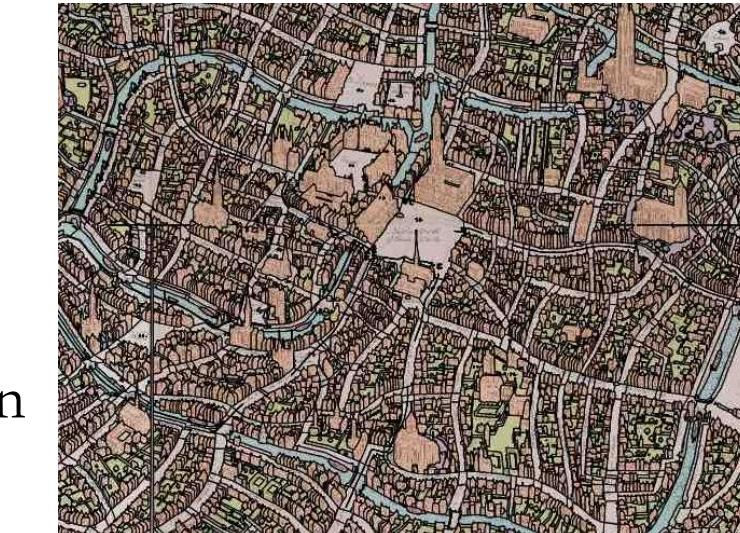
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Data annotation & analysis

How to analyse 10.000+ texts?
Use of open linked data

Annotations provided by
Researchers
Citizen science volunteers
Automated entity recognition



Pro & contra

- + Interaction with volunteers**
 - Monitoring & training costs for citizen science
- + Data collection**
 - Much investment remains invisible as research output
- + Interdisciplinary conversation**
 - Open data as end product is perceived as threatening
- + Shakes up unquestioned research routines**
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