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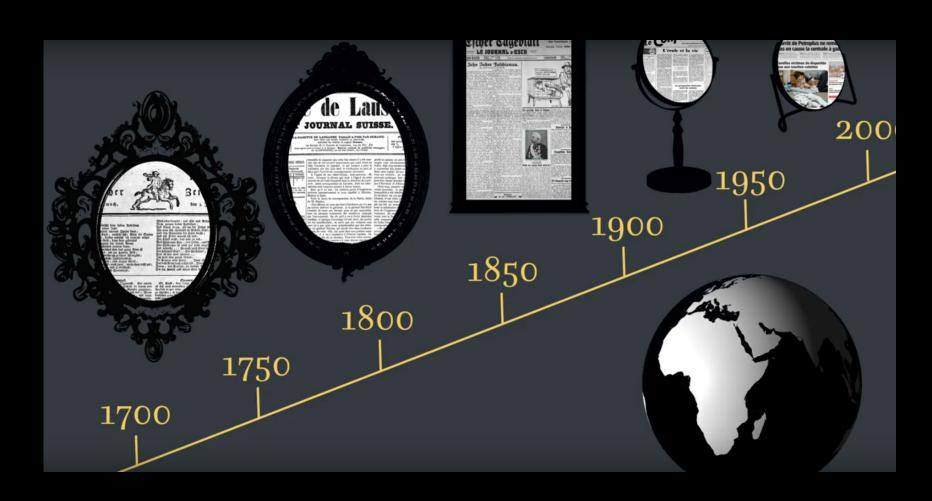












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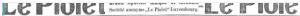
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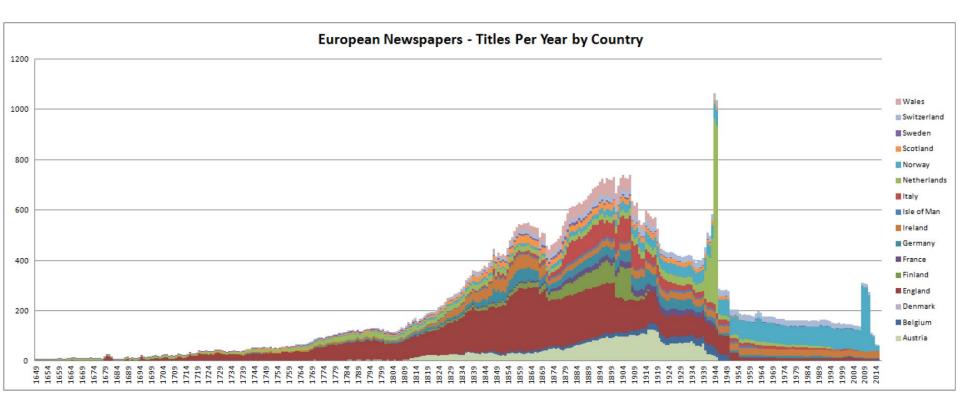
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The landscape of historical newspapers



The challenging landscape of historical newspapers

- 1. Institutional silos
- 2. Big and messy data
- 3. Noisy historical text
- 4. Visualisation and exploration
- 5. Digital Scholarship

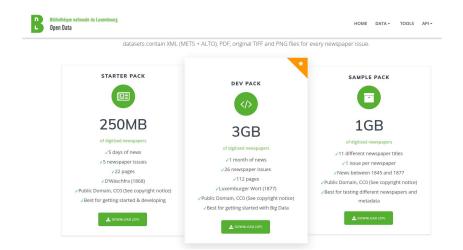


Newspapers as Data



'Collections as Data' as a "conceptual orientation to collections that renders them as ordered information, stored digitally, so that they are inherently amenable to computation".

https://collectionsasdata.github.io/



https://data.bnl.lu

TROVE

2. Show the total number of articles per year

In another notebook, I look at different ways of visualising Trove newspaper searches over ti set the q parameter to a single space.

[6]: # Set the q parameter to a single space to get ALL THE ARTICLES
params["q"] = " "

Now we can find the total number of newspaper articles in Trove.

[7]: # Get the JSON data from the Trove API using our parameters
data = get_results(params)

Navigate down the JSON hierarchy to find the total results
total = int(data["response"]["zone"][0]["records"]["total"])

Print the results
print("There are currently {:,} articles in Trove!".format(total))
There are currently 233,666,567 articles in Trove!

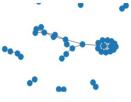
Ok, that's not all that useful. What would be more interesting is to show the total number of a details in this notebook but, in short, we have to loop through the decades from 1800 to 201

These two functions do just that.

https://glam-workbench.net/trove-newspapers/







ANALYSING THE EDITIONS OF LES FLEURS DU MAL DE BAUDELAIRE FROM DATA.BNF.FR

This notebook shows how to exploit the editions of Les fleurs du mal de Baudelaire using network graphs from data.bnf.fr.

Preview



COMPUTER VISION APPLIED TO SMITHSONIAN OPEN ACCESS

This notebook introduces how to explore Smithsonian Open Access to apply computer vision methods in face detection.

\$° Binder **③** Preview











ACCESSING EUROPEANA IIIF API

This notebook extracts a dataset from the Europeana IIIF API. It performs an automatic search, retrieving the manifests from the IIIF server to create a dataset with the metadata as a CSV file.

\$° Binder **●** Preview

https://data.cervantesvirtual.com/glam-jupyter-notebooks

In which areas of research is this method/approach currently being used and developed, and what are its merits?

What types of data and research interests fit well with this

method/approach?

Interdisciplinary projects on newspapers

N E W S E E









How can semantic indexing

enhance the study and exploration

of historical newspapers?

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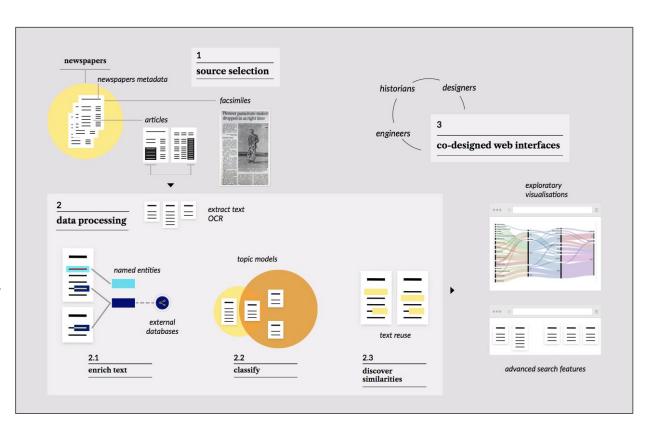


Objectives and research questions

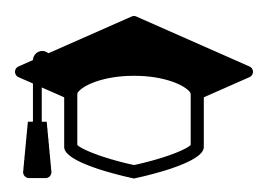
1. How to adapt NLP tools to historical texts?

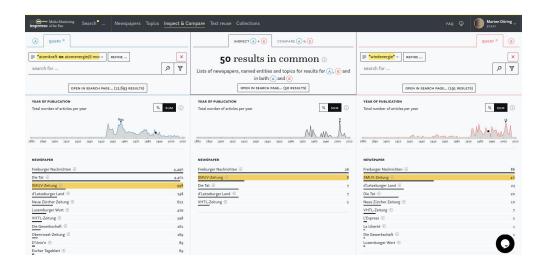
2. How to explore complex and vast amounts of data?

3. What is the impact of new tooling on digital scholarship?

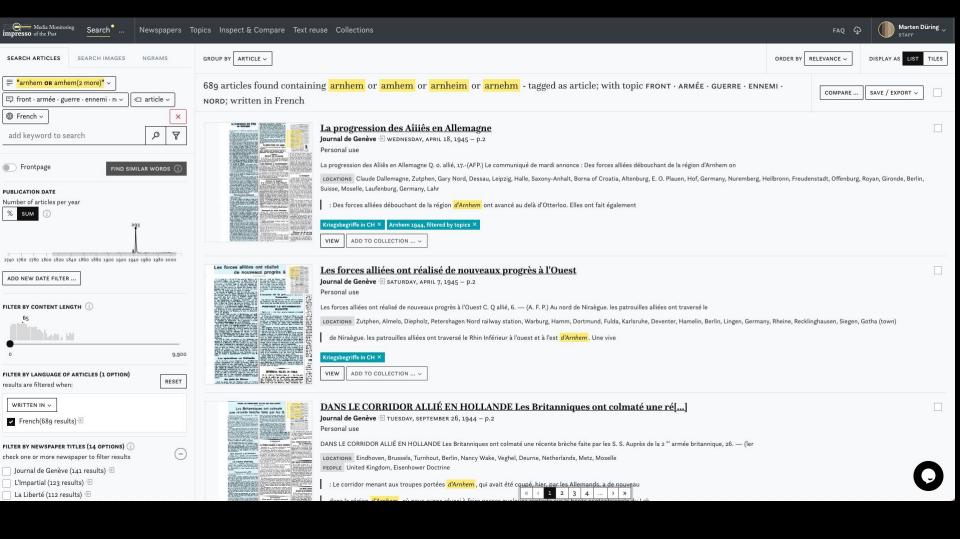


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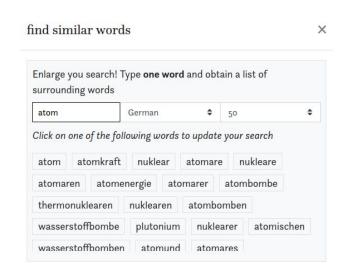




Historians without specific digital literacy but curiosity to go beyond keyword search and the motivation to learn how to use a research tool.



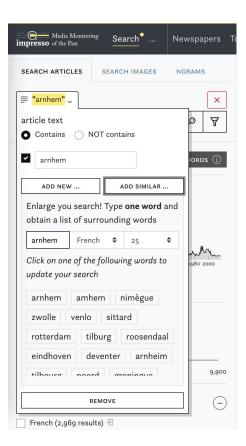
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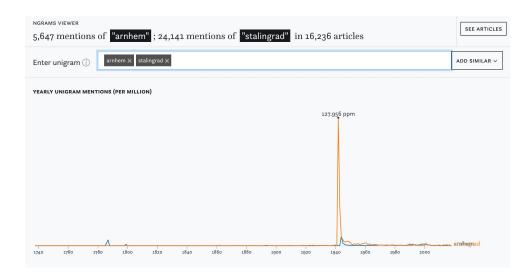
Word embeddings?
Keyword suggestions?
OCR mistakes!



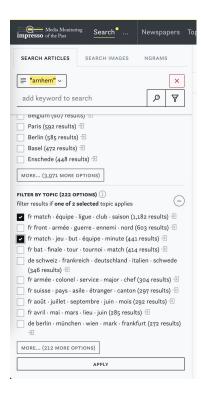
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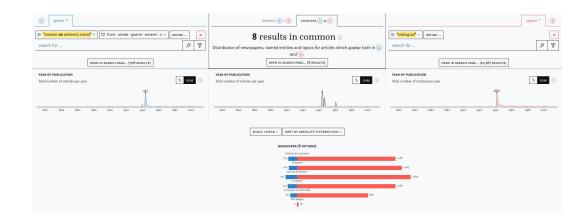
Ngrams



Filter by topic



Inspect & Compare



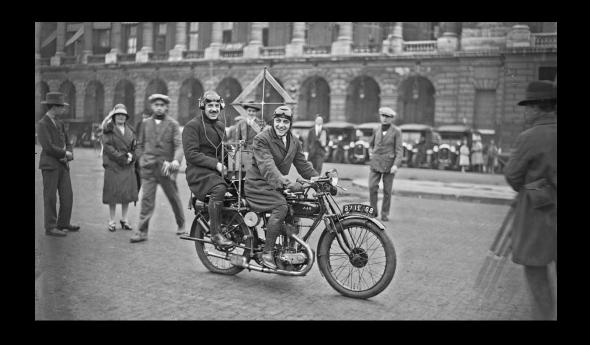


Gianni Sarconi, The Master of Numbers (2006)



Jennifer Kuhns, Glass mosaic of Alice Paul, suffragist. 1885-1977 (2019)

How could this method/approach contribute to the study of historical processes of knowledge evolution?

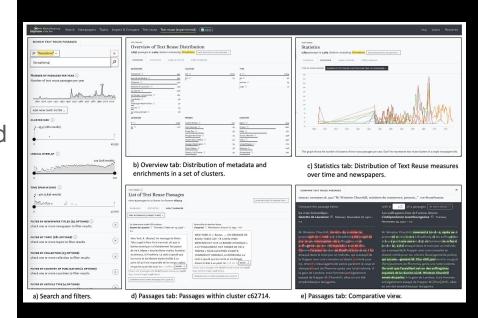


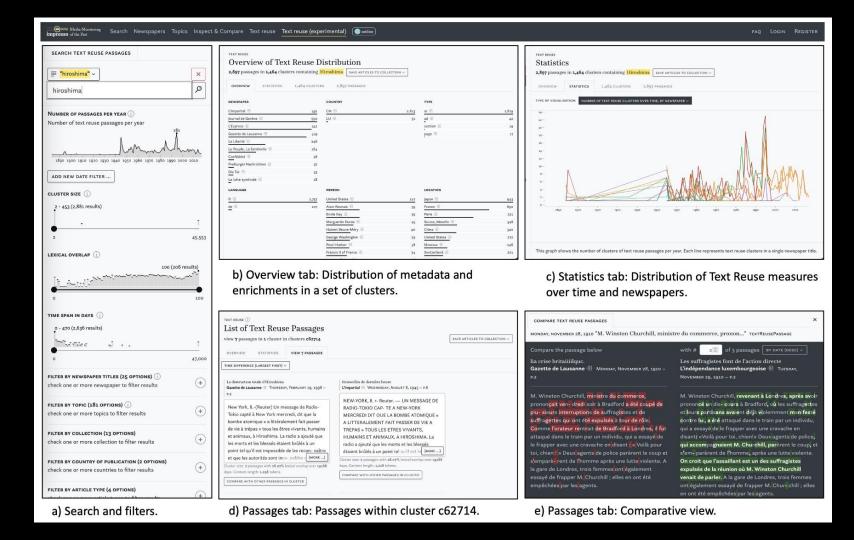
Outlook: What is next?

Text Reuse at Scale

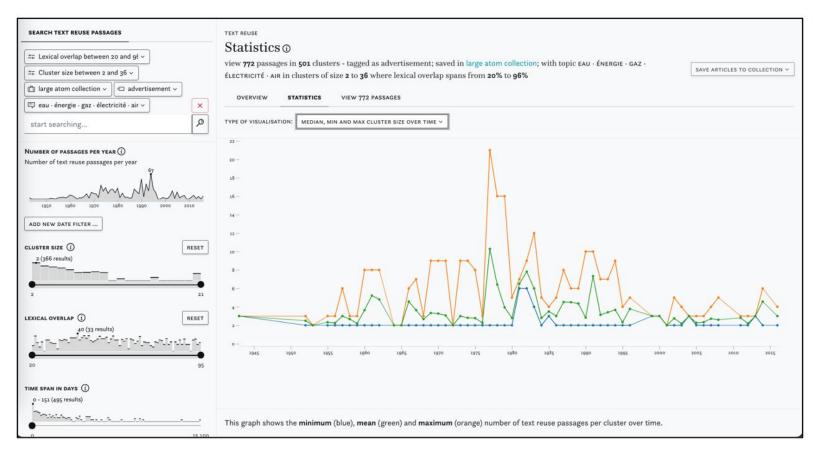
Opportunity: integration of TR data with other semantic enrichments.

- 1. Expert workshop in Nov 2022 produced research objectives, tasks & mockups.
- New prototype component.
- User evaluation.
- Research paper [preprint].
- 5. Revised prototype to be integrated in main app.

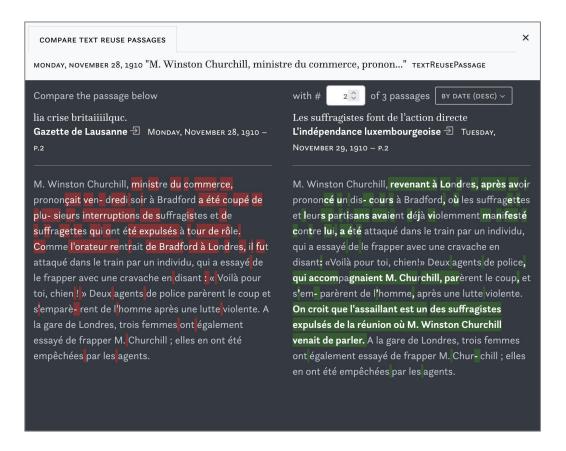




Example: When did nuclear power ads circulate?



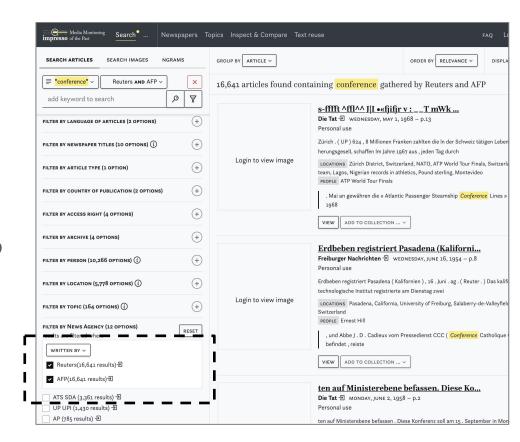
Editing press agency content



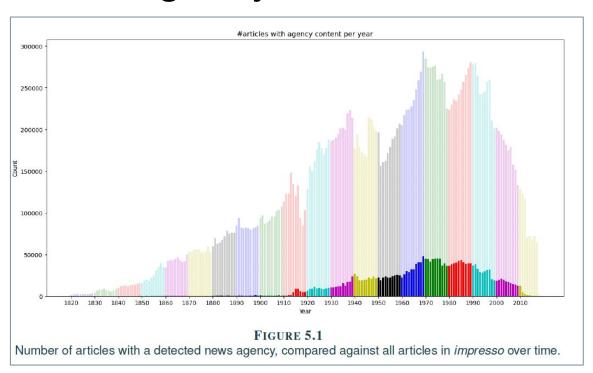
Where did the news come from?

News Agency Recognition

- Construction of an annotated dataset (27 agencies, ca 2000 articles, fr and de);
- Training and evaluation of models to recognise news agencies;
- Application on the whole impresso corpus;
- First analyses.

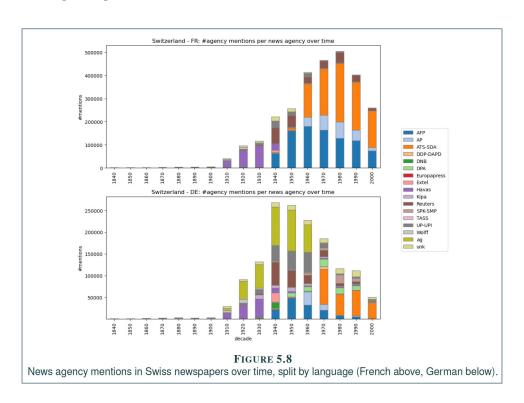


News agency mentions

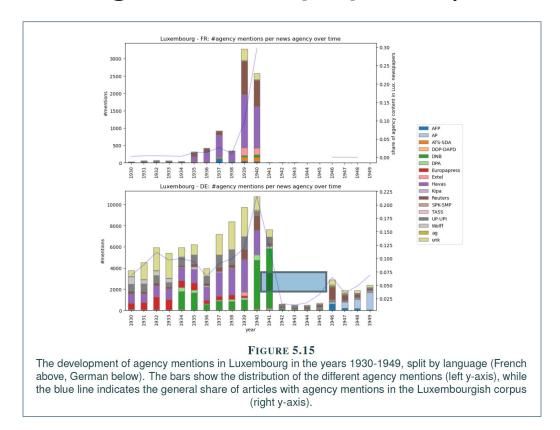


CH: #mentions per agency 0.5 LU: #mentions per agency language 40000 20000 FIGURE 5.7 Number of agency mentions per agency, split by country (CH above, LU below) and language (German in blue, French in orange).

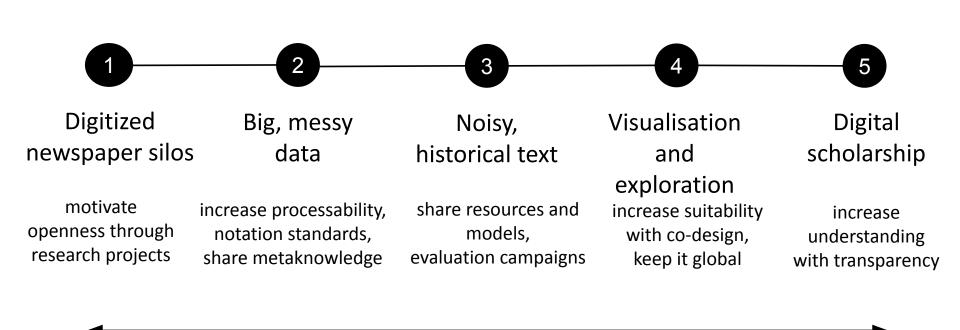
In Swiss newspapers



In Luxembourgish newspapers (1940-1944)



Reliable Semantic Indexing of Historical Newspapers at Scale: Are We There Yet?



methodologically reflected technical framework

What's next? (from the community)

What are the main challenges we need to address in relation with historical newspapers?

- Document processing
- Text and image processing
- Evaluation (digitisation and content mining)
- Exploration of enriched, global collections
- Working with data
- Workflows
- Criticism, inclusivity
- Legal matters



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Report from Dagstuhl Seminar 22292

Computational Approaches to Digitised Historical Newspapers

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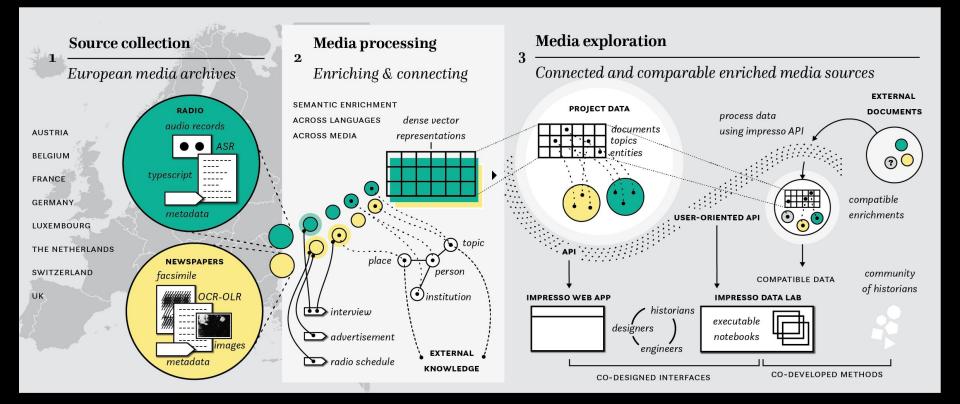
Historical newspapers are mirrors of past societies, keeping track of the small and great history and reflecting the political, moral, and economic environments in which they were produced. Highly valued as primary sources by historians and humanities scholars, newspaper archives have been massively digitised in libraries, resulting in large collections of machine-rendable documents and, over the past half-decade, in numerous academic research initiatives on their automatic processing. The Dagstuhl Seminar 22292 "Computational Approaches to Digitised Historical Newspaper" gathered researchers and practitioners with backgrounds in natural language processing, computer vision, digital history and digital library involved in computational approaches to historical newspapers with the objectives to share experiences, analyse successes and shortcomings, deepen our understanding of the interplay between computational aspects and digital scholarship, and discuss future challenges. This report documents the program and the outcomes of the seminar.

What's next? (from impresso)



Main objectives

- Enrichment and integration of newspaper and radio sources in a single semantic space;
- Expand the corpus to Western Europe;
- Develop interfaces for exploratory and computational research;
- Conduct case studies in (media) history, theme "influences."



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