

AGAPE: An introductory course to open science  
for early career researchers

An Opening Doors initiative



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# Introduction

Greetings, fellow PhD student or open science curious friend!

In this course, we would like to introduce you to the world of open science. Whether you are familiar with some of its concepts and resources or the open science movement doesn't ring any bells, we believe that what you learn here will be interesting for you and at the same time highly useful for your future career.

We ourselves are PhD students who firstly met during the course focusing on open and collaborative research. And because we felt that what we learned was very helpful and other students should have an opportunity to get familiar with these concepts too, we decided to create Agape. Agape means wide open, such as open science we want to promote. The word agapē originates from Greek and means love that is unconditional, such as our love for science. Under Agape we aim to disseminate open science between students, starting with this course and continuing with series of workshops where we can learn, exchange our opinions and experiences and together change the future.

With this course, Agape would like to open doors for you into the world of open science and to introduce various concepts that we think are very important but we were not told about. Whilst we all heard about the scientific integrity and open access publishing at some point of our studies, a domain of open science encompasses a much larger area. Given its extent, this course is by far not covering the whole scope of open science. However, during the course we provide you with useful links to other resources should you wish to learn more and start practising open science.

The course is structured into chapters that are written to expand on various topics. We think that an order they follow is logical and later chapters are building on knowledge in the previous ones, but you can decide to go through them in whatever order you like by clicking on different chapters in the menu on the left or to return to some of them should you find something is not clear or you forgot in the meantime.

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And now, without further delay, let's quench that thirst for knowledge! ##  
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## How to read this book

## How to read the web edition

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Figure 1: Toolbar features in open-access web edition

## What did we leave out?

## About Opening Doors project

## Meet the authors

## Acknowledgement

## How to contribute to this project

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction to open science

Bullet points: Defining science: “systematic enterprise that builds and organises knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe” [...] science performs knowledge validation “through (the) sharing of findings and data and through peer review”. That is, sharing these knowledge bits with other scientists *is* the method for evaluating their truthiness and validity. This process is called *peer-reviewing*. Isn’t science open already? What is the current “openness” status and how it changed over time? When and where does the term open science come from? Why we do NOT need open science: The misuse of openly available dual-edge knowledge The misinterpretation and misunderstanding of openly available knowledge from the amateurs and the general public. The degradation of the peer-review process and the advent of predatory “open” journals. The commodification of scientific knowledge, where knowledge is only apparently /free/ but the user becomes the product The monopoly of the western world in designing open science. The costs of higher accessibility to data and publications. The absence of metrics in evaluating and recognizing one’s efforts in generating and maintaining openly available knowledge. The risks of extreme rigour hindering exploratory research. Why we DO need open science: The open science currents: opening what and how? Developing and building infrastructure that help scientists practice open science Implement new evaluation processes for scientists to progress in their career based also upon their degree of “openness” Dedicating time to improve knowledge divulgation, comprehensibility, and accessibility Removing legal barriers that limit a complete access to the generated knowledge Pragmatic approach (“as open as possible as close as necessary”) The key challenges Going past the traditional scientific community Knowledge validation without economical barriers or conflict of interest Multilingual knowledge Educating a new generation of scientists Costs and infrastructures Monitoring the status of open science



## Chapter 2

# Open research, open data, open access

### 2.1 Mark's quiz module

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## Chapter 3

# Pros and cons

### 3.1 Testing google form based quiz

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## Chapter 4

# Research data lifecycle

### 4.1 Create quiz using learnr package





## Chapter 5

# FAIR principles

### 5.1 test



## Chapter 6

# Data centers and data repositories



## Chapter 7

# Policies

### 7.1 Test Child function

#### 7.1.1 firstpage



## Chapter 8

# Data ethics

### 8.0.1 Minimal Q:

any header + at least two options.

- ☒ Correct Option
- ☐ Incorrect Options needed for Moodle.

### 8.0.2 Markdown -> Code Highlighting

```
def take_default_list(xs = []):  
    xs.append(7)  
    return sum(xs) # this is a comment.
```

What is the output of `take_default_list([1,2,3])`?

- ☒ It's impossible to know.
- ☐ 13
- ☐ Something else.

### 8.0.3 Headings trigger new questions!

What is  $3 + 4$ ?

Ordered options never get shuffled!

- ☐ 5

- ☐ 6
- ☒ 7
- ☐ 8

## 8.1 Dictionary Review:

```
x = {1: 2, 3: 4, 5: 6}  
print(x[4])
```

What happens here?

- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ True
- ☐ False
- ☒ Crash!



## Chapter 9

# Coding and other skills



## Chapter 10

# Communication and ethics of open science



## Chapter 11

# Opening your research



## Chapter 12

## Conclusion





## Chapter 13

### How to contact us



## Chapter 14

# Data centers and data repositories



## Chapter 15

## Conclusion