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LIKE
Open Science Course
Seminar 1:
Introducing
Open Science

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Today's discussion

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Introduction

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Our goals for today

- Tell you about the course
- Introduce open science
- Share experiences of COVID-19



Image courtesy [National Gallery of Art, Washington](#).

Who's here?

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Please introduce yourselves!

The LIKE Open Science Course

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It is...

- A philosophy
- A set of tools
- An old idea

It is not...

- Difficult
- Expensive
- Rewarded directly

Course goals

We want you to be successful.

This course will:

- Tell you about open science
- Give you a toolbox
- Help you use these tools



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Course outline

| Seminar | Self-study | Assignment |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. <u>Introducing open science</u> | 1. <u>Background reading</u> | |
| 2. <u>Guiding principles</u> | 2. <u>Is your group's work FAIR?</u> | |
| 3. <u>Open science and intellectual property</u> | 3. <u>Implementing open science</u> | |
| 4. <u>Communicating your science</u> | 4. <u>Communications strategies</u> | 1. <u>Implementation case study</u> |
| 5. <u>What are data management plans and why do they matter?</u> | 5. <u>Draft a data management plan</u> | |
| Workshop: <u>Open science in LIKE</u> | 6. <u>Revise data management plan</u> | 2. <u>Data management plan</u> |

Course logistics

Grading

- No exams, but..
- Complete assignments to get a participation certificate.

Questions?

- No office hours!
- Use slack and ask each other

Errors, suggestions, corrections...

- [Help improve the material](#)

Your feedback

This is a new course!

- Get in touch at any time
- Survey at the end

**Let's talk about
COVID-19**

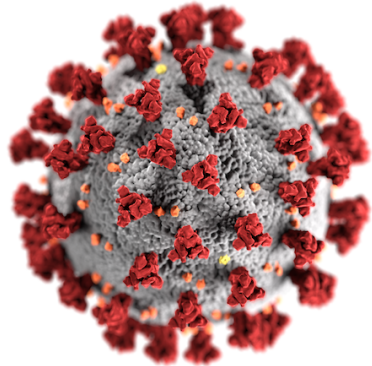
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Why would we want to talk about COVID-19?

COVID-19 is...

- something we've all experienced,
- international, and
- recent,

... and a great example of how we experience and share science!



The SARS-CoV-2 Virus

Source: [Public Health Image Library #23312](#).

Credit: Alissa Eckert, MSMI, Dan Higgins, MAMS.

How did we learn about COVID-19?

Mainstream media

- Traditional news
- Social media

Scientific media

- Researchers' websites
- Paper repositories

Personal experience

- Directly affected
- Rumours and gossip

What do you think?

- What makes information useful?
- What makes you take action?
- What can we learn from this?

How did we respond to COVID-19?



The ARENA2036 team and many others made face shields to protect against coronavirus. Source: [U. Stuttgart](#)

How was scientific information shared?



I'M A HUGE FAN OF WEIRD GRAPHS, BUT EVEN I ADMIT SOME OF THESE CORONAVIRUS CHARTS ARE LESS THAN HELPFUL.

Source: [xkcd](#)

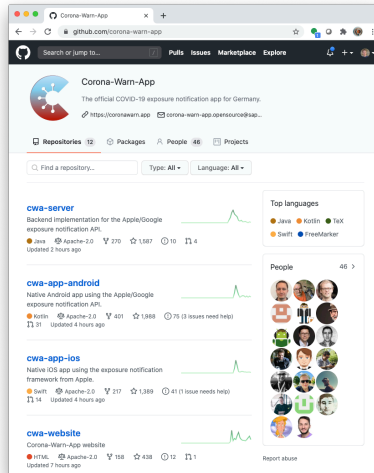
Lessons learned from COVID-19

Openness has advantages:

- Monitoring spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus
- Sharing treatment plans across continents
- Developing technical solutions

But it brings new challenges for STEM experts:

- Communicating (uncertain) results
- Making scientific information useful



The German COVID-19 exposure notification app source code is shared through GitHub

Closing thoughts

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Seminar summary

You've learned:

- About the course
- A first definition for “open science”
- How openness helps fight COVID-19
- Some challenges with being open



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What to do now

Self-study 1: Background reading

Read about how open science has been used to fight COVID-19, for example...

- Open science takes on the coronavirus pandemic (Nature, 2020)
- “Data Sharing in a Time of Pandemic” (Patterns, 2020)
- “Open Science against COVID-19: how Zenodo and OpenAIRE support the scientists” (CERN, 2020)

Seminar 2: Guiding principles

What are the basic principles of open science? How can you implement them, and what do they mean for your organisation?

- Seminar materials on GitHub