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- Free Universities in C18 Germany
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- Established need for rational argument
 - No *ex cathedra* pronouncements
 - Reproducible evidence and method
 - Citation of previous scholarship

Open Scholarship: Method

- Scholar A does research
 - 20 years later, writes book, includes citations
 - book published
- 30 years later, Scholar B reads book
 - follows citations
 - reproduces experimental methodology
 - disagrees with results
 - new research
 - 20 more years later, writes new book
 - includes Scholar A among citations
- This is collaboration
 - even if they never meet

Citation and attribution

- Copyright = legal framework
- Academic credit = different rules (plagiarism)
- Who owns copyright vs. who is author?
- Legal vs. moral rights...

Crowdsourcing

- Definition
- What sorts of project use crowdsourcing?
- Who is the “crowd”?
- What tasks do they perform?
- Who benefits?
- What issues and problems arise?

Definition

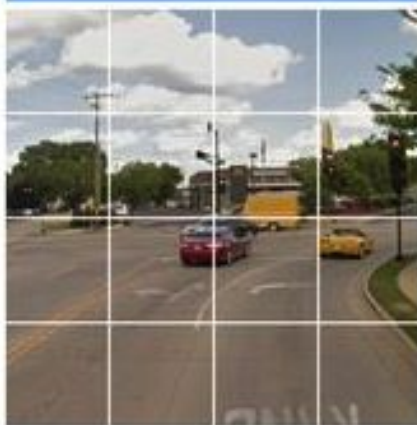
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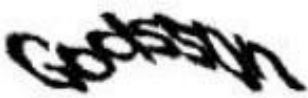


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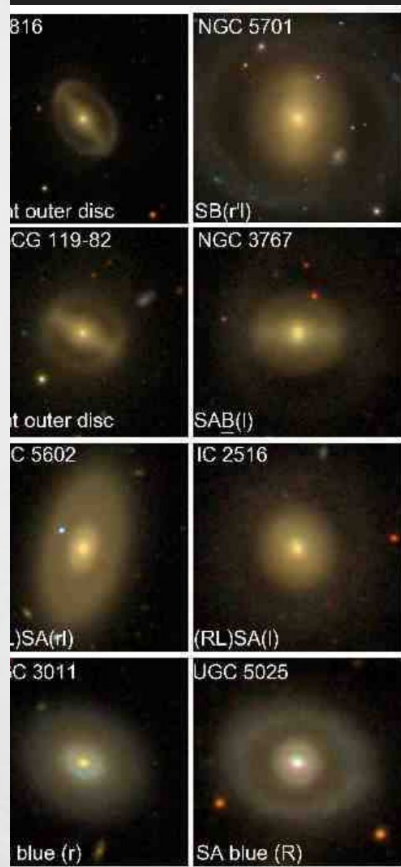
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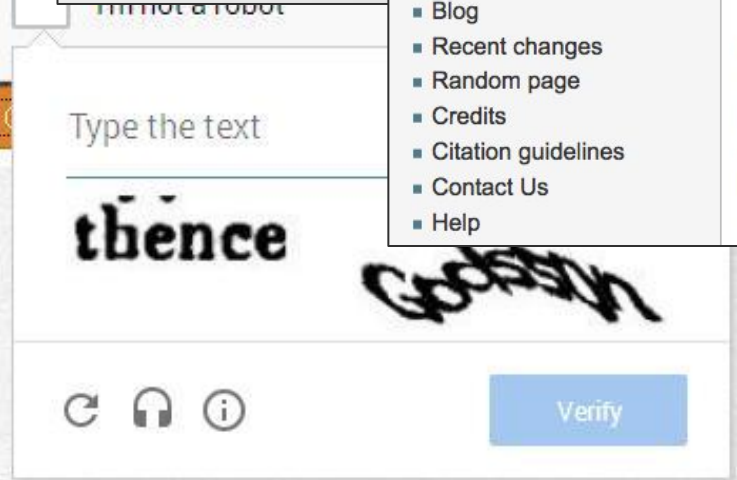
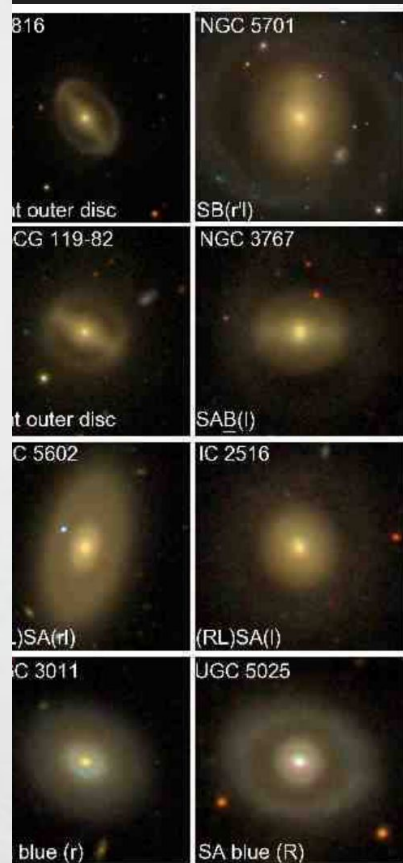
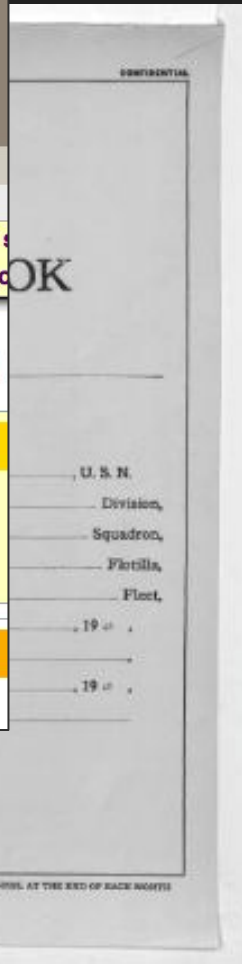
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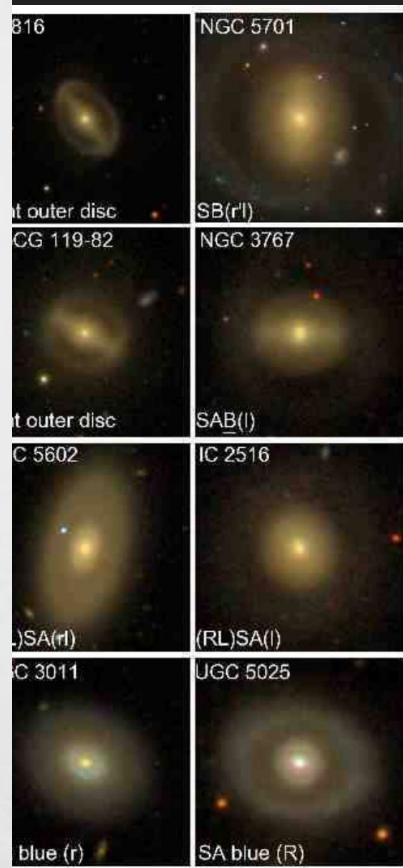
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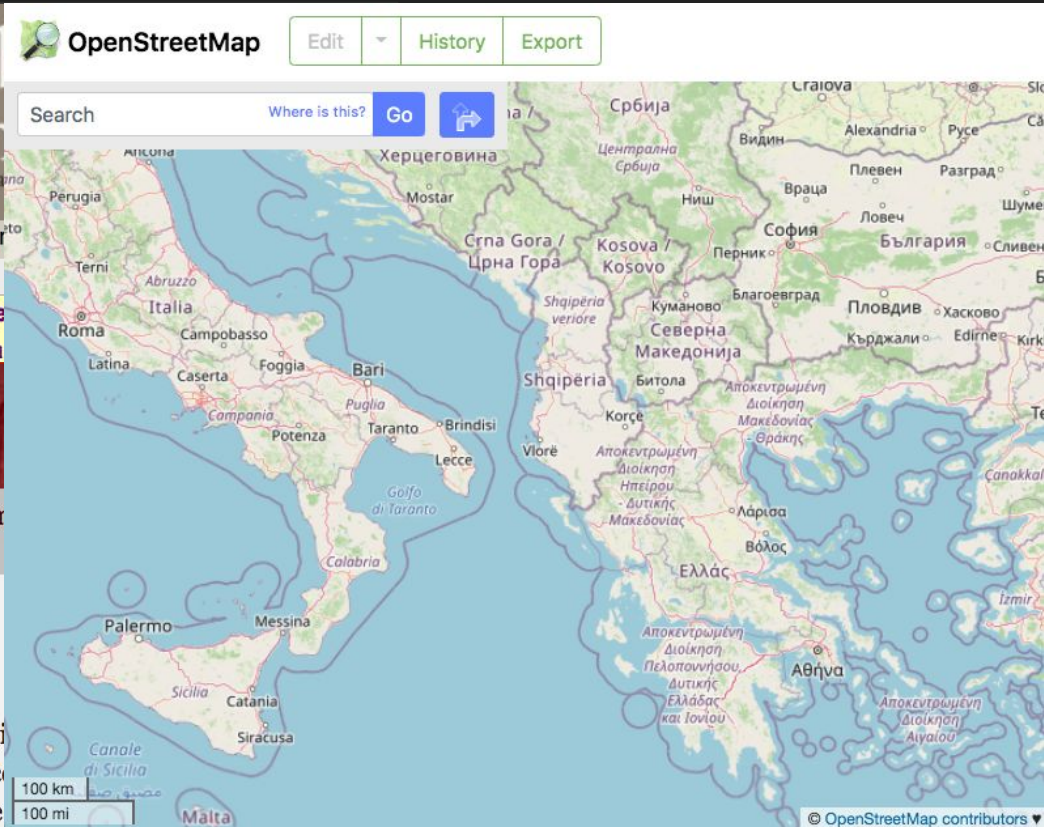
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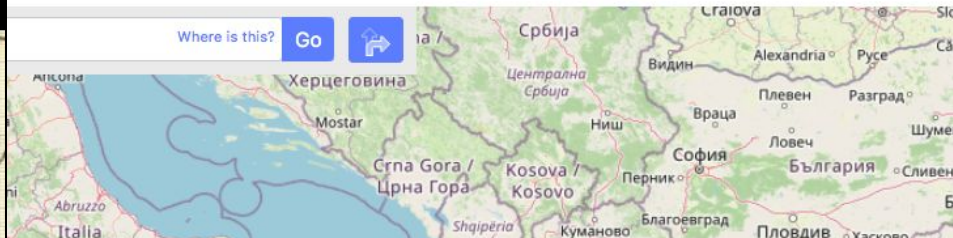
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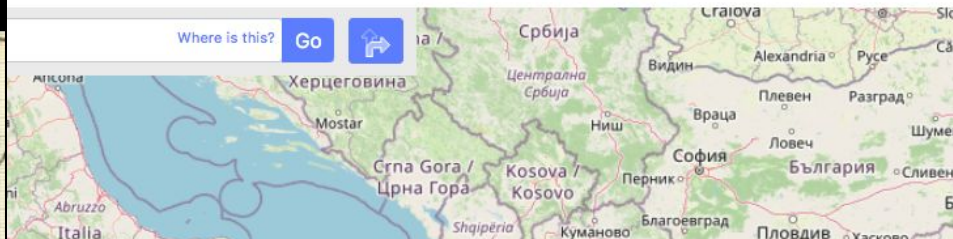
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It can be inspiring and fascinating to find out about different people and their lives.

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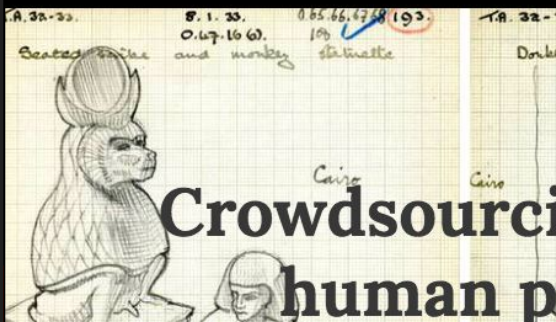
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Who is the “crowd”?

- General public
 - Local community
 - Specific people, descendants
 - Interest groups
- Experts / professionals
- Commercial interests

Tasks

- Annotating, tagging
- Transcribing
- Correcting
- Geolocating
- Adding images, media
- Comments, reviews, votes
- Cataloguing
- Expert vs. “Mechanical Turk” tasks

Benefits

- Free labour
- “Wisdom of the crowd”
- Expert knowledge or context
- Public opinion
- Interest/fun – “gamification”
- Public engagement

Issues

- Free labour!
- Accuracy and abuse
- Agendas
- Skewed demographics of crowd
- Need for moderation
 - Moderation breaks model
- Can be hard to engage crowd

Wikimedia and Wikipedia

The world of Wikimedia



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What is Wikipedia?

- Available in 300 languages
- Nearly 7 million in English, >60 million across all other languages
- 22 billion page views a month
- Lots of sister websites
- The people who write Wikipedia have control over its content



“Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge”

—*Wikipedia co-founder Jimmy Wales*

Wikipedia shapes our world

- Facebook and YouTube are using it to combat fake news by giving context to links
- Google and Amazon use Wikipedia to work out how much language support they should provide
- The Tate are sourcing biographies from Wikipedia for their website
- Wikipedia and Wikidata underpin much of Google search



Core content policies

- Neutral point of view (WP:NPOV)
- Verifiability (WP:V)
- No original research (WP:NOR)

How do you address imbalance?

There are lots of groups active in this area:

- Connected Heritage
- Decolonising Wikipedia Network
- Women's Classical Committee, who we will hear more about...

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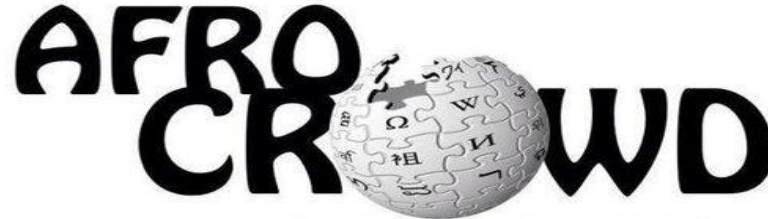
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- Proportion of women as biography subjects – 17.82%



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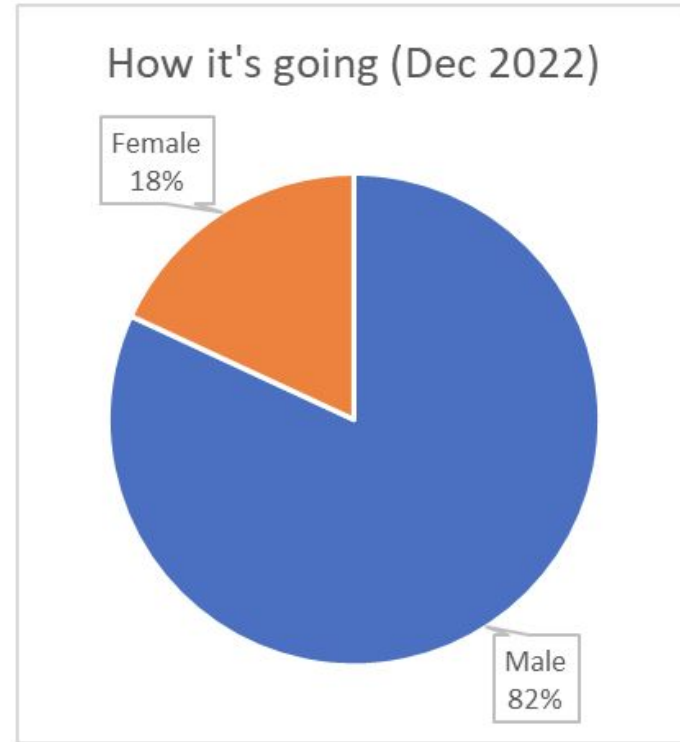
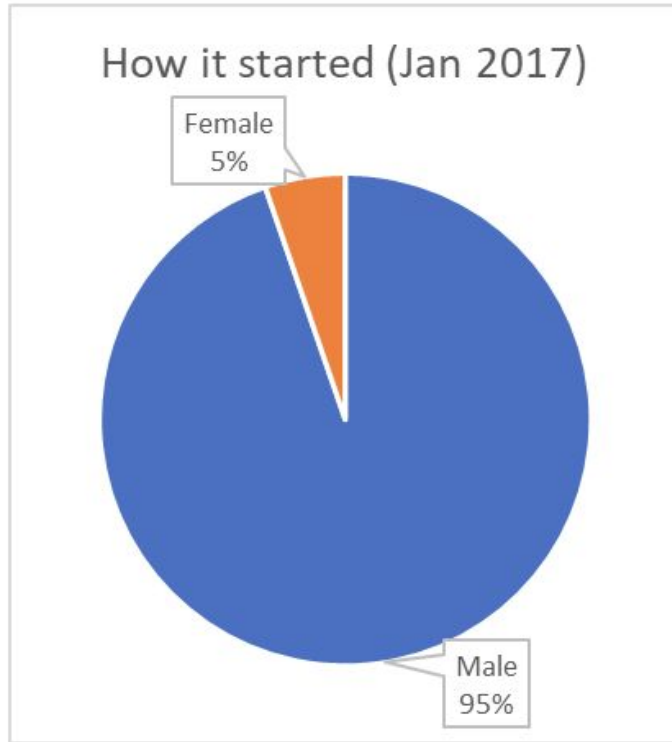
WikiProject
Women in Red

#WCCWiki - what we do

- WikiProject which aims to improve the online representation of women and non-binary classicists (broadly conceived)
- Started in 2017, supported by the Women's Classical Committee UK,
- Online editing sessions every month (IRC/Zoom), one-off workshops and training sessions

#WCCWiki - some stats

<https://richardthecastellan.wordpress.com/2022/12/29/how-many-biographies-of-classicists-does-wikipedia-have-july-2021-update-2/>



#WCCWiki - impact

- Created and improved over 600 pages
- 49 new pages in 2021 (22% of biographies of classicists)
- 2016 7% of biographies of classicists are women → 2022 18%
- Good Articles: Jacquetta Hawkes, Anna Apostolaki, Alice Kober, Kathleen Freeman (classicist), Elizabeth Pierce Blegen, CIL 4.5296, Mary Renault
- Images!

#WCCWiki - recognition

- Partnership of the Year at the 2022 UK Wikimedian of the Year Awards
- In the media:
 - Victoria Leonard (11 June 2017). "How we doubled the representation of female classical scholars on Wikipedia". Times Higher Education.
 - Victoria Leonard (12 December 2018). "Female scholars are marginalised on Wikipedia because it's written by men". The Guardian.
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Jinyu Liu

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Liu was born and raised in China.^[1] She received her BA in 1993 and her MA in 1996 from [Nanjing University](#) for her thesis on *centonarium*.^[2]

Career [[edit source](#)]

Liu began employment at DePauw University in 2004 as Assistant Professor. Liu was the recipient of the Shanghai "1000 Plan" Distinguished Guest Professorship at Shanghai Normal University. She was the Principal Investigator of the project 'Translating the Complete Corpus of *Ovid*'s poetry into Chinese' (2015–2020).^[5] The project involves translating *Ovid*'s *Fasti* and exile poetry from Latin to Chinese. Liu received a Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship (2018–2019) for her project entitled 'The Reception of *Ovid*'s *Fasti* in the 20th century'. She delivered the 10th annual meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians.^[6] She delivered the 10th annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States.^[8]

Jinyu Liu

Academic background

Alma mater [Nanjing University](#); [Columbia University](#)

Thesis (2004)

Academic work

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