



From culture to computation: mapping my open research journey

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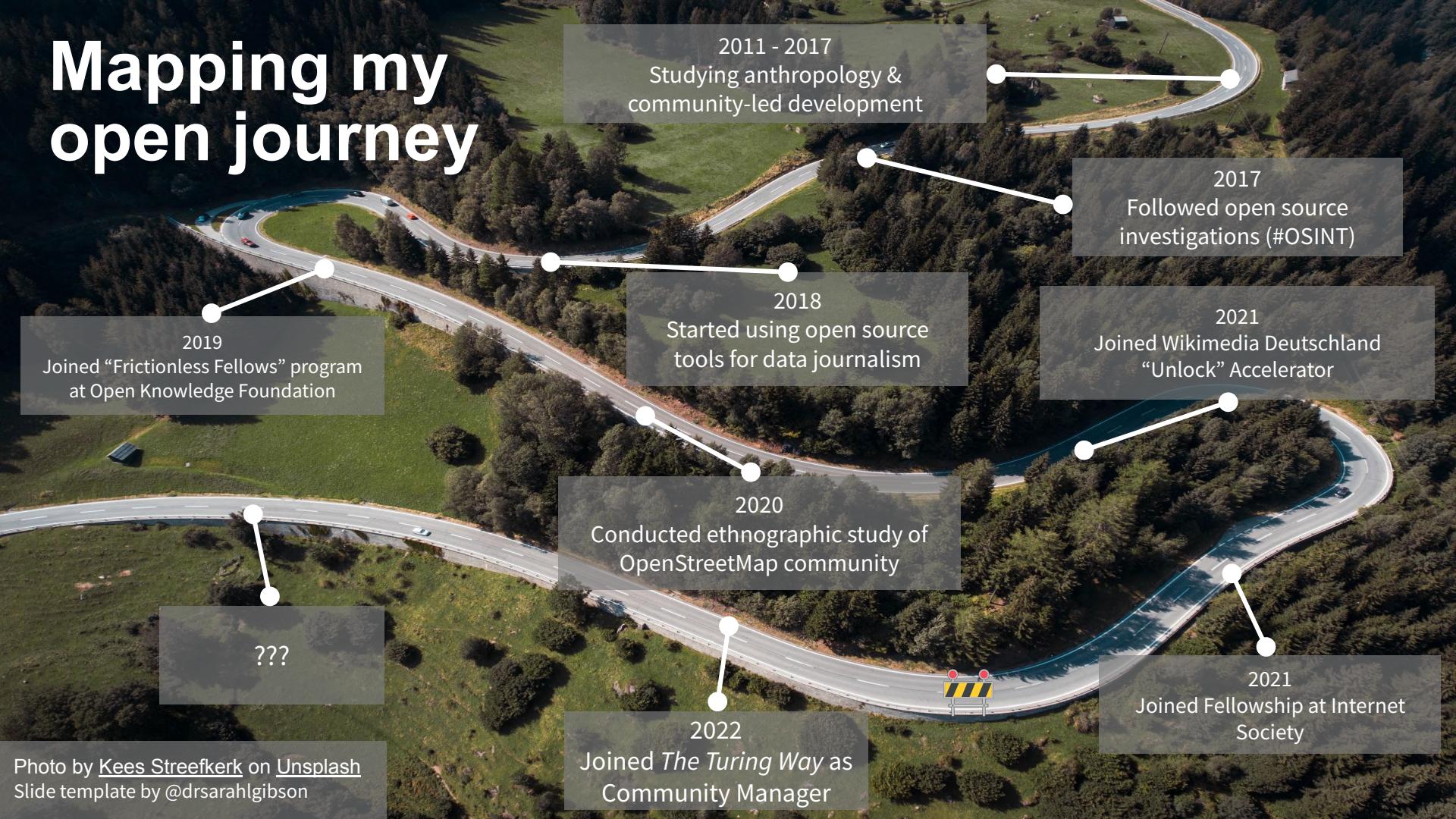
Anne Lee Steele

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A close-up photograph of a woman's face, showing her eyes and dark hair. Three thought bubbles are drawn around her head. One large cloud-shaped bubble contains the text "What's a community manager doing here?". Two smaller circular bubbles are positioned to the left of the woman's head.

**What's a community
manager doing
here?**

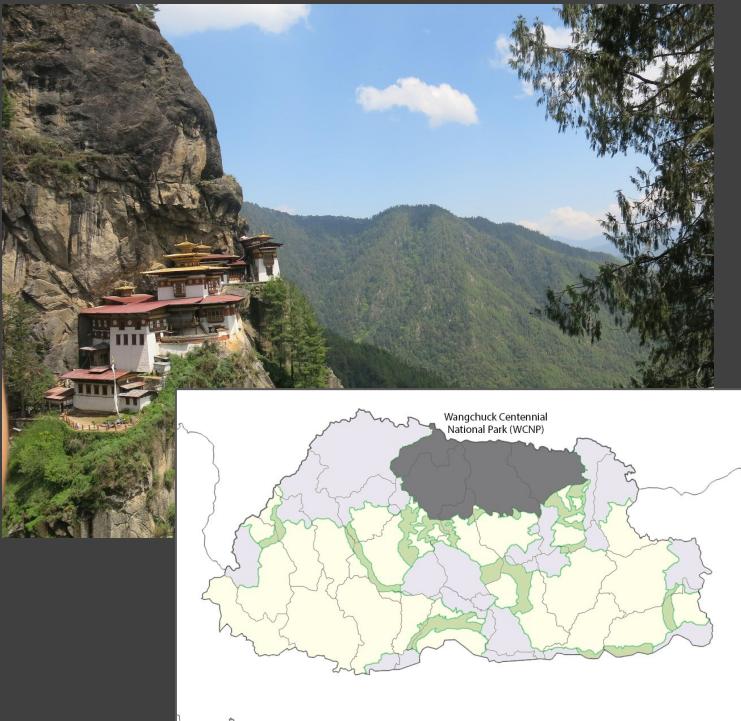
Mapping my open journey





An alternate title – Mapping my open journey: from research to practice... & back again

Beginnings: Anthropology & Community-led development



- Anthropologists study “culture” within communities (defined broadly!)
- Connecting individual experiences to wider processes (small → big)
 - Rituals, Kinship, Belonging
 - Social norms within communities → Societies at large
 - Example: social/economic “capital”
- Focused on how communities govern natural resources Bhutan & Nepal

Myanmar



CSIS-iLab

The Dracopoulos Ideas Lab is CSIS's internal digital agency for web development, video, and design.

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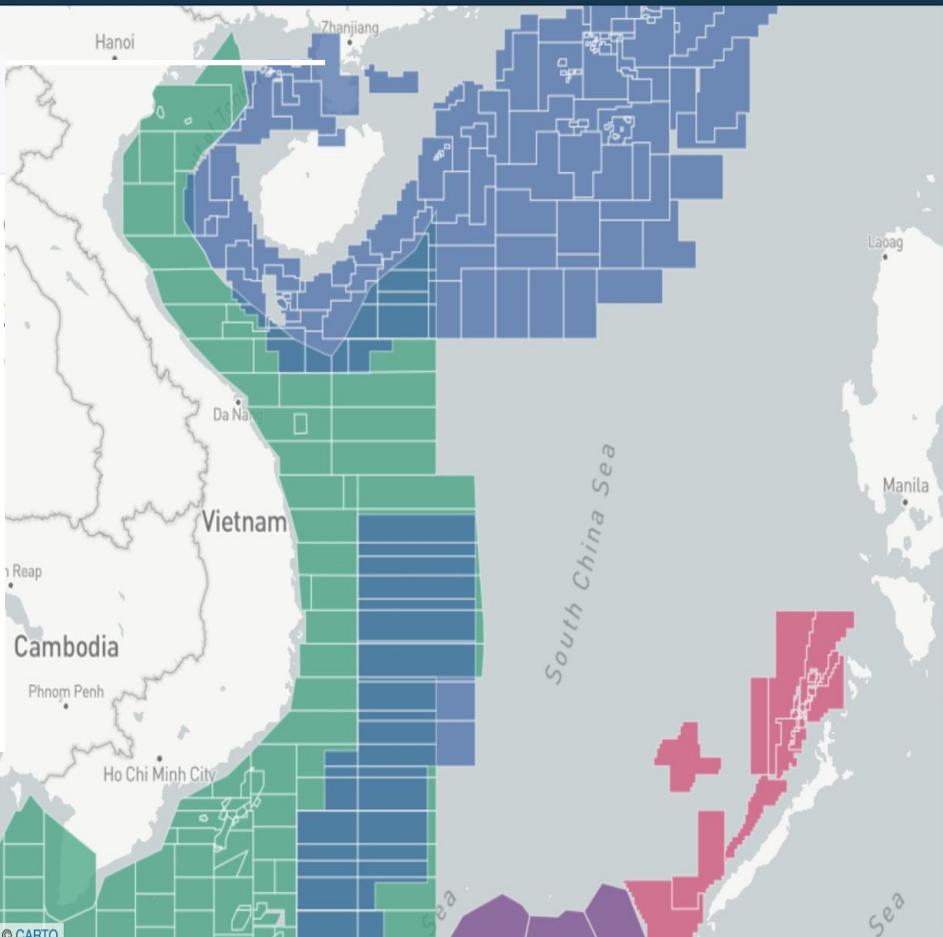
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Energy Exploration and Development

The South China Sea holds an estimated 190 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 11 billion barrels of oil in proved and probable reserves, with much more potentially undiscovered.

OIL AND GAS BLOCKS

Sort oil and gas licensing blocks by country.

- China
- Vietnam
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Brunei
- Indonesia
- Joint Development Areas

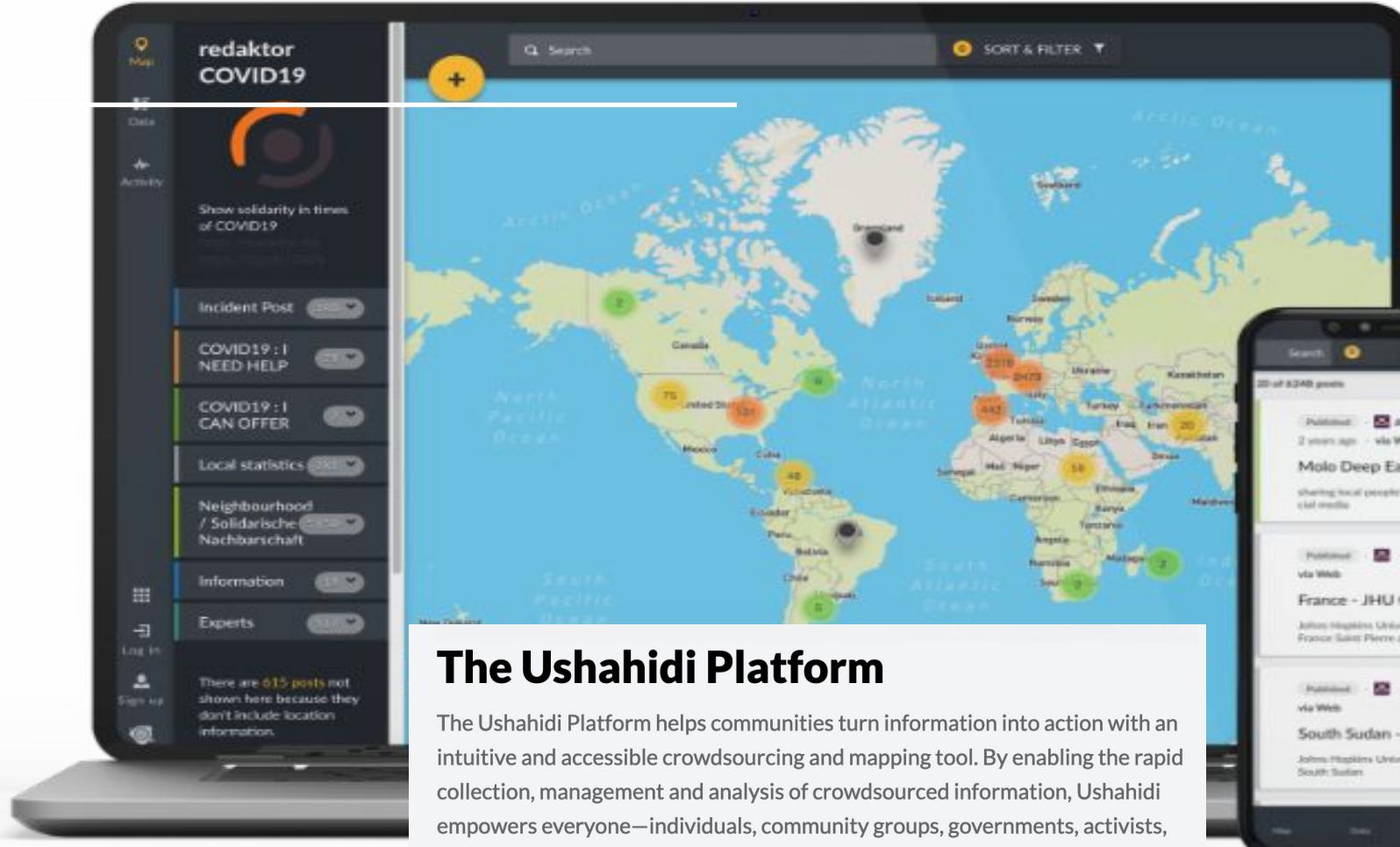
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CLAIM LINES

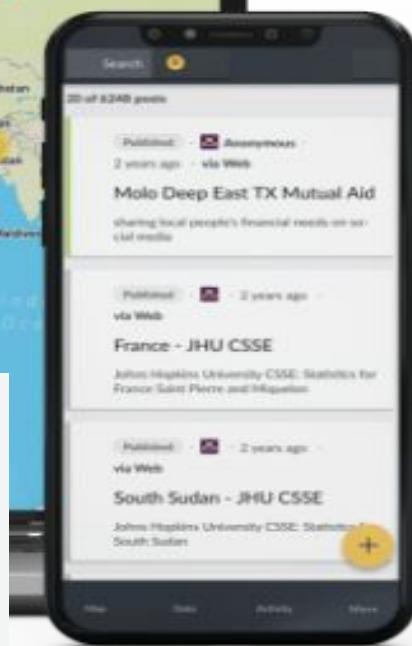
See where blocks lie in relation to regional continental shelf claims and China's nine-dash line.

- Show claim lines
- Hide claim lines



The Ushahidi Platform

The Ushahidi Platform helps communities turn information into action with an intuitive and accessible crowdsourcing and mapping tool. By enabling the rapid collection, management and analysis of crowdsourced information, Ushahidi empowers everyone—individuals, community groups, governments, activists, organizations—to create meaningful change.



bellingcat

Electric substation



Cement factory



Using Citizen Science to Assess
Environmental Damage in the Syrian
Conflict

Finding an open news ecosystem... a community of communities



News Nerdery

An international meta organization to foster news nerd collaboration and knowledge sharing

Resources

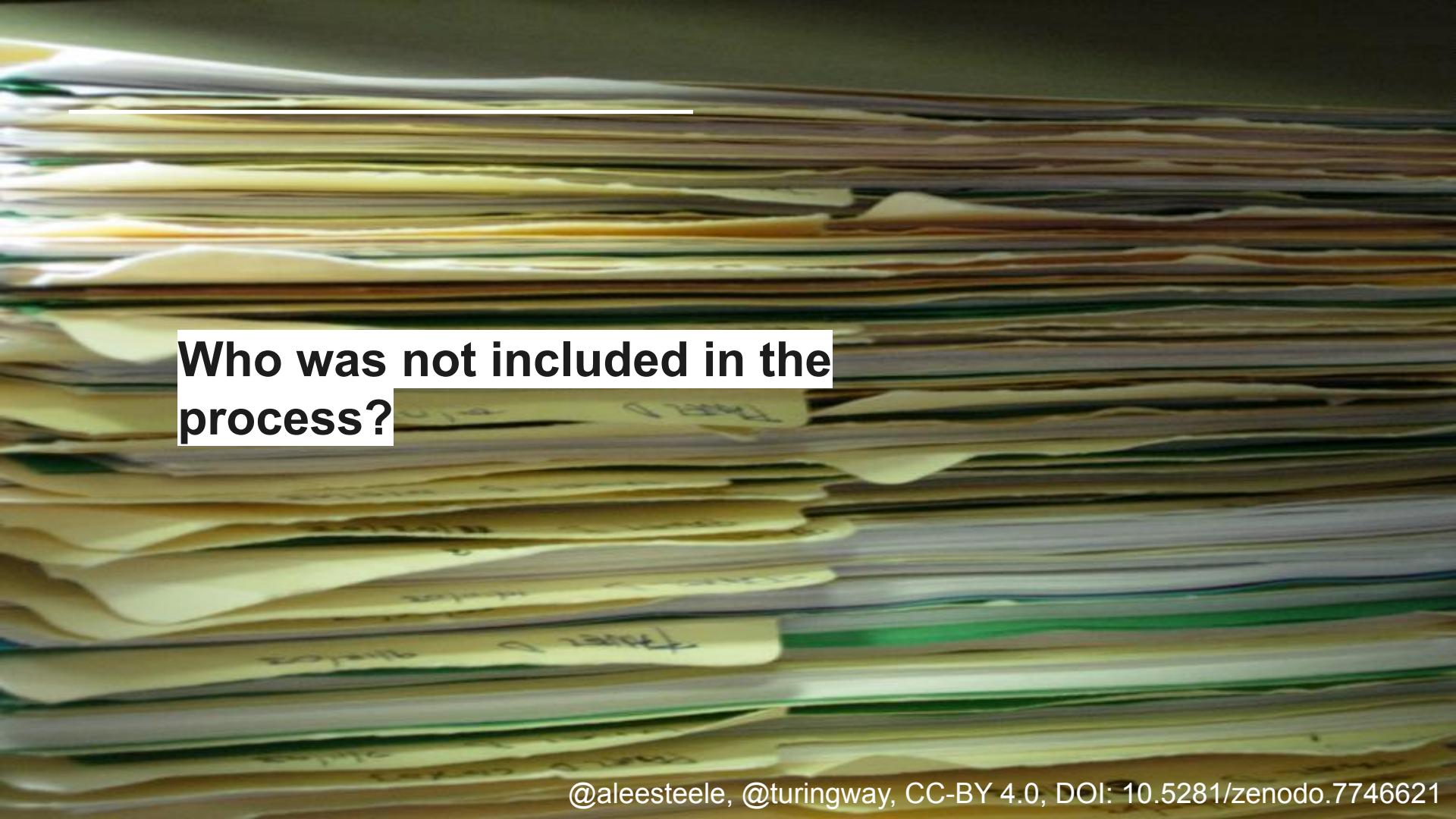
Chat Archive

The OpenNews logo consists of a circular graphic made of small black dots arranged in concentric circles, followed by the text "OpenNews" in a large, bold, black serif font.

We help people strengthen relationships across organizations and build a more equitable future for journalism. Through interactive events and programs, we help peers share knowledge and care for a community grappling with complex problems. [Get involved.](#)



Returning to research: studying the Human Rights apparatus



Who was not included in the process?

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MAP FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

Join a global community that is mapping the places most vulnerable to disaster and poverty in order to support humanitarian aid and sustainable development across the world.

[Start mapping](#)[Join the community](#)**133.8M**

Buildings Mapped

2.8M

Mapped Roads (Km)

173.1M

Total Map Edits

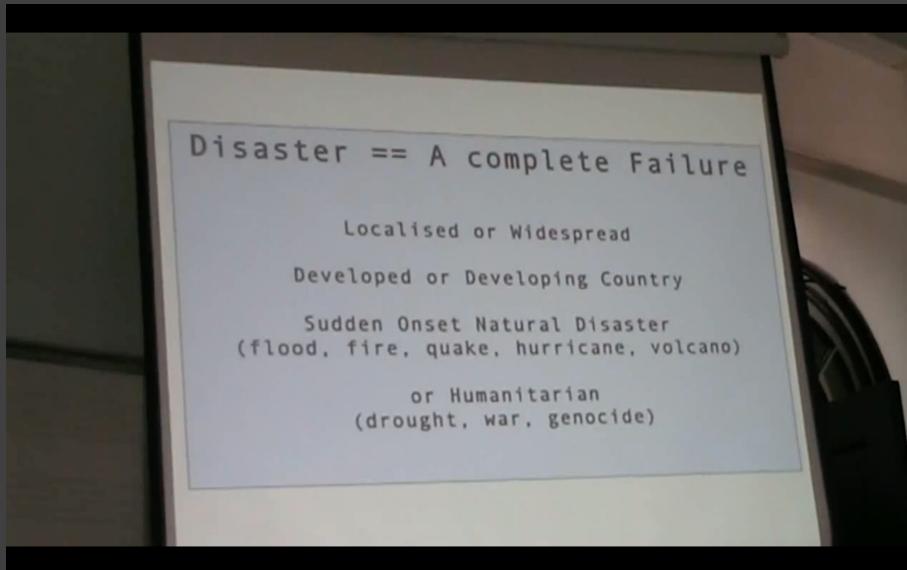
406K

Total Mappers

61

Mappers Online

In the archive of HOT & OpenStreetMap



What is mapping, and why do it? 

Goal: Creating digital maps of the world's 'forgotten' places by crowdsourcing. Described as '[the human genome project for international development](#)'.

Why: Many parts of the world most vulnerable to humanitarian crises such as natural disasters, disease outbreaks, epidemics or conflict are not mapped. People have limited/ no visibility to the situation on the ground.

Humanitarian organizations use mapped information to plan risk reduction and activities that save lives

 MISSING MAPS



Search

Where is this?

Go



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Mapping the mappers on OpenStreetMap

1000 km
1000 mi

Frictionless Data Fellowship → Open Knowledge Foundation

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Frictionless Data website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a logo consisting of a black circle with a white swoosh inside, followed by the text "FRICTIONLESS DATA". Below the logo is a horizontal menu with buttons for "Home", "Syllabus", "Resources", "Lessons", "Blog", and "About". The main content area has a white header and an orange body. The orange body contains the text "Welcome to the Frictionless Data for Reproducible Research Fellows Programme!". Below this, in the white area, is a section titled "What is the Reproducible Research Fellows Programme?" followed by a paragraph of explanatory text.

Welcome to the Frictionless Data for Reproducible Research Fellows Programme!

What is the Reproducible Research Fellows Programme?

With the Frictionless Data Reproducible Research Fellows Programme, supported by the Sloan Foundation and Open Knowledge Foundation, we are recruiting and training early career researchers to become champions of the Frictionless Data tools and approaches in their field.

- Interoperability
- Introduced to open science
- Reproducibility
- Open access
- Data Best practices

<https://fellows.frictionlessdata.io/blog/anne-final-blog/>

Open knowledge ← → Open source

Open knowledge (and open source! And open science!) has roots in developing tools and ways of working that aim to **shift power in the production and publication of knowledge worldwide.**



Open Access & Aaron Schwartz



“Information is power. But like all power, there are those who want to keep it for themselves. The world’s entire scientific and cultural heritage, published over centuries in books and journals, is increasingly being digitized and locked up by a handful of private corporations.”

– Aaron Swartz, *Guerilla Open Access Manifesto*, 2008

Wikimedia Deutschland + Open Source Social Science

The screenshot shows the homepage of the UNLOCK Accelerator. At the top, there's a dark blue header bar with the word "UNLOCK" in white, accompanied by a small circular logo with a stylized figure. Below the header, the main content area has a light blue background. On the left, there's a large graphic of a grid pattern made of black and white squares. To the right of this graphic, the word "UNLOCK" is written vertically, with "of Free" in a yellow box below it. To the right of the text, there's a colorful illustration of a person sitting under a starry sky, surrounded by various icons like a magnifying glass and a brain. At the bottom left, there's a section titled "Open Source Tools for Social Science Researchers" with a subtext about tools for social scientists. At the very bottom, there's a footer bar with some small text.

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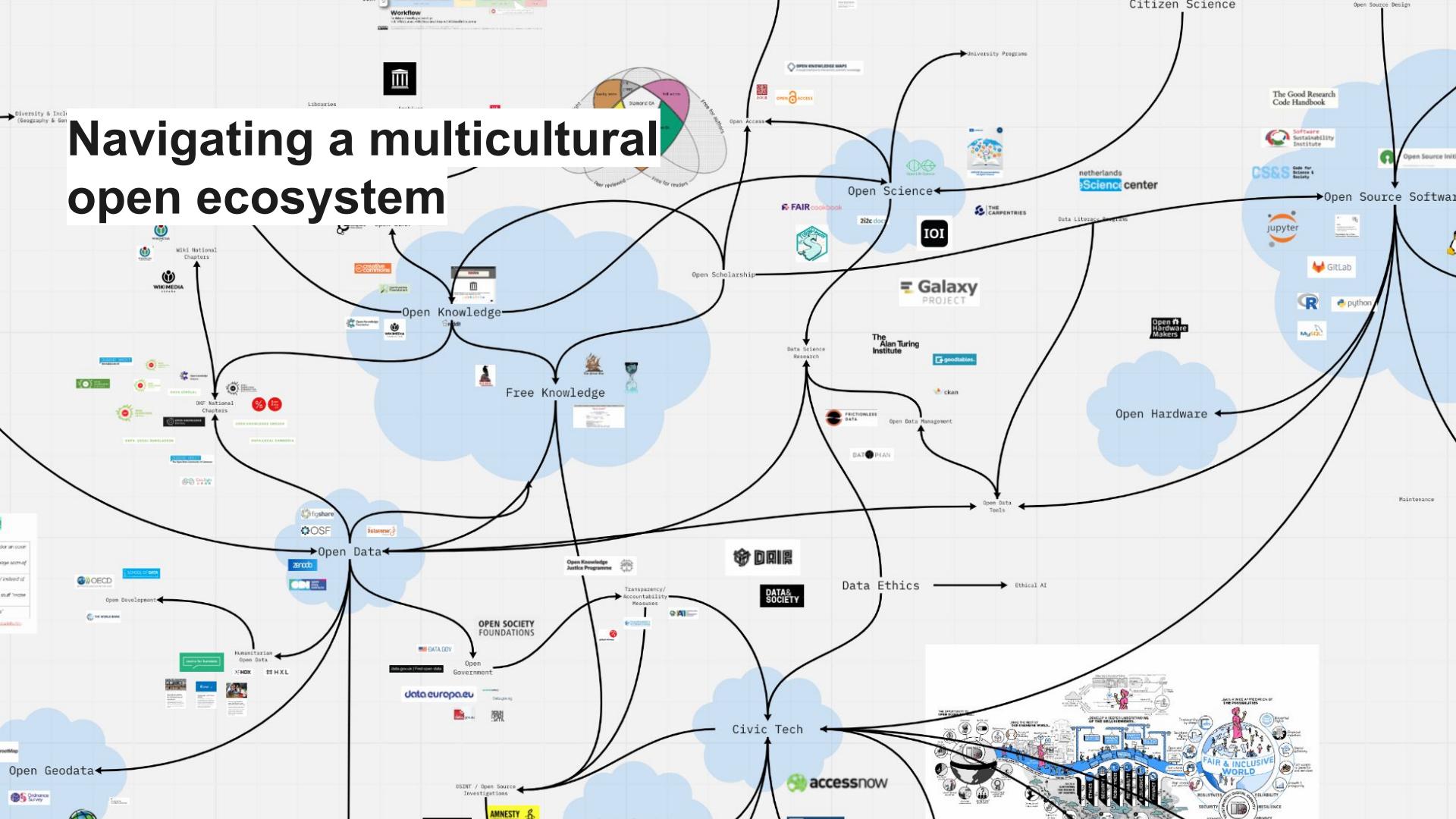
Tools for social scientists of all kinds, conducting research with people online.

What is the UNLOCK Accelerator?

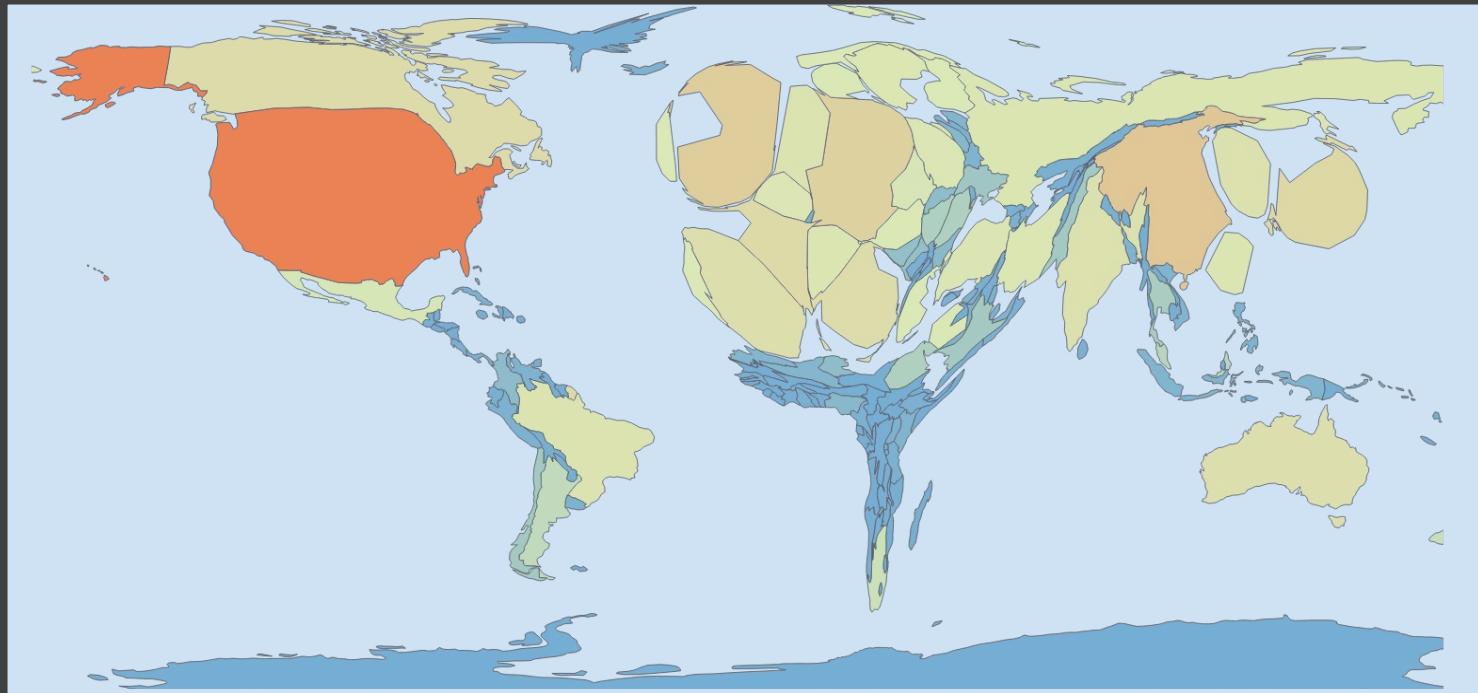
We support open source software projects and non-technical projects under free licenses. The UNLOCK Accelerator is committed to promoting solutions that make the world's knowledge more diverse, more accessible and inclusive for everyone.

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Navigating a multicultural open ecosystem



But who produces knowledge?



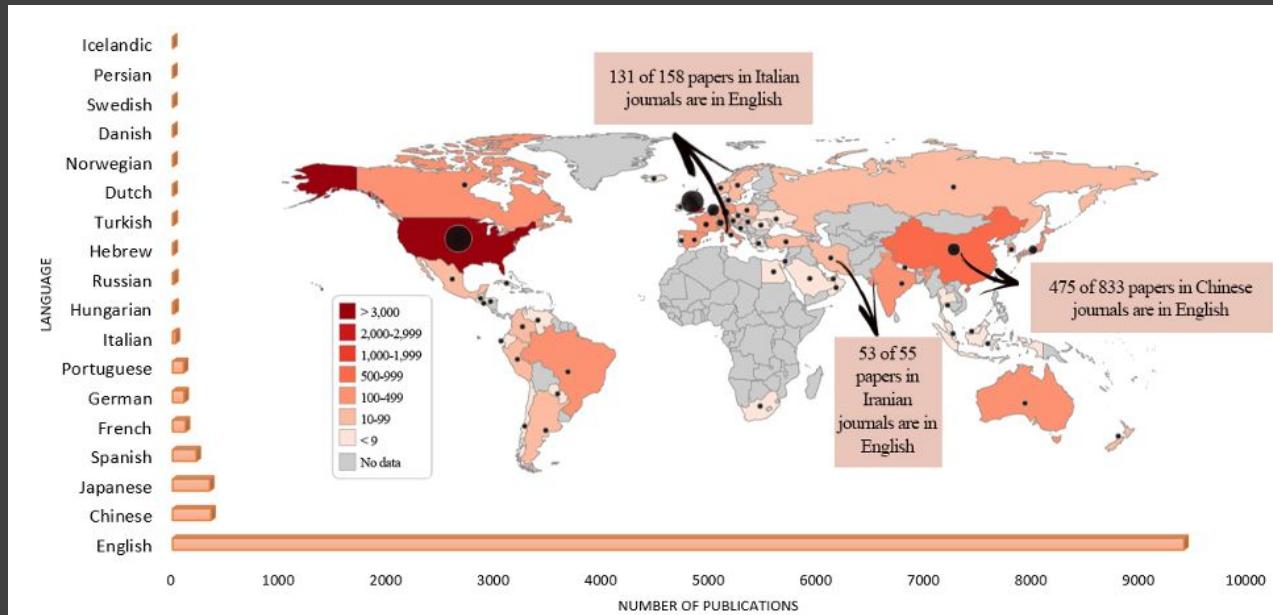
World scaled by number of documents in Web of Science by authors living there, 2011 (source: Juan Pablo Alperin).

Global participation in open source software



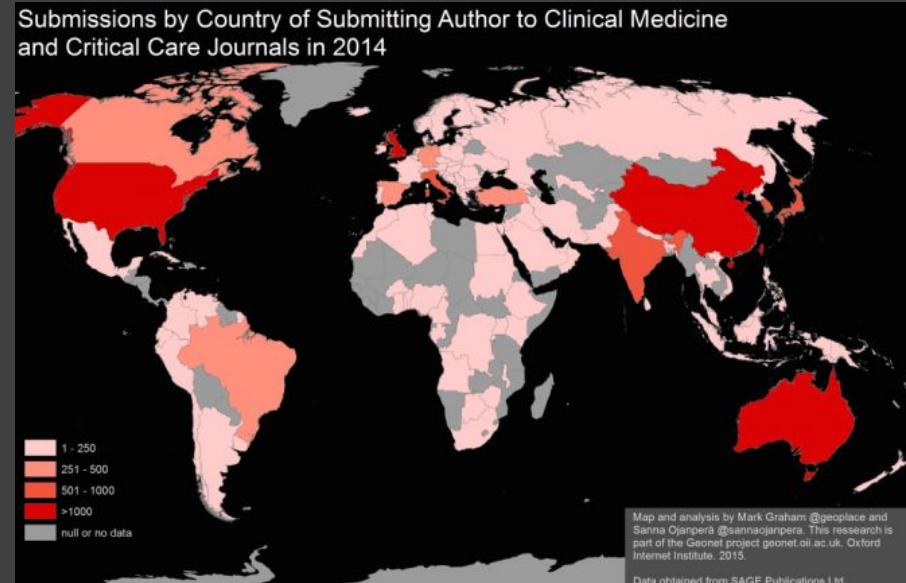
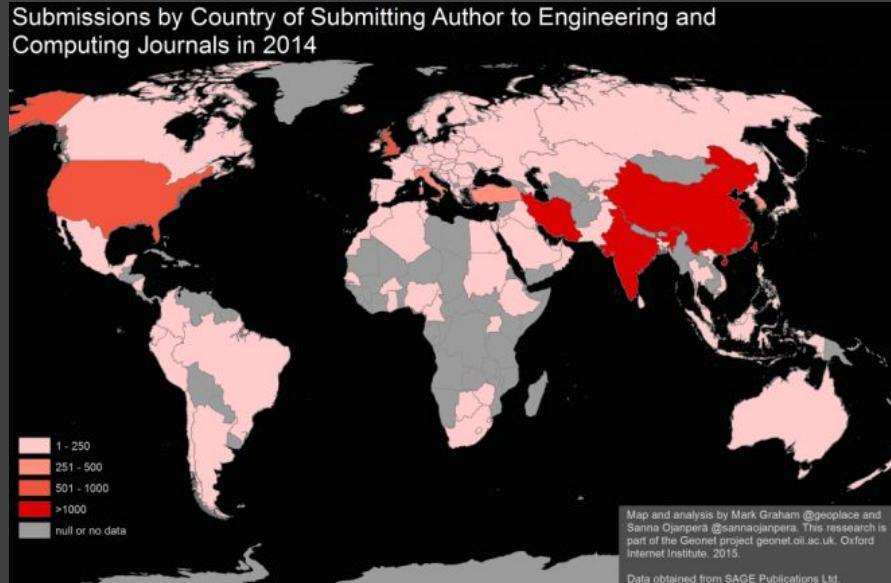
World map of open source contributions, 2021 (Meyers et al)

Unequal contribution and participation in Knowledge Production: language



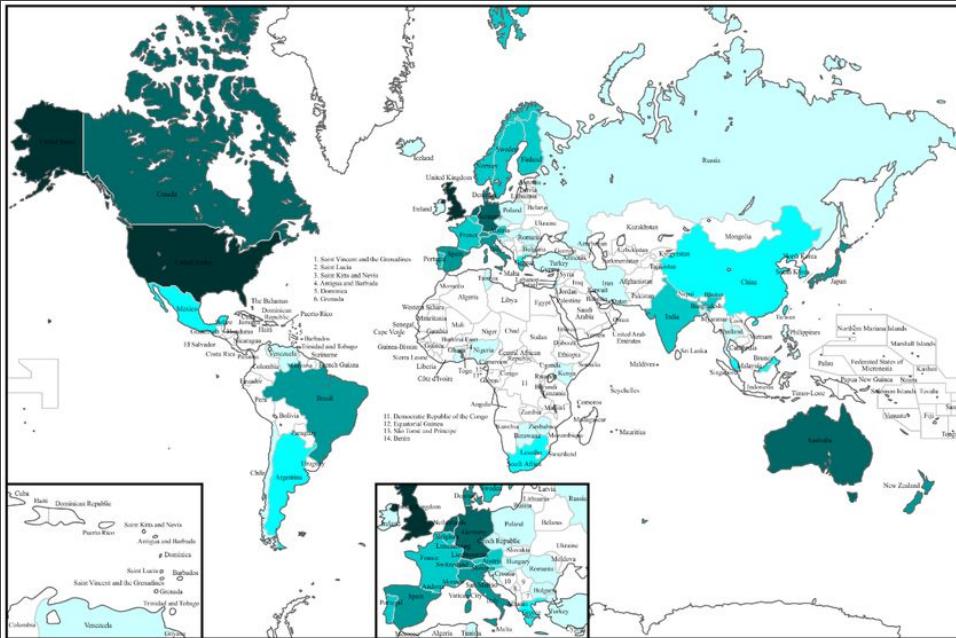
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Unequal contribution and participation in Knowledge Production: country of origin



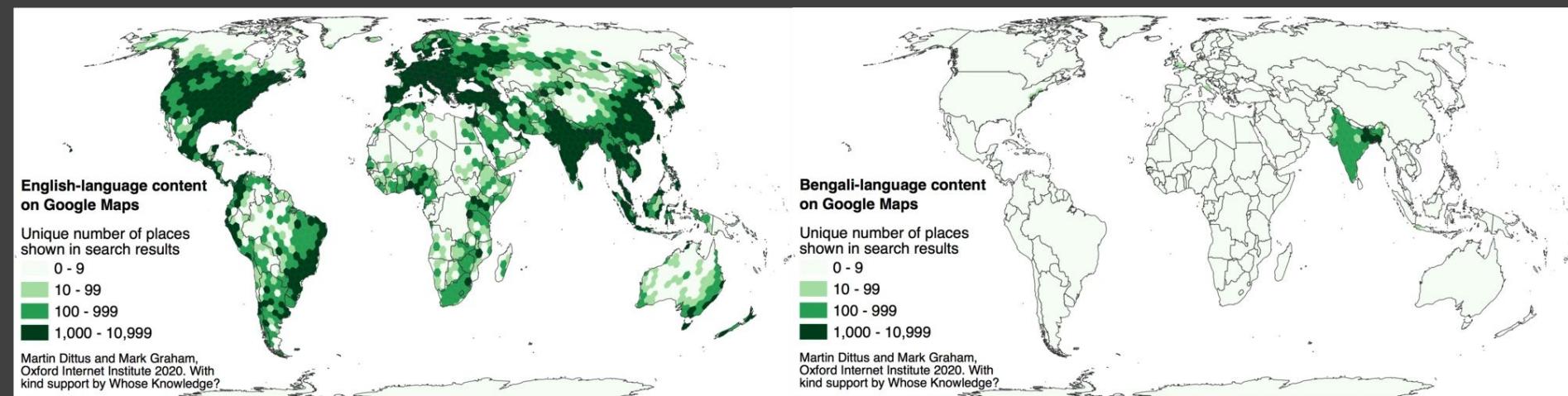
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Unequal contribution and participation in Knowledge Production: publication output



World map of scientific communication, 2017 (Márquez & Porras map)

Global language landscape extends to the Internet itself, and the global access to information



English-language content and Bengali-language content on Google Maps, from Internet Languages Project (Dittus & Graham)

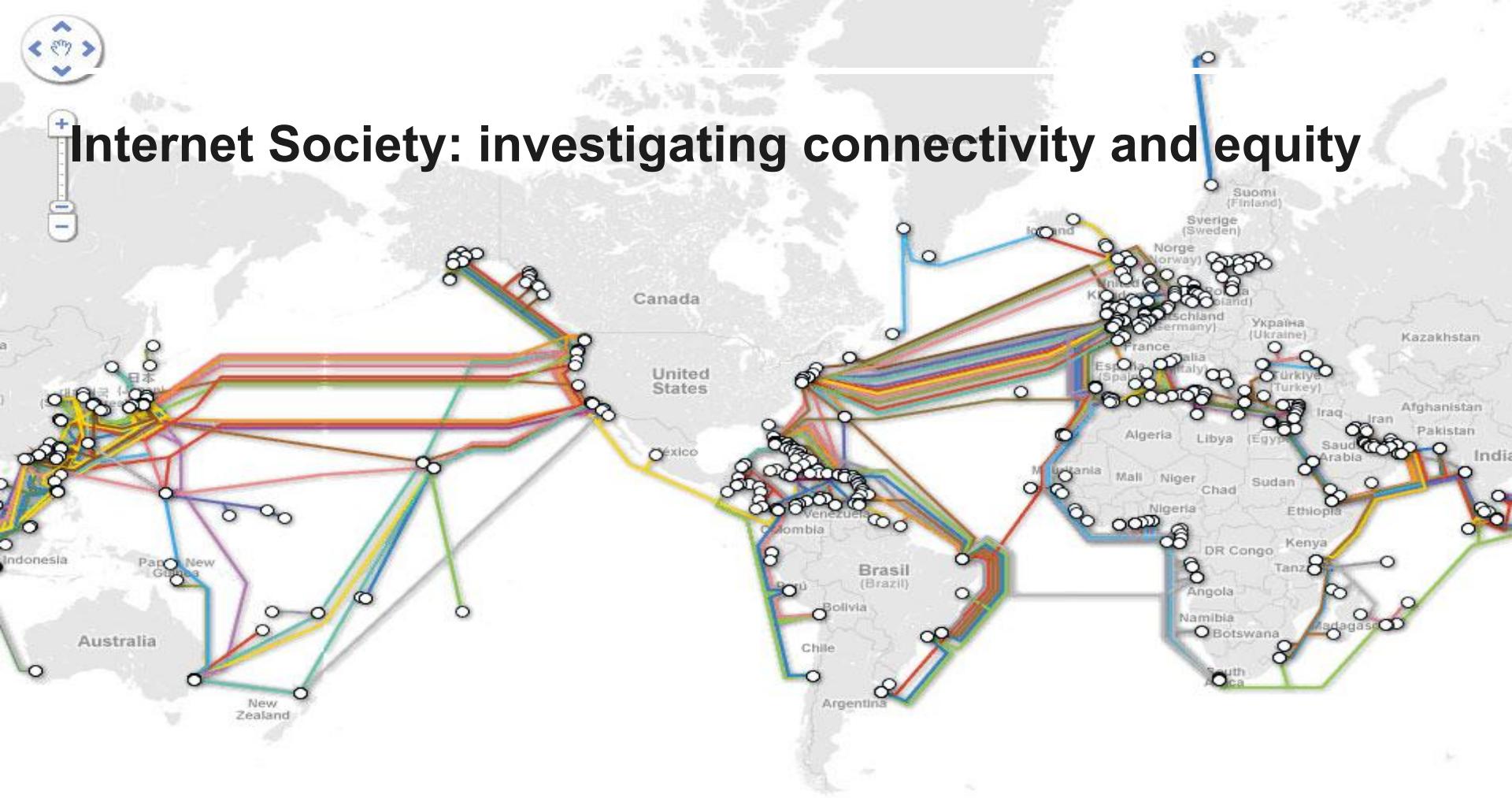
Global initiatives in open science



Overview of the current Open Science policies and Infrastructure around the Globe. Image adopted from Malaysian Open Science Platform by Open Science community Saudi Arabia (OSCSA), licensed under CC BY 4

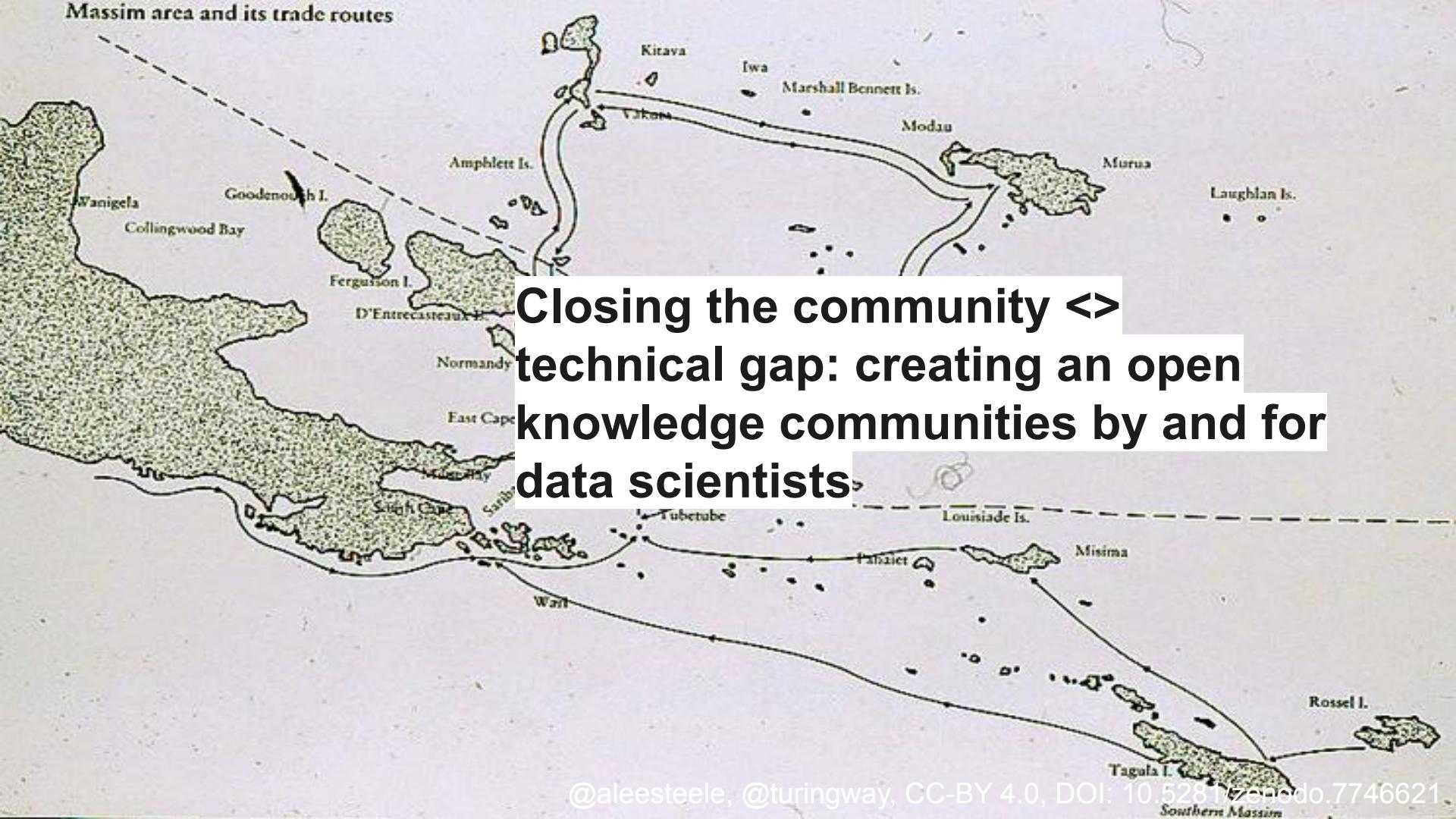


Internet Society: investigating connectivity and equity



Not only global, but local

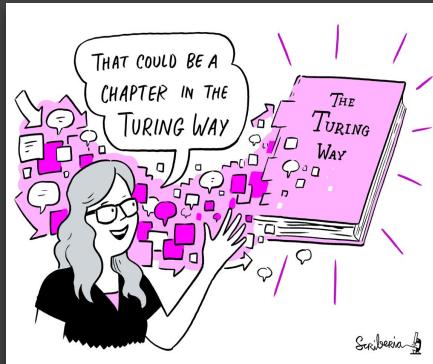




Closing the community <> technical gap: creating an open knowledge communities by and for data scientists

The Turing Way

An **open** guide for data science & open research.



Open Access
Book



Open Source
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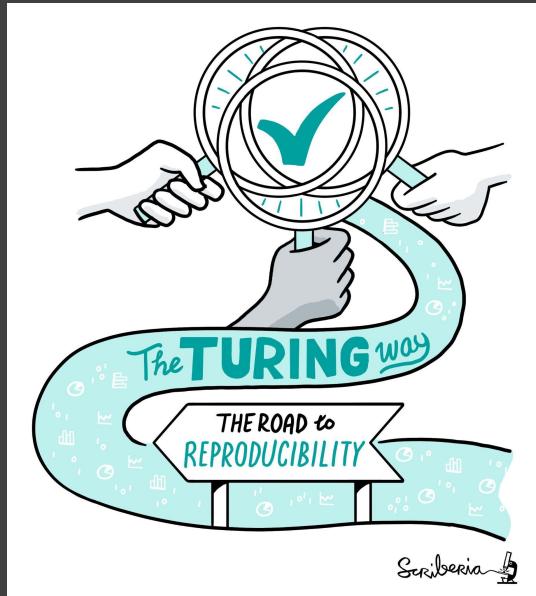


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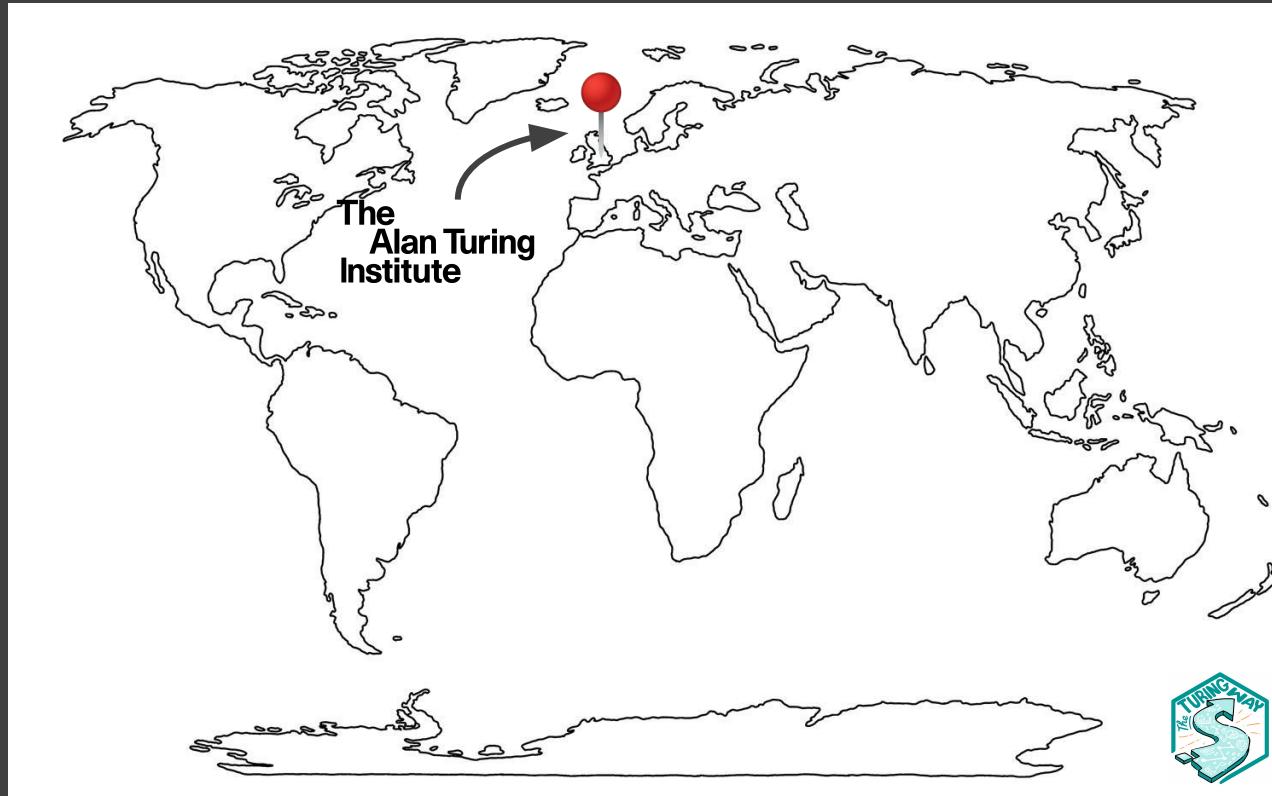


Open culture

The *Turing Way*: empowering data scientists



Data Science Research: open, but for whom?



Open knowledge: but for whom?



Open knowledge: but for whom?



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