Mapping Ontology Guidelines for the REWIND Project



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Workflow

The REWIND project analyses European cultural heritage through its reception in travel books written by Latin American women authors who visited Europe at the beginning of the 20th century. The aim is to uncover alternative perspectives and contrast them with the prevailing authorised heritage discourse of the time. In the 20th century, an official and hegemonic discourse about the meaning of European cultural heritage was linked to the interpretation of Western history written by male, white, upper-middle-class and individualist authors. Building on this premise, the project explores the interaction of these women authors with historical buildings, works of art, monuments, musical compositions, and other elements of both tangible (movable and immovable) and intangible cultural heritage as defined by UNESCO. By using these travel books as historical sources, the project seeks to highlight the role of the studied authors as active agents in the construction of polyphonic historical narratives.

Historical narrative sources are often characterised by numerous interconnected references to persons, places, institutions, events, dates, etc.). For this reason, relational databases are widespread in cultural heritage studies. However, we opted for a knowledge graph to structure historical information in a manner compatible with the semantic web model. In the REWIND project, we focused on event instances when modelling cultural heritage data contained in travel books, as we are interested in what is observed, when, where, and by whom (Table 1)

Table 1. Contextual categories

Category	Entity	Class	Thesaurus
Who?	Agent	E21 Person	https://viaf.org
			https://www.wikidata.org
Where?	Place	E53 Place	https://www.geonames.org/
			https://www.wikidata.org
When?	Time	E52 Time-Span	
What?	Physical object	E22 Human-Made Object	https://www.wikidata.org
	Conceptual object	E28 Conceptual Object / E31 Document	
	Event	<u>E5</u> Event	

An ontology provides a model for the management and semantic representation of knowledge, defining a set of concepts and describing relationships between them through classes and properties to which values are associated. While humans cannot easily detect such interconnections between places, objects, events, and people, digital approaches enable quantification and pattern recognition. In addition, an ontology makes it possible to link the historical content intrinsic to the text with external information employing linked open data (LOD). We used the CIDOC Conceptual Reference Model (v. 7.1.3, February 2023) developed by ICOM and converted into the ISO 21127:2023 standard, since the heritage conception of the analysed travel books has a museographic character. This model provides an extensible ontology for concepts and information about cultural heritage and museum documentation. The ontology comprises 81 classes and 160 properties organised into a hierarchical structure.

In the REWIND project, we implemented a workflow consisting of an initial phase to identify elements of European cultural heritage mentioned in travel books through XML-TEI encoding, followed by a second phase in which these data are exported to the ontological model for analysis (Figure 1). Once

² https://cidoc-crm.org/html/cidoc_crm_v7.1.3.html

the text was encoded in a computer-readable format using XML-TEI, we extracted the information related to the elements of European cultural heritage referenced by the authors in their travel writing and integrated it into the ontological model. The XQuery language facilitated the browsing of XML-TEI files to locate all heritage references and transfer them to a knowledge graph created with Protégé software.³ This process is relatively straightforward because the semantic labelling employed is based on the classes and properties defined in the ontology, ensuring that the information is both correlated and interoperable.

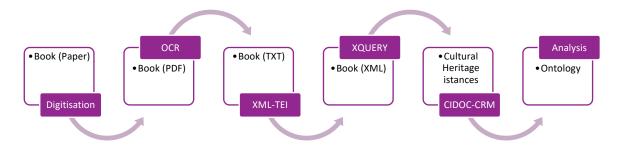


Figure 1. Workflow of the REWIND project.

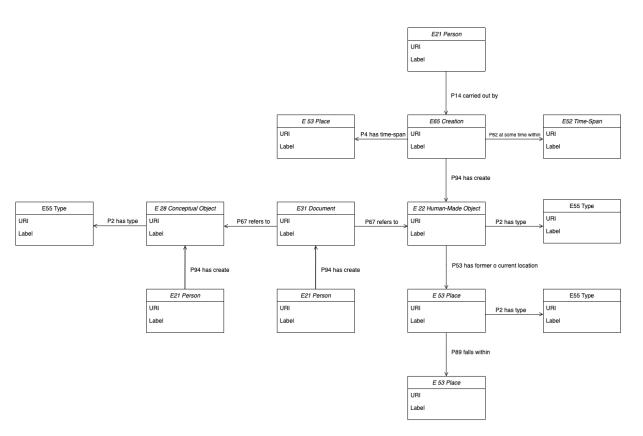
We have developed and implemented the REWIND project's ontology in an *.OWL file. The REWIND Ontology is published and maintained by Alba Comino under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International (CC BY-NC 4.0).

Model Components

The REWIND Ontology is based on CIDOC CRM (v. 7.1.3, February 2024). The model can be understood as a set of interlinked components that describe aspects of the cultural heritage referenced in the travel books comprising the REWIND Project corpus.4

³ https://protege.stanford.edu/

⁴ Comino Comino, A. (2024). REWIND Corpus (1.0) [Data set]. Zenodo. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14093621



Classes

A class is a category of items corresponding to real-world entities with common traits. In the REWIND project, we use the following classes from the CIDOC-CRM model:

E5 Event

- Definition: This class comprises distinct, delimited and coherent processes and interactions of
 a material nature, in cultural, social or physical systems, involving and affecting instances of
 E77 Persistent Item in a way characteristic of the kind of process. Typical examples are
 meetings, births, deaths, actions of decision taking, making or inventing things, but also more
 complex and extended ones such as conferences, elections, building of a castle, or battles.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/E5 Event
- Use: We use **E5 Event** class to refer to the moment when the travellers observe a cultural heritage element.

E12 Production

- Definition: This class comprises activities that are designed to, and succeed in, creating one or more new items.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/E12 Production
- Use: We use E12 Production to refer to the creation of E22 Human-Made Object.

E21_Person

- Definition: This class comprises real persons who are alive or assumed to have lived.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/E21 Person
- Use: We use **E21_Person** to identify the women authors of the travel books studied, as well as the creators of the cultural heritage elements mentioned in these works.
- Thesaurus: We create the instances of the **E21_Person** class using the corresponding URIs from <u>VIAF</u> or <u>WIKIDATA</u>.

E22 Human-Made Object

- Definition: This class comprises all persistent physical objects of any size that are purposely
 created by human activity and have physical boundaries that separate them completely in an
 objective way from other objects. The class also includes all aggregates of objects made for
 functional purposes of whatever kind, independent of physical coherence, such as a set of
 chessmen.
- URI: http://www.cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/E22_Human-Made_Object
- Use: We use **E22_Human-Made_Object** to identify the tangible cultural heritage elements mentioned in the travel books of the REWIND project corpus. Immovable heritage items are considered to be places (**E53_Place**) since they can contain movable heritage.
- Thesaurus: We create the instances of the **E22_Human-Made_Object** class using the corresponding URIs from <u>WIKIDATA</u>.

E28 Conceptual Object

- Definition: This class comprises non-material products of our minds and other human produced data that have become objects of a discourse about their identity, circumstances of creation, or historical implication.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/E28 Conceptual Object
- Use: We use **E28_Conceptual_Object** to identify the intangible cultural heritage elements mentioned in the travel books of the REWIND project corpus, such as musical compositions.
- Thesaurus: We create instances of the **E28_Conceptual_Object** class using the corresponding URIs from <u>WIKIDATA</u>.

E31_Document

- Definition: This class comprises identifiable immaterial items that make propositions about reality.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/E31_Document
- Use: We use **E31_Document** to identify the travel books that comprise the REWIND project's corpus and are interpreted as historical sources.
- Thesaurus: We create the instances of the **E31_Document** class using the corresponding URIs from WIKIDATA.

E52 Time-Span

- Definition: This class comprises abstract temporal extents, in the sense of Galilean physics, having a beginning, an end, and a duration.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/E52 Time-Span
- Use: We use **E52_Time-Span** to express specific dates or periods of time related to cultural heritage elements, such as their chronology.

E53 Place

- Definition: This class comprises extents in the natural space where people live, in particular on the surface of the Earth, in the pure sense of physics: independent from temporal phenomena and matter. They may serve describing the physical location of things or phenomena or other areas of interest.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/E53_Place
- Use: We use **E53_Place** to model places related to cultural heritage elements, such as the location of a monument.
- Thesaurus: We create the corresponding instances for the E53_Place class using URIs from GeoNames Gazetteer for settlements, countries, city-states, and archaeological sites, and from WIKIDATA for places related to immovable cultural heritage, such as museums.

E55 Type

- Definition: This class comprises concepts denoted by terms from thesauri and controlled vocabularies used to characterize and classify instances of CIDOC CRM classes.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/E55 Type
- Use: We use E55_Type to characterise and classify instances of the classes E22_Human-Made_Object, E28_Conceptual_Object, and E53_Place. It corresponds to the @type attribute used in the XML-TEI tagging for the <objectName> and <placeName> entities.
- Thesaurus: We use the <u>ROSSIO Thesaurus</u> to establish the different types of cultural heritage items and places because controlled vocabularies are a form of knowledge representation that limits the meaning of the terms used to define an object or an idea, overcoming the drawbacks of natural language, such as synonymy or polysemy.

Class	Туре	Description	ROSSIO Thesaurus' URI
E53_Place	Inhabited place⁵	Village, towns and cities	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_41936eb6
	City-State	Independent political entity	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c c4cb58bb
	Country	Independent political entity	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_371634e3
	Archaeological site	A populated place that no longer exists	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c 362610b4
	Stock exchange	Stock exchange	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_40302bd6
	Parliament building	Parliament building	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c 82d37689
	Library	Library	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_d6246221
	Exhibition	Exhibition (building)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c 2c6f2837
	Museum	Museum (building)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_c1f9f621
	Garden	Garden (ppen space)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_9e8639a6
	Theatre	Theatre (building)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_797259d4
	Hospital	Hospital (building)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_4e8b6767
	Retirement home	Retirement homes	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_8bcce930
	Abbey	Abbey (monastery)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_03b2a241

⁵ The type "Inhabited place" corresponds to the @type="settlement" in the XML-TEI encoding.

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Baptistery	Baptistery	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c 28d21976
Belltower	Bell Tower	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_3ee6c6c4
Chapel	Chapel (building)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c a7d157f1
Church	Church (building)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_0f8e1db3
Convent	Convent (built Complex)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_04bf2f56
Monastery	Monastery (built Complex)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_6efa5146
Mosque	Mosque (building)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_6443575f
Sanctuary centres	Sanctuary centre	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_4120e769
Synagogue	Synagogue (building)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c e01ee1da
Temple	Temple (building)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_54e6f4bb
Castle	Castle	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c 52413f39
House	House	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_c50e520b
Palace	Palace	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_23c82c1e
Catacomb	Catacomb	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_65adf379
Cemetery	Cemetery	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_74116a6e
Grave	Grave	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_8dcb5263
Pantheon	Pantheon (mausoleum)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_d58caa78
Amphitheatre	Amphitheatre (built work)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_8e98c86c
Forum	Forum (open space)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c f3abb2ff
Loggia	Loggia	http://vocab.getty.edu/pag e/aat/300004137
Roman basilica	Basilica (work by form)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_47b5d0ec

	Roman bath	Bath house	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c fb3eaefd
	Aqueduct	Aqueduct	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_1729c249
	Bridge	Bridge	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c ab54759c
	City gate	City gate	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_4c9c9ab9
	City wall	City wall	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_5e2638f8
	Clock tower	Clock tower	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_5d81ca82
	Square	Square	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c 1a7f7248
	Tower	Tower (building)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_1a09c683
E28_ Conceptual Object (Intangible cultural heritage)	Book	Book	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_c292d2e6
0.7	Film	Film	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_43a53312
	Opera (music)	Opera	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_cdd4776f
	Poem	Poem	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_4cfea957
E22_Human- Made_Object (Tangible cultural	Architectural element	Architectural elements	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_83ac03e1
heritage)	Bust	Bust (sculpture)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c_8043c98a
	Fountain	Fountain	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_a50a4fab
	Grave	Grave	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_8dcb5263
	Imagery	Imagery (statue)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_87dd46fe
	Medallion	Medallion (decorative element)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_e97e0d5e
	Memorial	Memorial (monument)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_45f84cc5
	Memorial column	Memorial column	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_896a6586
	Obelisk	Obelisk	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c 10629c91

Painting	Painting	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.un l.pt/tesauro/c db4b964c
Relief	Relief (sculpture)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c f29e3321
Sarcophagus	Sarcophagus	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_69c85dc6
Statue	Statue (freestanding statue)	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_ed9d983b
Triumphal arch	Triumphal arch	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_6b87f195
Wall painting	Wall painting	http://vocabs.rossio.fcsh.u nl.pt/tesauro/c_91c63e58

E65 Creation

- Definition: This class comprises events that result in the creation of conceptual items or immaterial products, such as legends, poems, texts, music, images, movies, laws, types, etc.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/E65 Creation
- Use: We use **E65 Creation** to refer to the creation of **E28_Conceptual_Object**.

Properties

A property expresses a relationship between two classes. Moreover, a property is also defined with reference to its domain (the class for which the property is formally defined) and its range (the class that comprises all potential property values). In the REWIND project, we use the following properties from the CIDOC-CRM model:

P2 has type

- Definition: This property allows sub-typing of CIDOC CRM entities —a form of specialisation through the use of a terminological hierarchy, or thesaurus.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/P2 has type
- Use: We use P2_has_type to define the typology of instances corresponding to the classes E22_Human-Made_Object, E28_Conceptual_Object, and E53_Place.
- Domain: E22_Human-Made_Object, E28_Conceptual_Object and E53_Place.
- Range: **E55_Type**.

P53 has former or current location

- Definition: This property identifies an instance of E53 Place as the former or current location of an instance of E18 Physical Thing.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/P53_has_former_or_current_location
- Use: We use P53_has_former_or_current_location to indicate the geolocation of an instance of the classes E22_Human-Made_Object and E53_Place.
- Domain: E22 Human-Made Object and E53 Place.
- Range: **E53_Place**.

P67_referes_to

• Definition: This property documents that an instance of **E89 Propositional Object** makes a statement about an instance of **E1** CRM Entity.

- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/P67_refers_to
- Use: We use **P63_refers_to** to indicate that a cultural heritage element has been cited in one of the books from the REWIND project corpus.
- Domain: E22_Human-Made_Object and E28_Conceptual_Object.
- Range: **E31 Document**.

P89_falls_within

- Definition:
- This property identifies an instance of **E53 Place** that falls wholly within the extent of another instance of **E53 Place**.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/P89 falls within
- Use: We use **P89_falls_within** to indicate that a settlement or immovable cultural heritage element is located within a city, as well as to indicate that a city belongs to a country.
- Domain: E53 Place.
- Range: **E53 Place**.

P94 has created

- Definition: This property links an instance of **E65 Creation** to the instance of **E28 Conceptual Object** created by it.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/P94_has_created
- Use: We use P94_has_created to indicate the authorship of instances of the E28_Conceptual Object and E31_Document classes.
- Domain: **E65_Creation**.
- Range: E28_Conceptual Object.

P108 has produced

- Definition: This property identifies the instance of **E24 Physical Human-Made Thing** that came into existence as a result of the instance of **E12 Production**.
- URI: http://cidoc-crm.org/cidoc-crm/7.1.3/P108 has produced
- Use: We use P108_has_produced to indicate the authorship of instances of the E12 Production class.
- Domain: E12 Production.
- Range: **E22_Human-Made_Object**