

Consuming Transparency: View from the Journal Side

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Consuming Transparency:

But they <u>do</u> rely on my experience as **Data Editor for the American Economic Association**

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Efficiency of scholary discourse?

- Early publications (20th century) contained tables of data, and the math was simple (maybe)
 - Data became electronic, was no longer included or cited
 - Math was transcribed to code, and was no longer included



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Modern publications need the same transparency and completeness as in the "old days" to facilitate replicability

Issues



Economics makes wide use of public-use data

Macrodata:

"We use data downloaded from the Bureau of Economic Analysis..."

Microdata:

"... this paper uses data from the Current Population Survey..."



This should be easy!



Problems with Data Citations

Many datasets

- Are imperfectly described
 - Very few data citations
- Are badly documented
- Have no (permanent) location defined
 - Even for data from high-profile organizations!
- All of the above



Emerging citation infrastructure

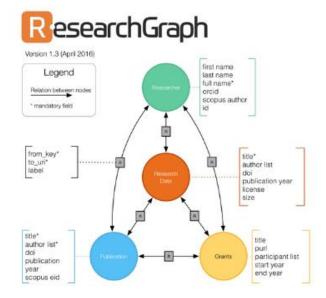
- Currently:
 - Manual linking of data and publications
 - Few citations of data
- True for most journals, and most data archives
 - ICPSR (manual linking to articles)
 - RePEc (no linkage possible)



- If article cites data (DOI!)
- If archive and/or journal leverages infrastructure









Why do journals like "supplemental ZIP files" and affiliated repositories?

- They can ensure longevity/ persistence
- They can ensure access
- They can ensure availability



What are the characteristics of prominent data archives?

- They DO ensure longevity/ persistence
- They DO ensure access
- They DO ensure availability



- More self-deposit repositories in the social sciences
 - Dataverse
 - Figshare
 - openICPSR
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 - Others...



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- CASD (France)
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About 40% of data in economics journals is from restricted-access data sources



Journals ask Authors: Describe your Sources!

(cite them!)





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perceived criteria of importance.

1. Importance

Data should be considered legitimate, citable products of research. Data should be accorded the same importance in the scholarly record as citat research objects, such as publications[1].

Data Citation Principles

2. Credit and Attribution

1 Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2000–2010. "Current Employment Statistics: Colorado, Total Nonfarm, Seasonally adjusted - SMS08000000000000001." United States Department of Labor. http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost?sm+08 (accessed February 9, 2011).

corresponding data should be cited[3].

4. Unique Identification

A data citation should include a persistent method for identification that i actionable, globally unique, and widely used by a community[4].

5. Access

Data citations should facilitate access to the data themselves and to such

Data Citation Synthesis Group: Joint Declaration of Data Citation Principles. Martone M. (ed.) San Diego CA: FORCE11; 2014 [https://www.force11.org/group/joint-declaration-data-citationprinciples-final]



Data Citations are not enough!



Why are data citations not enough?

- They tell you "where"
- But most do not
 - "who can access"
 - "for how long"
 - "under what conditions"
- (Though in theory, these are covered by the Data Citation Principles)



Verifying Reliability of Data Sources

- Not every restricted-access repository is created equal
 - The Second Bank of Third City credit card data is not a data/code repository
 - Is the School Board of Third City a reliable repository?
 - Is the JPMC Institute a reliable repository?
 - Is the US Census Bureau a reliable repository?
 - Are any restriced-access repositories reliable archives?



Data Availability Statements (DAS)

- A statement about where data supporting the results reported in a published article can be found
 - including unique identifiers linking to publicly archived datasets analyzed or generated during the study.
- DASs can increase transparency by providing a reason why data cannot be made (immediately) available
 - need for registration, ethical or legal restrictions, or because of an embargo period



Data Availability Statements

- A statement about how long data will be available (policy)
 - DOI assignments implies long-term curation
 - But long-term curation does not require DOI!
- A statement about usage rights
 - Not every dataset is in the public domain
 - Not everybody knows that U.S. Government data are usually in the public domain



Current efforts at the AEA

Pre-emptively improve code archives

- By conducting reproducibility checks when we can
- By working with groups that conduct reproducibility checks
 when we cannot

Better archives

Greater transparency of the code and data archives

Better provenance tracking

- Leave code where it is when appropriate
- Leave data where it is almost always
- Display that information



AEA "Data Availability Policy" (2019)

- It is the policy of the American Economic Association to publish papers only if the data used in the analysis are clearly and precisely documented and access to the data and code is clearly and precisely documented and is non-exclusive to the authors.
- Authors of accepted papers that contain empirical work, simulations, or experimental work must provide, prior to acceptance, the data, programs, and other details of the computations sufficient to permit replication, as well as information about access to data and programs.



Authors struggle with this!



Data Publishers struggle with this!

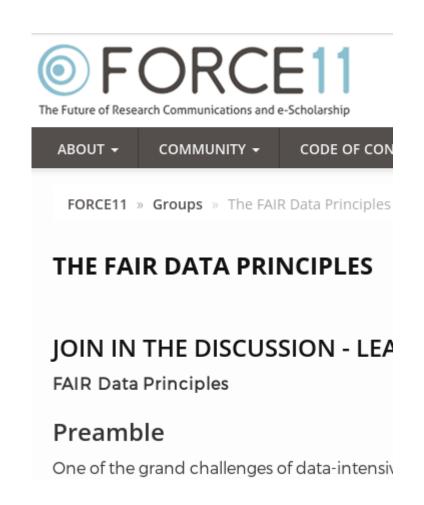
Solutions



Action: Data citations and metadata

What is **FAIR**?

- •Findable,
- Accessible,
- Interoperable, and
- •Re-usable





FAIR data principles rely on metadata

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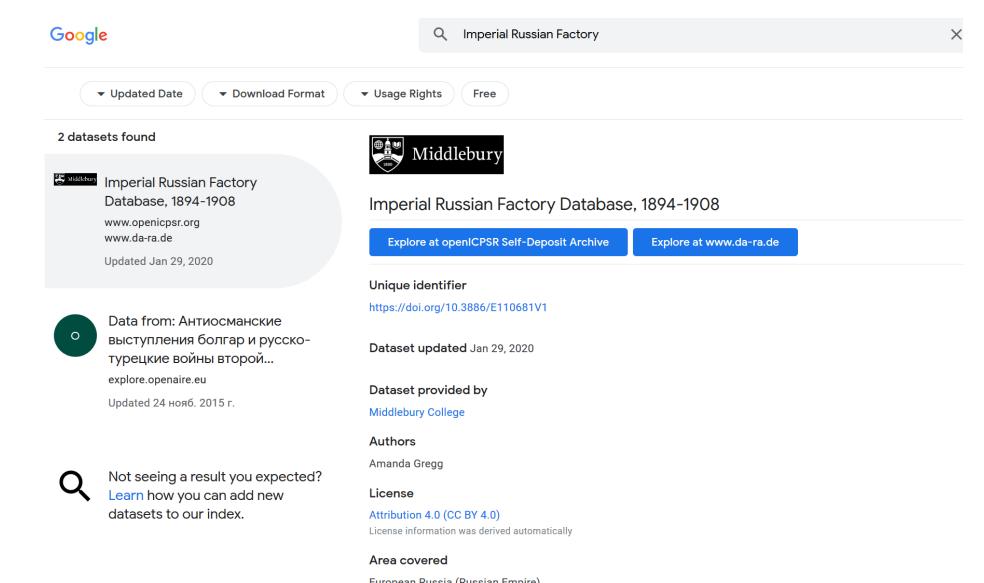
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... and findability relies on metadata





Find Data / Imperial Russian Factory Database, 1894-1908

Imperial Russian Factory Database, 1894-1908

Principal Investigator(s):

Amanda Gregg, Middlebury College

Version: @ V1



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Related Publications

The following publications are supplemented by the data in this project.

• Gregg, Amanda. "Factory Productivity and the Concession System of Incorporation in Late Imperial Russia, 1894-1908." American Economic Review 110, no. 2 (February 2020): 401-27. https://doi.org/10.1257/aer.20151656.



Behind this is metadata

- DataCite (DOI registrar for data)
- For instance,
 - https://api.datacite.org/dois/10.3886/E11 0681V1
- Screenshot of DataCite
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Metadata encodes linkages (Dublin Core)

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Linkage allows to demonstrate value

- Who uses your data?
- Who relies on your data
 - Directly (original manuscript)
 - Indirectly (citations of that manuscript)



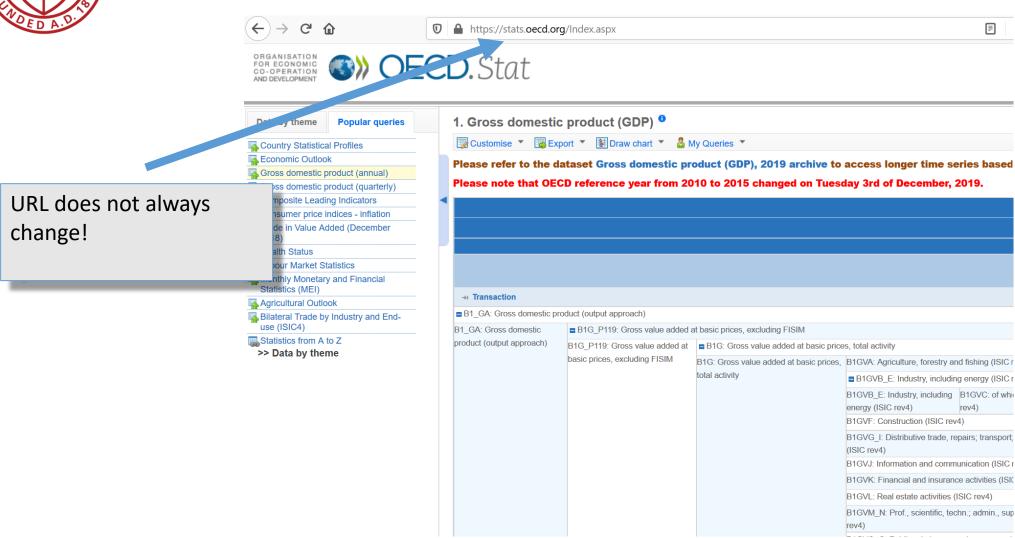
- Requires authors to cite the data in the first place
- Works easily with DOI (registries need to know about the data object)
- Might work (in the future?) with Google Scholar, Web of Science

Examples

(good and bad)

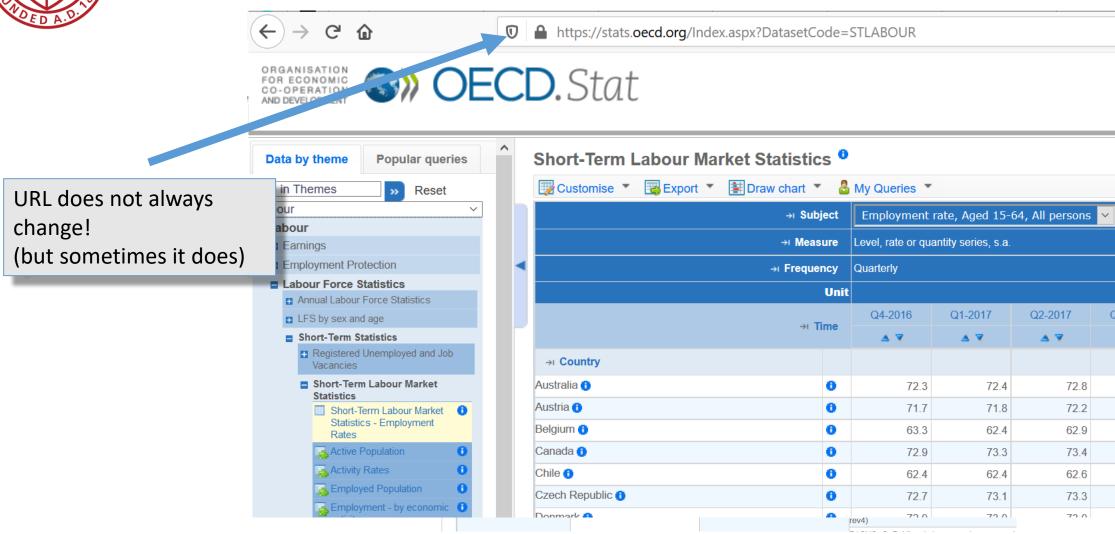


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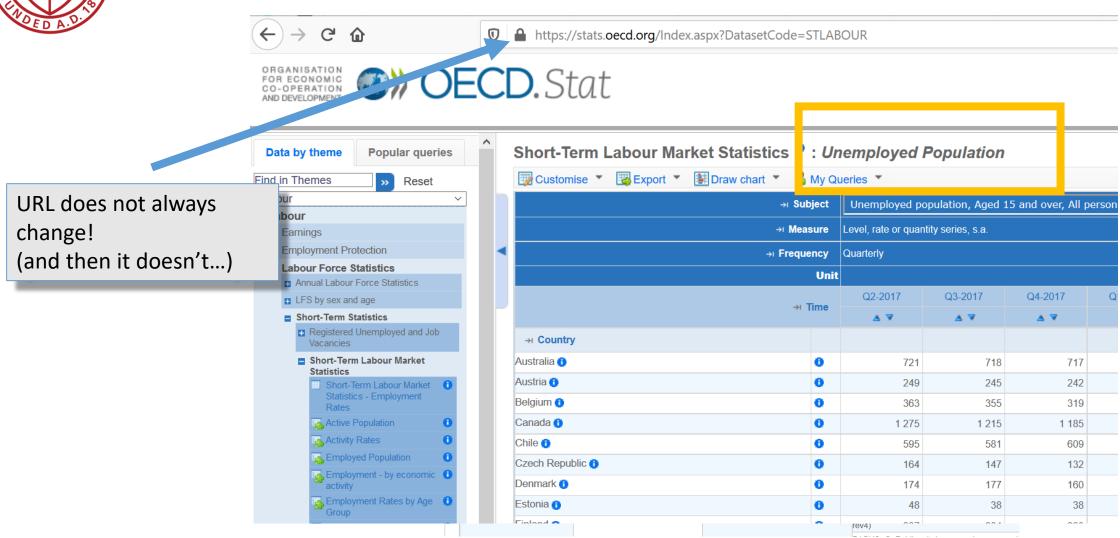


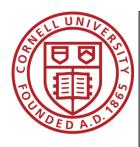
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Summary

Data source:

Data Access

The IAB Establishment Panel is available via the following ways of access:

- On-site use at the FDZ. Further information on Applying for on-site use.
- Remote data Access. Further information on Applying for remote data access.

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Dataset Descriptions and Frequencies

German

- DOI: 10.5164/IAB.FDZD.2001.de.v1
- FDZ-Datenreport 01/2020
- Fallzahlen und Labels

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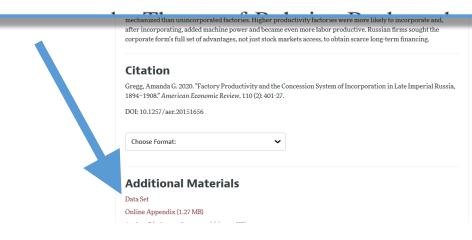
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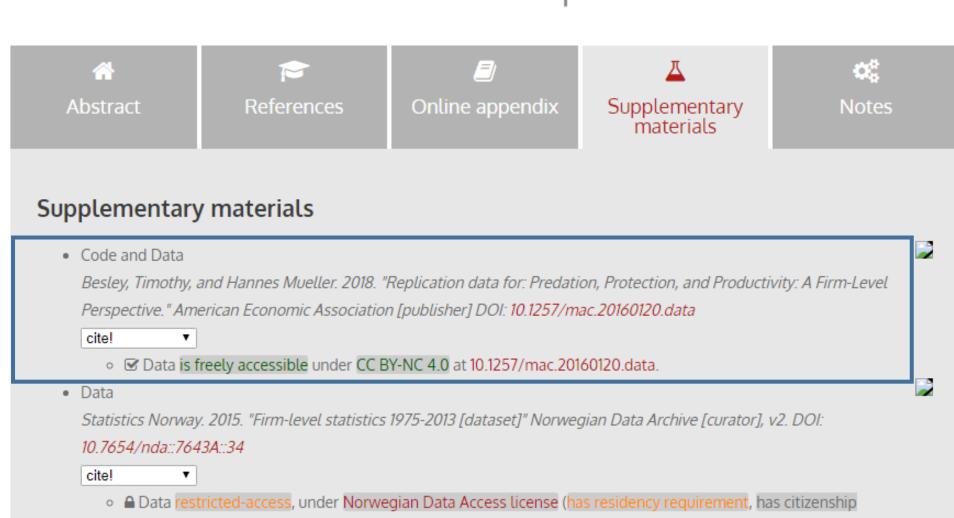
owned by corporations were larger, more productive, and more mechanized than unincorporated factories. Higher productivity factories were more likely to incorporate and, after incorporating, added machine power and became even more labor productive. Russian firms sought the corporate form's full set of advantages, not just stock markets access, to obtain scarce long-term financing. (JEL D24, G31, G32, L60, N43, N63)

The corporation's role in industrial growth remains controversial. Though an older literature maintained that corporations mobilized the capital critical for large-scale industrialization, recent evidence suggests that this effect may be overstated. Because the corporation is ultimately a legal institution, this controversy crystallizes a larger debate about whether institutions influence economic development. Measuring the effect of institutions on economic performance is challenging,





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requirement), accessible at Norwegian Data Archive in Oslo, Norway

Recommendation



FAIR Principles

- **F**indable,
- Accessible,
- Interoperable, and
- •Re-usable

Start here:

- Create bibliographic metadata (DC, Schema.org, data.gov, DDI)
- Present it in a human-readable form (Suggested citations)
- Present it in a machine-readable form (citation managers)



Recommendation

FAIR Principles

- •Findable,
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Continue here:

- Describe access
 (license, data use agreement, application procedure)
- Describe persistence (future access)
 (Record schedule, archive policy)
- Present it in a machine-readable form (re3data.org)



FAIR Principles

- •Findable,
- Accessible,
- Interoperable, and
- •Re-usable

Follow up with:

- Data documentation (what) (codebooks, summary stats)
- Process documentation (how)
 (process flow, software code)
- Present it in a machine-readable form (DDI, SDMX, schema.org)



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Improve with:

- Use of common taxonomies (variable values, standards)
- Implement APIs
 (live query, code submission)
- Present it in a machine-readable form (data.gov, others)

Thank you!

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