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Being involved with RDA: Some experiences using **linguistics** as an example

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Implementing cultural and structural change*

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About me

- Head of teaching and learning support at the University Library (UiT) → strong focus on education & outreach.
- PhD in French linguistics.
- Worked with corpus data since 2001, as data collector, researcher, database manager and now co-leader of the project *Phonologie du français contemporain*.
- Curator in the international discipline-specific Tromsø Repository of Language and Linguistics (TROLLing).



Linguistics Data Interest Group (LDIG)

- In the last decade, many initiatives taken to improve data management practices in linguistics, to make it a more open and transparent science.
- Around 6-7 years ago, development of an international network in the US to discuss and work together on data management-related issues. TROLLing invited to attend.
- RDA Linguistics Data IG created in 2017.



The screenshot shows the RDA (Research Data Alliance) website. The header includes the RDA logo and navigation links for O&A Members (71), MEMBERSHIP, and a 'Register now' button. The main content area features the title 'Linguistics Data Interest Group Charter Statement' and a breadcrumb trail: 'Home » Groups » Linguistics Data IG » Linguistics Data Interest Group Charter Statement'. A date stamp indicates '08 APR 2017'. The text below the title states: 'Version 1.0 14th June 2017 (the draft version 0.1 and final approved version are available as attached documents at the bottom the page)'. The 'Introduction' section begins with: 'Data are fundamental to the field of linguistics. Examples drawn from natural languages provide a foundation for claims about the nature of human language, and validation of these linguistic claims relies crucially on these supporting data. Yet, while linguists have always relied on language data, they have not always facilitated access to those data. Publications typically include only short excerpts from data sets, and where citations are provided, the connections to the data sets are usually only vaguely identified. At the same time, the field of linguistics has generally viewed the value of data without accompanying analysis with some degree of skepticism, and thus linguists

LDIG deliverables

The Austin Principles of Data Citation in Linguistics

Set of guidelines to help linguists to make informed decisions regarding the accessibility and transparency of their research data.

Written and revised via asynchronous meetings. Working session & finalised during the RDA plenary in 2017.

The screenshot displays the website for Linguistics Data Citation. The header features the site title and a navigation menu with links to Home, The Austin Principles, Definitions, FAQ, History, Outreach, Materials, and Endorse. The main content area is titled "The Austin Principles" and includes a "Preamble" section. The preamble text states: "Data is central to empirical linguistic research. Linguistic data comes in many different forms, and is collected and processed with a wide range of methods. Data citation recognizes the centrality of data to research. Furthermore, it facilitates verification of claims and repurposing of data for other studies." Below this, a quote from the FORCE11 Joint Declaration of Data Citation Principles is partially visible. On the right side, a "META" section contains links for "Log in", "Entries RSS", "Comments RSS", and "WordPress.org".

Linguistics Data Citation

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The Austin Principles

Preamble

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The FORCE11 Joint Declaration of Data Citation Principles* state that "[s]ound, reproducible scholarship rests upon a foundation of robust, accessible data. For this to

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LDIG deliverables

Tromsø Recommendations for citation of research data in linguistics

Citation model for in-text citations and bibliographic references, including commented examples and elaborated definitions.

Written and revised via asynchronous meetings. Working session and a one-day meeting during the RDA plenary in 2019. Finalised during the Munin conference in 2019.

RDA supporting output.

Tromsø recommendations for citation of research data in linguistics



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Abstract: Language and linguistics datasets are often not cited, or cited imprecisely, because of confusion surrounding the proper methods for citing them. For the use of researchers and scholars in the field working with datasets, we propose components of data citation for referencing language data, both in the bibliography and in the text of linguistics publications.

The intended audience for these recommendations consists of i) academic publishers, ii) resource providers (e.g. repositories, archives), iii) researchers citing data, and iv) researchers making data management plans, developing and depositing data, and preparing metadata. Academic publishers will have the opportunity to add these recommendations to their author guidelines for citation. Resource providers will learn which metadata and citation elements are crucial in order for data to be properly citable. Researchers using data in their publication will know how to cite these data in case publisher guidelines are underspecified. Researchers depositing data in a repository will know more about what metadata they should provide in order to publish their data so as to make them citable.

As each journal may have its own stylistic conventions, we do not address specific formats or citation styles, but rather elements of citations; however, for journals or repositories seeking to update their data citation guidance, we hope this document will be helpful. Furthermore, these recommendations are intended to be only guidelines, as we cannot account for every possibility here. This guidance is based on the Austin Principles, the FORCE11 and Research Data Alliance Joint Declaration of Data Citation Principles, and the Reproducible Research in Linguistics position statement.

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Related project

The Open Handbook of Linguistic Data Management

Practical guide to the principles and methods for the management, sharing and citing of linguistic data.

Published at MIT Press in 2022, with open access.

127 international authors.





Current project



RDA / EOSC Future Ambassador: Broadly train linguists in the methods of open science

What:

In my period as RDA Domain Ambassador, I will work with the RDA Linguistics Data Interest Group (LDIG) to develop a Needs Analysis survey, as a first step in determining which educational efforts are needed to broadly train linguists in the methods of open science. In addition to the Needs analysis, I will work together with LDIG to promote some of our work from the last few years in the greater European linguistics community, in particular the Tromsø Recommendations for Citation of Research Data in Linguistics, which was adopted as an output of the RDA in 2019 ([Andreassen et al., 2019](#)). Another goal of the Ambassadorial period is to host a webinar in which linguistics experts discuss how FAIR relates to their own work. This webinar will then be edited into a vlog to be shared in the community.

Knowledge of a **scientific community**, its **needs** and point of **progress** towards Open Science



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... builds the **social** and **technical bridges** to enable the open **sharing** and **re-use** of data



... creates a trusted platform with **open** and **FAIR data**, **resources** and **services** for all scientific disciplines

DOMAIN AMBASSADOR



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Two way communication between the scientific community and RDA / EOSC Future

Peer insight and deeper **understanding** of how to promote **Open Science** and **data management**

Outreach to promote **RDA outputs** and **EOSC offerings**

Key output of domain ambassador period

- Together with LDIG co-chairs (Andrea Berez-Kroeker, U. of Hawai'i and Lindsay Ferrara, NTNU), develop and pilot a Needs Analysis survey, as a first step in determining which educational efforts are needed to broadly train linguists in the methods of open science.
- **Take home message: Having a structure such as RDA (and funding possibilities linked to this) facilitates knowledge enhancement and networking/collaboration, which again speeds up the progress of the work.**