Toward a Vision of Community-Engaged Digital Research Infrastructure:
The Canadian HSS Commons and Beyond

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What is the Canadian HSS Commons?

An open online space where Canadian HSS researchers and stakeholders can gather to share information and resources, make connections, and build community

For more information, please check out hsscommons.ca.

Key features

- Canadian servers / digital research infrastructure

- In-development prototype built on HUBzero (open source, modifications on GitHub)

- User profiles, with Single Sign-On through ORCID / Canadian Access Federation

- Subject repository for OA resources (assigns DOIs, follows FAIR guidelines)

- Research-sharing, communication, and management tools:

    - E.g., interest groups, collections, blogs, discussion forums, member-to-member messaging, Q&As, site-wide calendar, and more

- Project development environment - GitHub, Google Drive, & Dropbox integration

Project Partners

- Initiative of the INKE Partnership (inke.ca), coordinated by the Canadian Social Knowledge Institute (c-ski.ca), based in the Electronic Textual Cultures Lab (etcl.uvic.ca) at UVic.
- Hosting and server management by UVic Systems; customizations by CANARIE and the ETCL.

HSS COMMONS

DISCOVER/DÉCOUVREZ COMMUNITY/COMMUNAUTÉ ABOUT/À PROPOS ASSISTANCE REPOSITORY/DÉPÔT

Graham Jensen
🔓 Public Profile :: Your profile is currently public.

⊕ Add Modules

Dashboard

👤 Profile

⚙ Account

💬 Blog

🗃 Collections — 2

👥 Groups — 4

✉ Messages ● 4

My Messages ⚙ ✕

All My Messages + Settings

✉ Group "opensocialscholarship" Updated
18 May 2021

✉ hsscommons Answers, Question #3 Response
16 Feb 2021

My Drafts ⚙ ✕

+ Start a new contribution

No contributions found.

My Groups ⚙ ✕

Recent | **All**

👥 Canadian Digital Humanities
manager

👥 CanLit Discussion Group
manager

👥 Open Scholarship Press - Collections
manager

👥 Open Social Scholarship

My Tickets ⚙ ✕

≣ All My Tickets + New Ticket

Tickets I Submitted

You have no active tickets at this time.

Tickets Assigned To Me

You have no active tickets at this time.

My Projects ⚙ ✕

≣ All Projects + New Project

Open Scholarship Press -...
By **Open Scholarship...** | manager

Open Social Scholarship (ETCL) [1]
By me | manager

My Questions ⚙ ✕

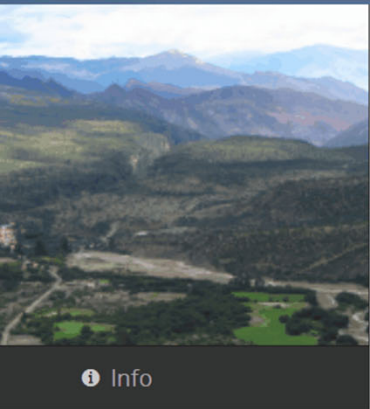≣ All Questions + New Question

Open Questions I Asked

💬 A long question 💬 0

(Above: a quick look at the Canadian HSS Commons project development space)

Future directions

- Further integrate/align with distributed Canadian institutional repositories

- On-board Canadian HSS societies

- Increased integration and interoperability with ORCID to enable pre-population/syncing of researcher profiles

- Repurpose the Canadian HSS Commons instance, scaling across disciplines nation-wide

- Set up Australian and other international instances

Vision Document

- A **community-informed** reflection on best practices and relevant considerations for others interested in setting up large-scale digital research infrastructure in Canada.

- **Living document** (i.e., it will need to be updated as the needs of the INKE Partnership and its wider communities evolve)

- Guiding question:
  - How can networks such as the Canadian HSS Commons facilitate effective knowledge mobilization by providing tools for open access publication and collaboration that align with established and evolving best practices regarding the governance of digital communities, research data management and discoverability, and the long-term stability and preservation of digital research infrastructure?

Thank you!

Please feel free to get in touch with any comments or questions:

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