

# Openness in scholarship

## *How universities deal with the changing research publications and data landscape*

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# Preview

- What is LERU
- Open scholarship, OA to publications and to data
- What LERU universities are doing
- Policies, tools, services, training: what is being developed
- LERU CIO – chair Dr Paul Ayriss (UCL) - see presentation at: <http://discovery.ucl.ac.uk/1443239/>





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## What is Open Scholarship?

EnablingOpenScholarship

- Open scholarship encompasses [open access](#), [open data](#), [open educational resources](#), and all other forms of openness in the scholarly and research environment
- Open Scholarship website at [http://www.openscholarship.org/jcms/c\\_6160/en/open-scholarship](http://www.openscholarship.org/jcms/c_6160/en/open-scholarship)
- Open Scholarship, called by the European Commission Science 2.0, is a new framework for doing research

# Science 2.0 consultation



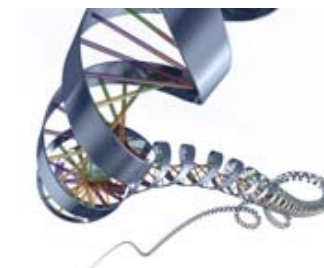
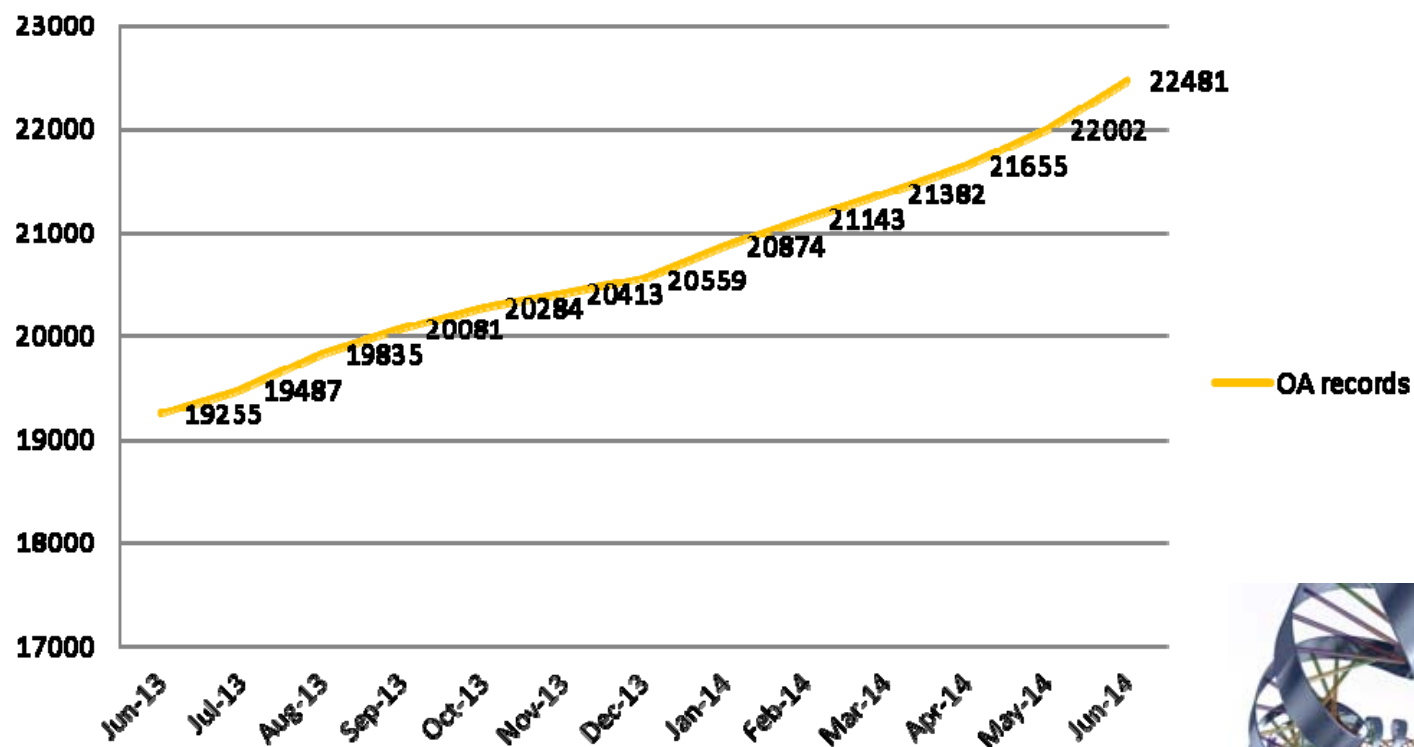
Science 2.0' describes the on-going evolution in the modus operandi of doing research and organising science. These changes in the dynamics of science and research are enabled by **digital technologies** and driven by the **globalisation** of the scientific community, as well as the need to address the **Grand Challenges** of our times. They have an impact on the **entire research cycle**, from the inception of research to its publication, as well as on the way in which this cycle is organised.

# Science 2.0 consultation

- The three main objectives of the consultation are:
  - to assess the degree of **awareness** amongst the stakeholders of the changing modus operandi
  - to assess the perception of the **opportunities** and **challenges**
  - to identify possible **policy implications and actions** to strengthen the competitiveness of the European science and research system by enabling it to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by Science 2.0
- LERU Vice-Rectors (Research) are making a response

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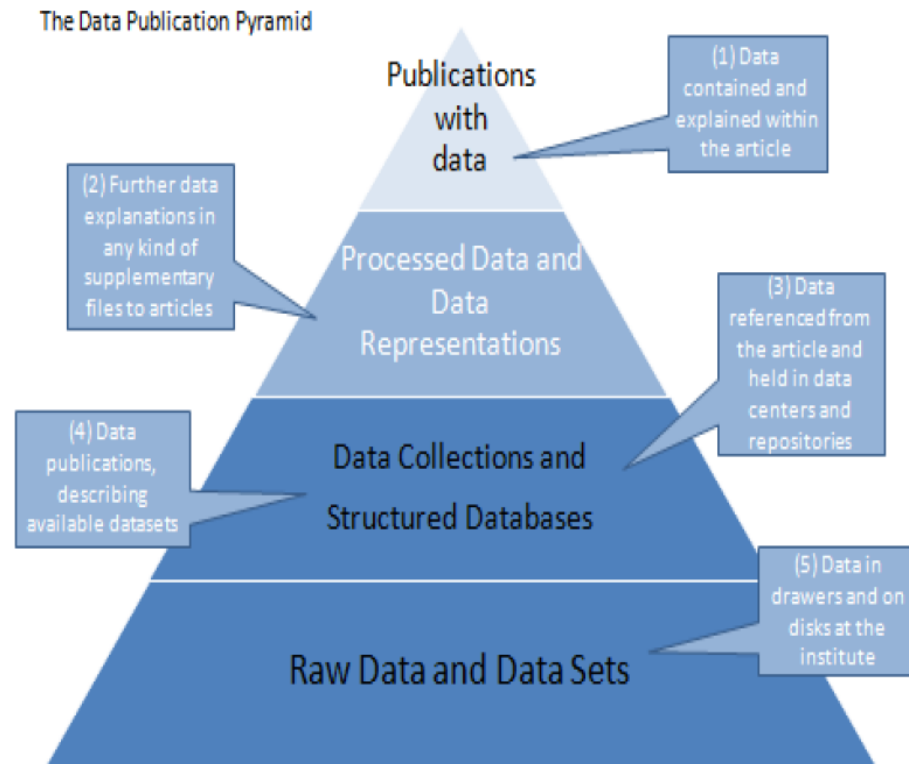
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# Data: Open or Closed?

- Benefits
  - Tackle Grand Challenges in Society more easily
  - Better for research – interpretations can be checked
- Dis-benefits
  - Sharing of data not embedded in research culture
  - Some data cannot be shared (data protection, security reasons)
- Research community needs to decide...



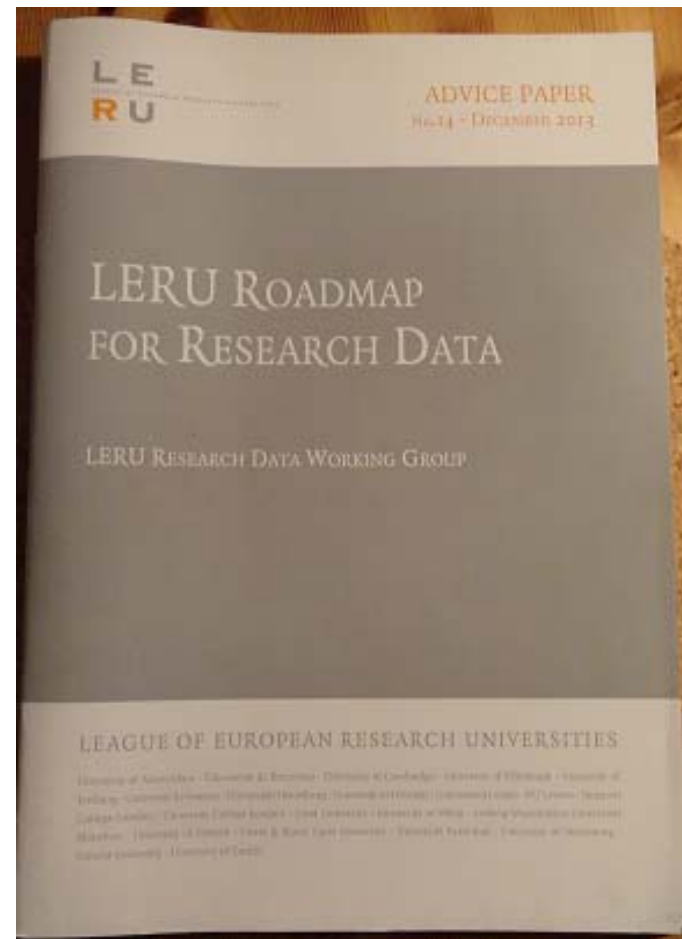
See [http://www.alliancepermanentaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2011/11/ODE-ReportOnIntegrationOfDataAndPublications-1\\_1.pdf](http://www.alliancepermanentaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2011/11/ODE-ReportOnIntegrationOfDataAndPublications-1_1.pdf)



# LERU Roadmap for Research Data

- Overseen by Research Data Working Group

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# LERU Roadmap for Research Data

1. Policy and Leadership
2. Advocacy
3. Selection and Collection, Curation, Description, Citation, Legal Issues
4. Research Data Infrastructure
5. Costs
6. Roles, Responsibilities and Skills
7. Recommendations to different stakeholder groups



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# Key Messages

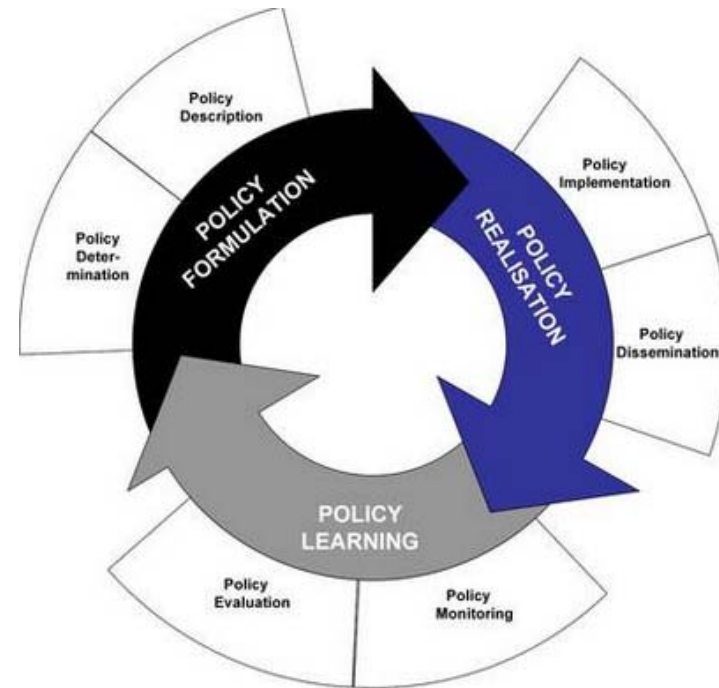
- Each LERU university needs a Research Data Management Strategy
- Researchers should have Research Data Management Plans
- LERU universities need to bring stakeholders together
- Benefits of 'open data' for sharing and re-use should be advocated and explored



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# Policy Development

- Case Study on Policy development from UCL
- Drivers
  - External funders
  - Need to inform researchers
  - Raise awareness of issues facing UCL researchers
- Identifies roles and responsibilities
- Data to be made open in the most open manner appropriate



See [www.lanecrothers.net/politicalprof/the-policy-cycle-and-our-frozen-politics/](http://www.lanecrothers.net/politicalprof/the-policy-cycle-and-our-frozen-politics/)

- Researchers should have Data Management Plans
- LERU slams lack of data policies – *Research Europe*

# Tools and Services

- Open Access publishing
- Repository services
  - LERU Law portal
  - DART-Europe
  - Copyright management



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# LERU OA Legal Portal

- Portal being built by TEL (The European Library)
- All LERU OA legal publications brought together into one interface
- Value-Added Services, such as Text and Data Mining, also possible



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(Brougham Papers, UCL Library  
Services)



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 Lausanne : EPFL, 2008.  
 Gravitational lensing describes how light is deflected as it passes in the vicinity of a mass distribution. The amplitude of the deflection is proportional to the mass of the deflector, called "gravitational lens", and is generally weak, even for large masses. The faintness of this phenomenon explains why gravitational lensing remained essentially unobserved until the late 1970s (only gravitational lensing by the Sun has been observed during the solar eclipse of 1919). Before that time, gravitational lensing was considered merely as a theoretical curiosity. However, the situation dramatically changed with the discovery of the first extragalactic gravitational lens in 1979. Since then, together with the technological progress of astronomical instruments, gravitational lensing has turned from a curiosity into a powerful tool to address important astrophysical and cosmological questions. The present thesis focuses on applications related to gravitationally lensed quasars. Quasars are active galactic nuclei, where matter is heated up as it spirals down onto the central supermassive black hole. When a galaxy is located on the line of sight to a distant quasar, it acts as a gravitational lens and produces multiple images of this background source. The light of the quasar follows different paths for each of its images. Thus, variations of the intrinsic quasar luminosity are observed at different times in each image. The time delays between the images can be used to determine the Hubble constant  $H_0$ , because they are inversely proportional to  $H_0$ . This constant describes the current expansion rate of the Universe, and is one of the fundamental parameters of cosmological models. Many efforts have been spent over the years to determine  $H_0$ , but its value is still poorly constrained. Gravitational lensing has the potential to noticeably decrease the uncertainty of  $H_0$ . In practice, this requires regular and long-term monitoring of lensed quasars. We have run a series of numerical simulations to both optimize the available telescope time, and measure the time delays with an accuracy of a few percent. The results of these simulations are presented in the form of compact plots to be used to optimize the observational strategy of present and future monitoring programs. Once the time delays are measured, one can infer estimates of  $H_0$ , provided several other observational constraints are available. A key element to accurately convert time delays into  $H_0$  is the redshift of the lensing galaxy. These redshift

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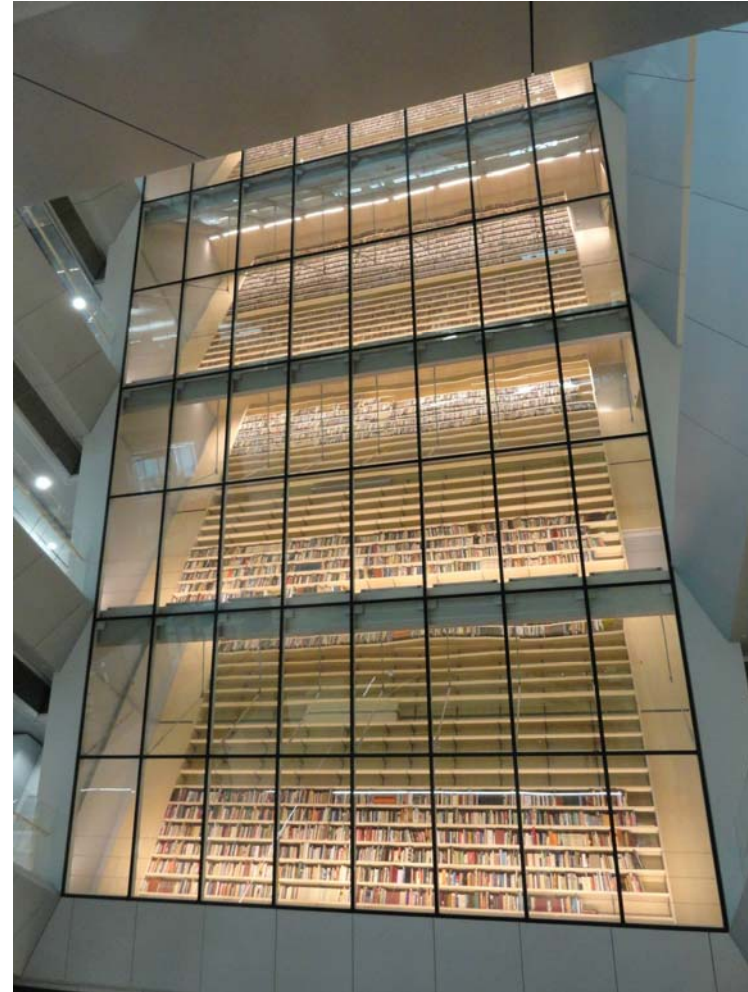


# “An ERA of change” Messages to the EU

- Need coordinated OA policies – national and European level
- Implement and monitor OA to publications
- Revise Copyright and Database Directive – TDM exception for education and academic research purposes. Mandatory – no overriding by contract - no licensing
- Support development of university OA infrastructure for OA publishing (monographs)
- Join up national e-infrastructures – support interoperability – access
- Integrate awareness and training

# Conclusions

- Open Scholarship is a new feature of the research landscape
- Today we have discussed
  - New means of dissemination
  - Increased importance for research data
  - Tools, Services and Training needed to move forwards
- Thanks for listening
- Time for discussion



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