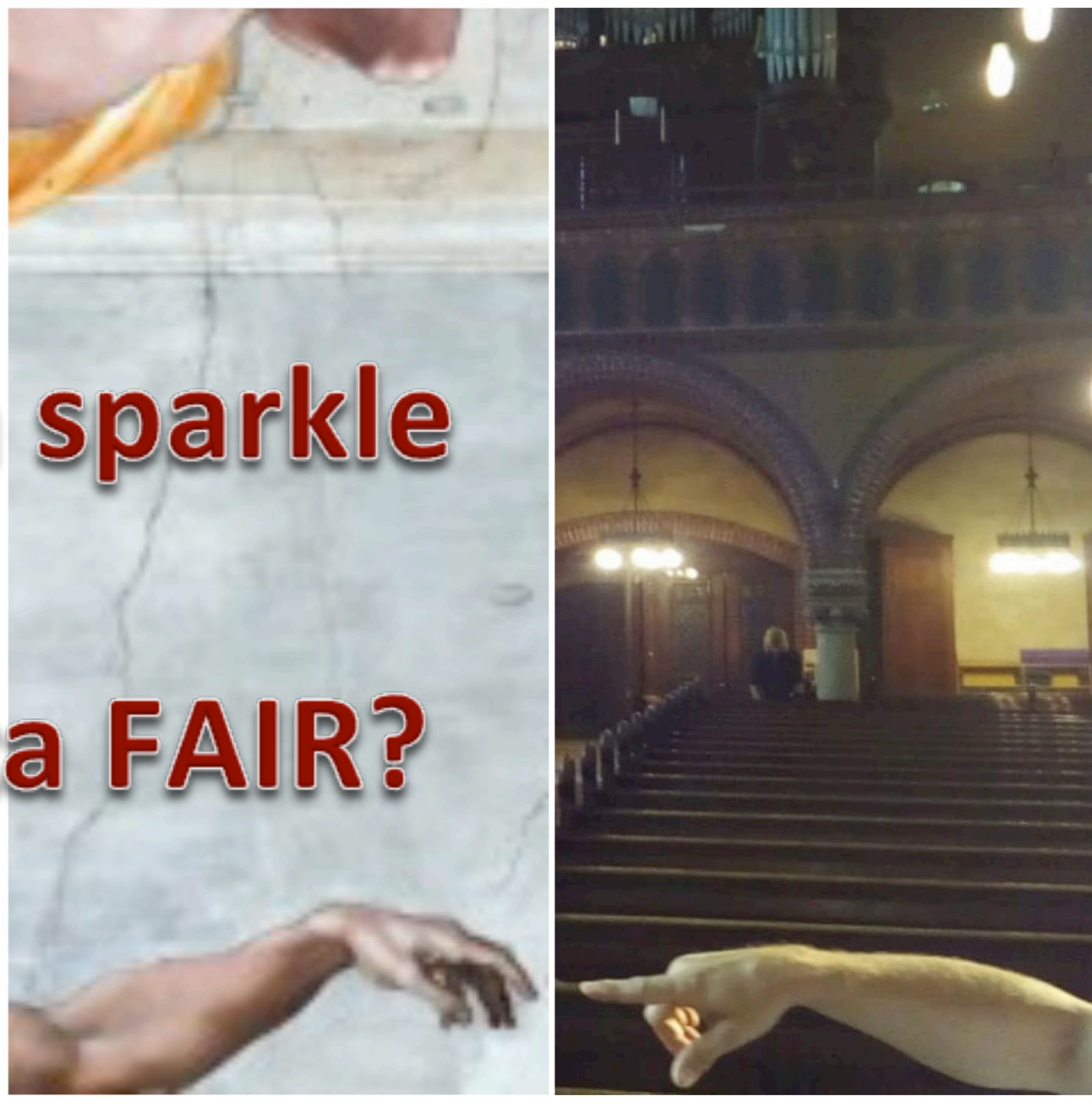


# HERE BE DRAGONS

## Open Access to Research Data in the Humanities

Do your data sparkle  
joy?  
Are your data FAIR?



### Here be dragons (Key challenges)

- Ambivalence about the concept “data”
- Key concepts and recommendations, e.g. FAIR principles little known in research communities
- Publication of research data only as afterthought
- Issues around incentivisation
- Fears
- Availability & sustainability of specialist support structures for humanities research data support

### “Fellowship of the Data”



Picture: African penguins, Boulders beach, Simon's Town, South Africa by Pierre-Selim Huard  
[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Simon%27s\\_Town\\_-\\_African\\_Penguins\\_-\\_2018-07-27\\_-\\_9028.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Simon%27s_Town_-_African_Penguins_-_2018-07-27_-_9028.jpg), CC BY 4.0

- Support system for the quest for **FAIR humanities data**
- Incentives for FAIR data publications, e.g. DORA
- Infrastructure (aggregation, data centers & repositories, tools and services)
- Training & Education of (digital) humanities researchers
  - “Data infrastructure literacy”
  - Added value of Research Data Management for the planning of digital projects *before* the start
- Active research data management (e.g. **RDMO** = Research Data Management Organiser)



Photo background: “Digital hologram” by Ashwin Vaswani, [https://unsplash.com/photos/g27a\\_s3x0E](https://unsplash.com/photos/g27a_s3x0E)  
**Vision for Humanities Data**

### Viva la Open Revolution!

To create a broad culture of FAIR data sharing in the humanities, we have to roll up our sleeves, team up, and distribute hats:

- Embrace Open principles
- Bridge the gap between the digital and the humanities
- Look what we can learn from the Digital Humanities and other data savvy disciplines



Picture: open by velkr0 CC BY 2.0, <https://flic.kr/p/mzaM>

There is a lot at stake for the Humanities,  
maybe the very question what we want the future of the Humanities to be.  
When it comes to Open and FAIR research data in the Humanities,  
I can only say it with Queen:  
“I want it all, and I want it now!”

