A Hub for Historical Data in Switzerland

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Who’s behind?

Historical sciences
- Law Sources Foundation of the Swiss Lawyers Society (SSRQ)
- Historical Dictionary of Switzerland (HLS)
- Diplomatic Documents of Switzerland (Dodis)

Linguistics
- Dictionary of the Swiss German Language (Schweizerisches Idiotikon)
- Swiss Toponomy Portal (ortsnamen.ch)
Based on reliable research data from the project partners

- 70’000 persons
- 21’000 organisations
- 470’000 places
- 7’000 keywords/concepts
- 180’000 lemmata
Goals

• Authority data: multilingual, modular, diachronic, granular
• Linked data: long-term and stable linking of high-quality research resources
• Tools: development, support and dissemination of digital tools
• Reliable research data: quality assurance, feedback system
• Integration of other institutions: importing their data, avoiding isolated solutions
Target groups

• Interested public
• Research community: individual researchers, projects, institutions
• Digital Humanities community
• YOU!
Two pillars

• histHub-Net: linking (Metagrid)
• histHub-Norm: authority data
  • four main entities: persons, places, organisations, and concepts
  • several thesauri: forenames, names, titles, occupations, place types, organisation types...
• ontology based on CIDOC-CRM and Data for History
Standardising with histHub thesauri