



# SMW Based VRE for Addressing Multi-Layered Data Analysis – The Use Case of Classroom Interaction Interpretation

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## What are we doing?



Semantic MediaWiki for Collaborative Corpora Analysis (Semantic-CorA)

- Development of a lightweight Virtual Research Environment (VRE)
- German Research Foundation (DFG) (2011-2014), BMBF (2015-2018)

#### **Use Cases:**

- Educational lexica (25 lexica, 22.000 lemmata) (DFG)
- School magazines (50er+60er) (DFG)
- BMBF founded eHumanities CEDIFOR
  - Archive of class room transcripts
  - Graduate examination "German essay" (1882 1972)
  - Pictura Pedagogica Online







### **Outline**

- The research context
- Motivation
- Research Data Education and Virtual Research Environments
- Challenges
- SMW based VRE
- VRE based SMW overall architecture
  - OHI extension
- Use Case: Classroom Interaction Data Analysis
- Conclusion and Outlook



### **VRE**



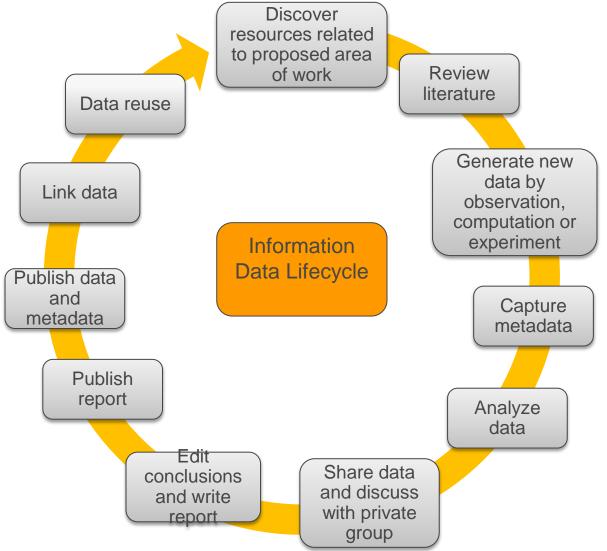
A Virtual Research Environment is a web-based information system, which helps researchers collaborate across disciplines and has the potential to assist the researcher throughout the entire 'research life cycle'.

https://www.jisc.ac.uk/full-guide/implementing-a-virtual-research-environment-vre





### **Research Context**



Allen 2009, 22





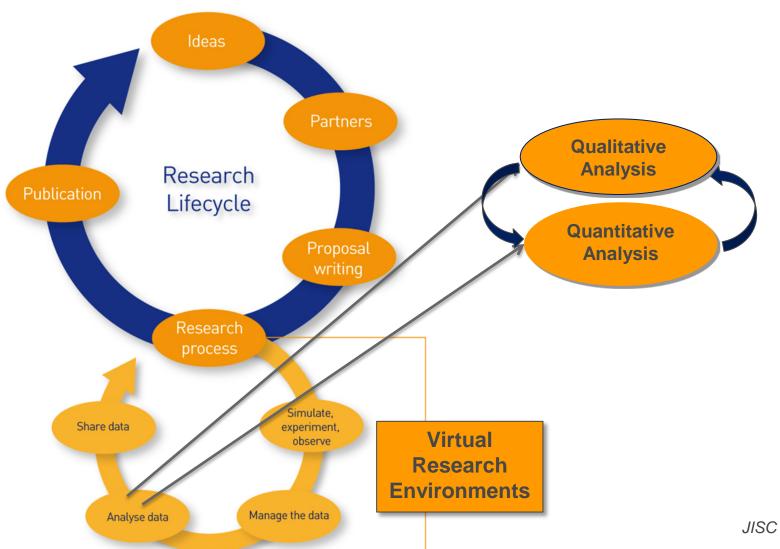
## Research context - Research Process Lifecycle

Discover resources related to proposed area Review of work literature Data reuse Generate new data by observation, computation or "In fact, it turns out that while Information experiment cvcle the lifecycle is similar, the activities of creating research "... computational data are extremely varied from environments are one domain to another and fundamentally resistant to there is little opportunity to qualitative approaches" Si and share services at this level" (Drucker 2012, 86) with pi (Allen 2009, 22) group





### **Virtual Research Environments**



JISC courtesy

### **Challenges**



#### **Interaction and Research Practices in Humanities:**

- Fuzzy, incomplete, distributed and difficult to formalize [Dunn 2009]
- Putting researchers in the humanities into the position to articulate their needs [Borgmann 2009]
- Iterative process
- Multi-method approaches

#### **Qualitative Analysis**

- A priory is exploratory, using words and categorizes data into patterns
- Data comes in many mediums, including text, sound, still images, and moving images
- Different specific methods, like Interpretation

#### **Quantitative Analysis**

- relies exclusively on the analysis of numerical or quantifiable data
- research is conclusive

### **Motivation**



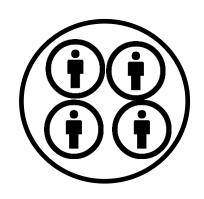
- Semantically enhanced Digital Humanities Research is established so far (e.g. VREs, semantic dictionaries, resources).
- Lack of semantic tools for enhancing act of interpretations
  - Annotations are crucial in interpretations (Unsworth, 2000; Palmer, et al. 2009)
  - designated as a killer application (Juola, 2009)
- Limitations:
  - Annotations: overlapping and flexibility (Piez, 2010)
  - Interfaces: supporting "acts of interpretation" (Drucker, 2013: 37)



need environments and tools for collaborative and multi-layered spaces of interpretations based on a semantic graph

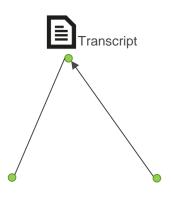
### **Qualitative Analysis of social interaction**







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### RESEARCH

- 1. Conversational Analysis
- 2. Objective or structural hermeneutical Analysis:
- \* Goal: reconstructing "latent structure of meaning"
- \* collaborative group analysis
- \* strictly sequential (of events/interactions)
- \* Specification of "different layers of the external context" (Schneider 1985, p. 81)
- \* up to 9 levels of interpretation
- \* analyzing 'natural protocols' of social practices (transcripts)

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### **VREs**



#### **Pure Semantic VREs:**

- Difficulties for non technical users
- Too general

#### Lightweight semantic frameworks based on SMW

- Mature framework, open source software engine behind Wikipedia (GNU General Public License, version 2 or later)
- Collaborative space by excellence, very flexible and extensible
- Native support for discussion and consensus choice
- Make the research process transparent (Open Science)
- The ability to manage users and their behaviors to ensure compliance with certain policies
- SMW empowers users in terms of fast knowledge accumulation and enables to participate in lightweight collaborative ontology design



### **Design Approach**



#### Heuristic approach

- Participatory and agile approach, early prototyping
- Serving a small community of practice
- Framework driven by OH protocol

#### **Use case: Classroom Interaction Data Analysis**

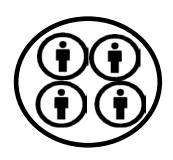
#### Specific project requirements

- Following research process ex: OH methodology
- Easy integration of medium data
- Immediate rewarding
- Easy interlinking
- Ease of understanding and use for non technical users
- Integrating Tools for Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis (Interpretation)
- Enabling re-use at the model and data level



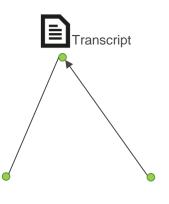
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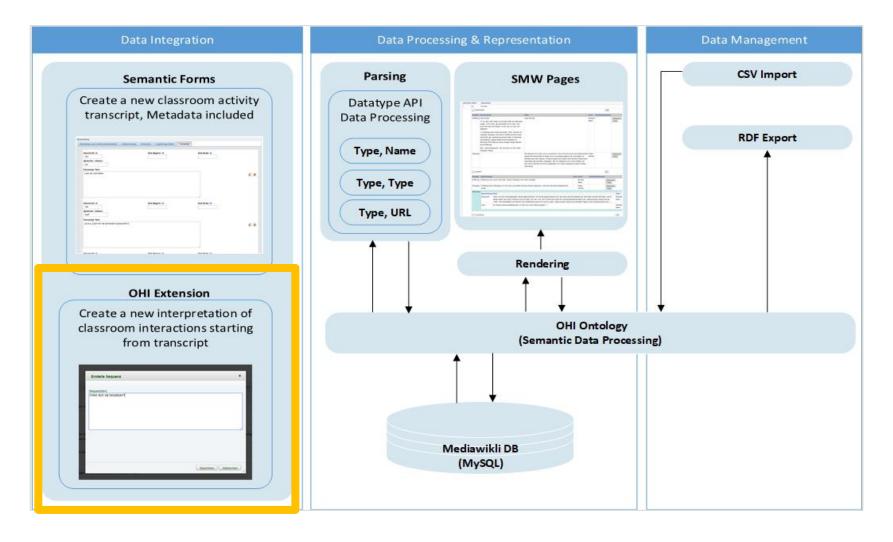
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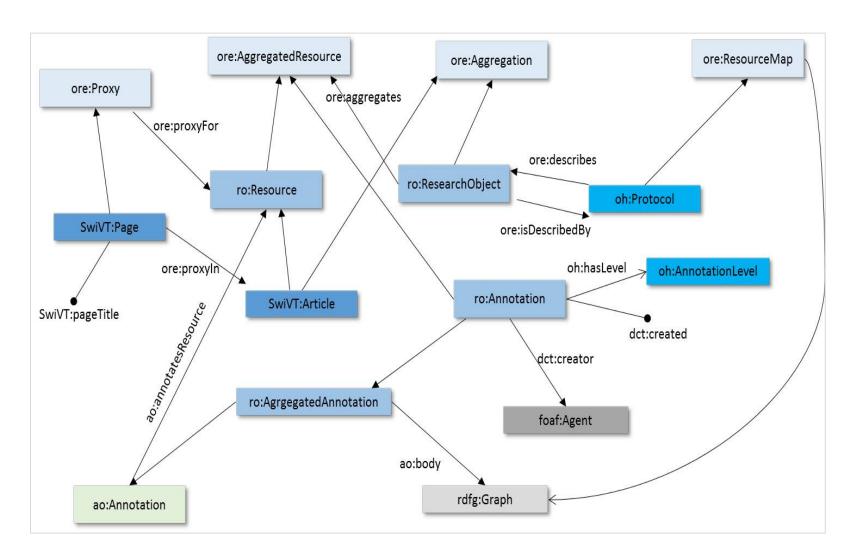
### **VRE** based SMW overall architecture





## **Overall Ontology**





## OHI Extension – Design and Implementation



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- SMW extension
- Customizable via semantic templates and special wiki pages
- Support both CA and OH researchers' methodologies
- Support for data collection and integration (corroborates with other SMW extensions, like Semantic Forms)
- Support for data interpretation (data collection and annotation)
- Support chain of annotations (multiple levels)
- Support annotation of aggregation of resources
- Support for data visualization and filtering
- Partial support for special report writing





### **Use Case: Classroom Interaction Data Analysis**

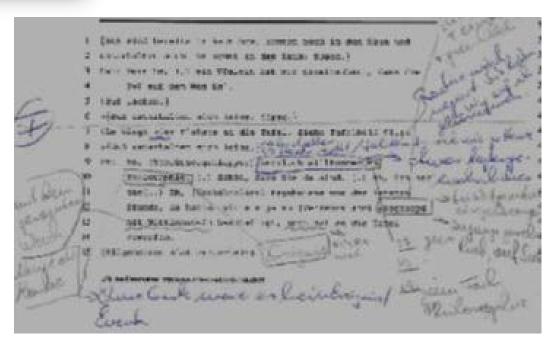


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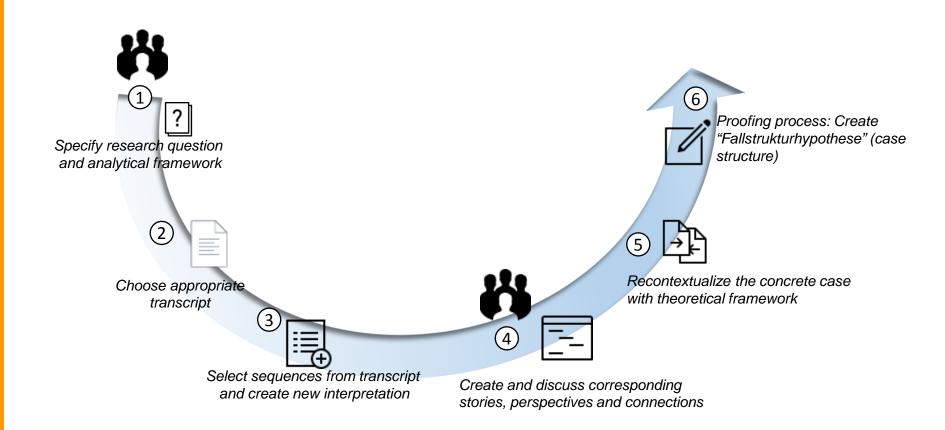
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Sw13: Mhmh.



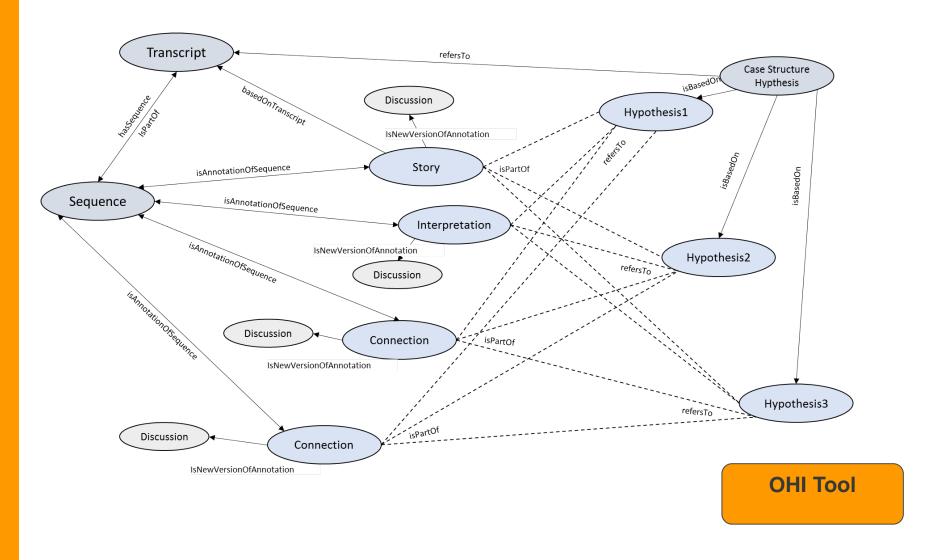
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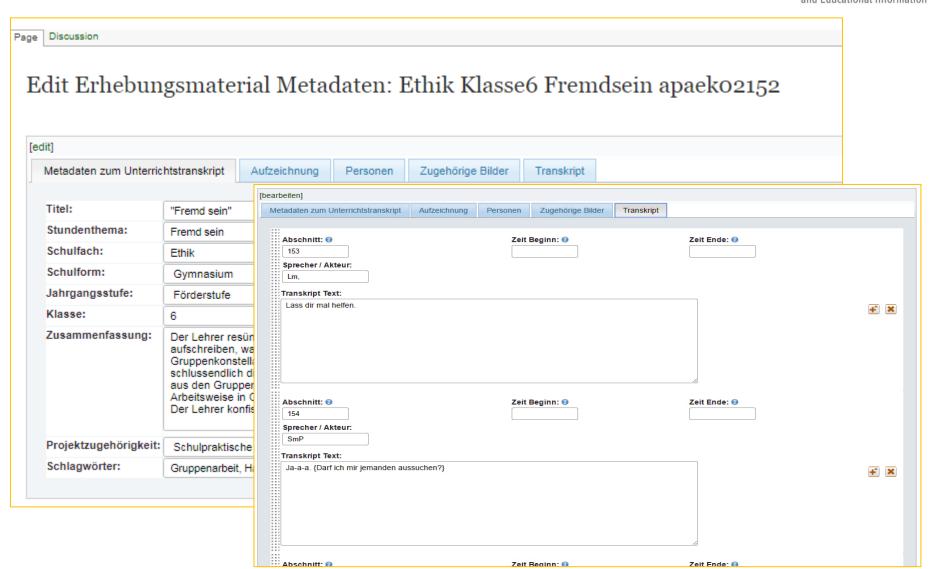
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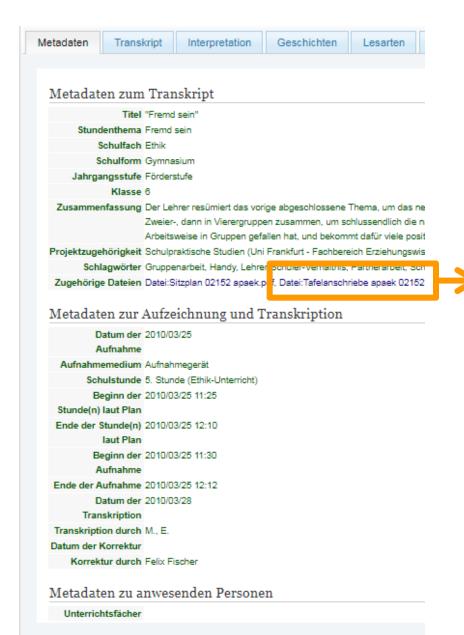
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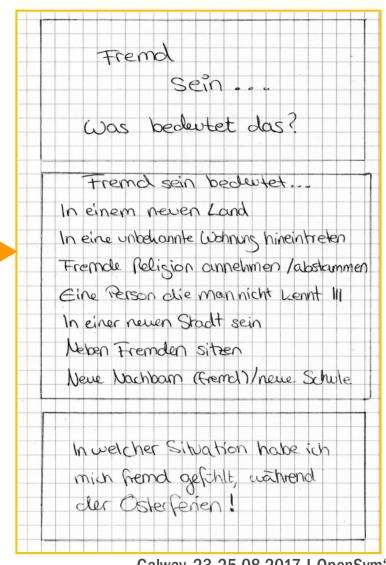




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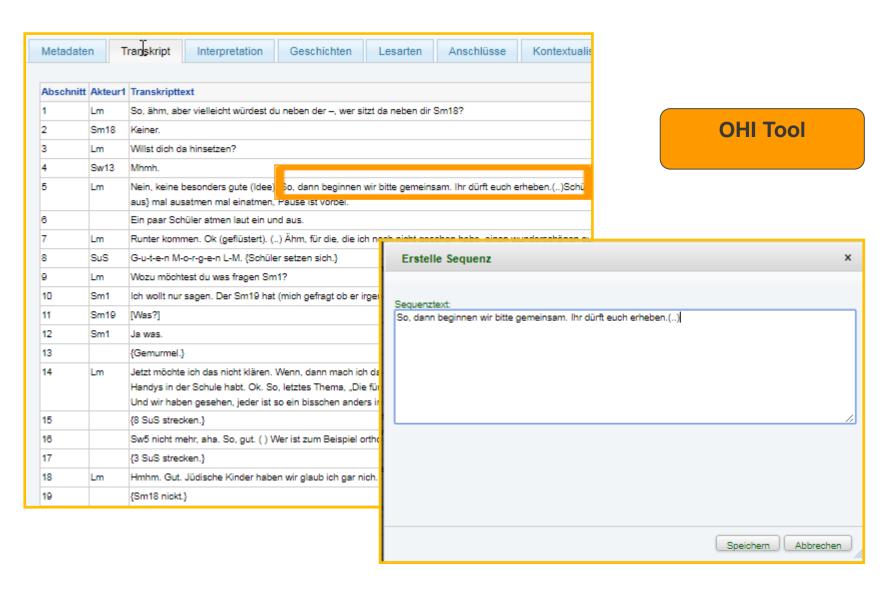




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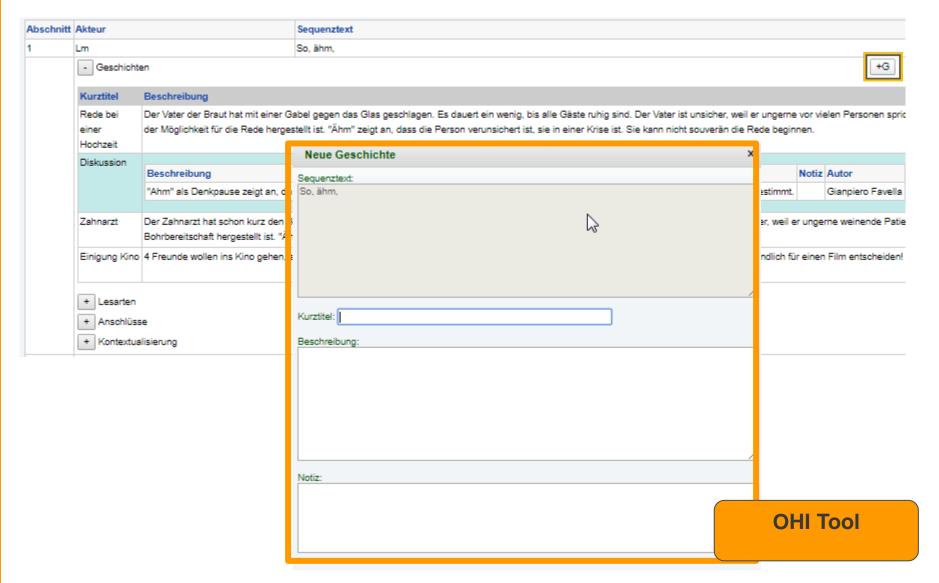
### Interpretation







#### **Annotations**



## **Request and Visualization**



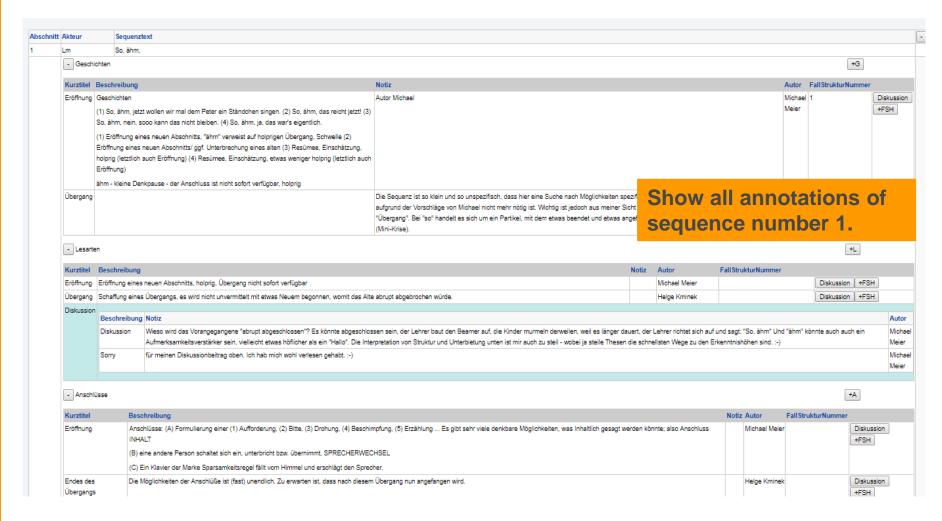
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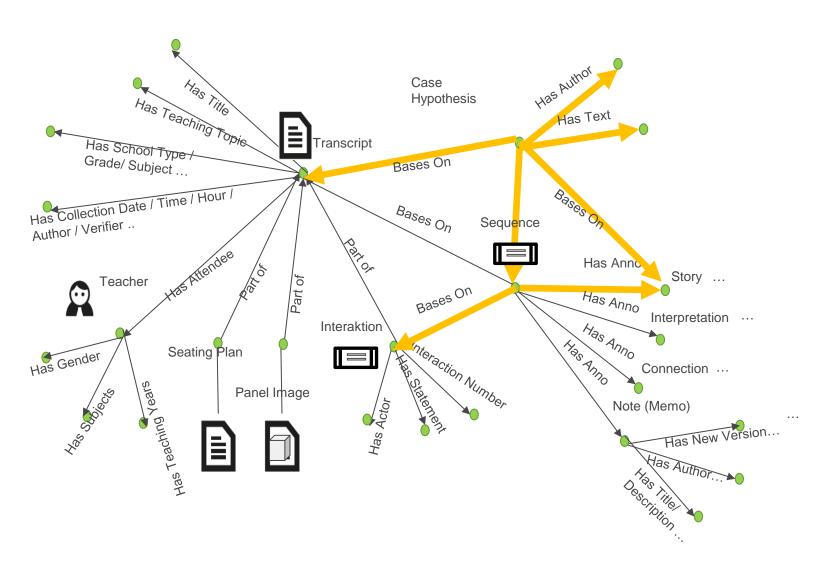
### Requests and Visualization





## Retracing the spaces of interpretation





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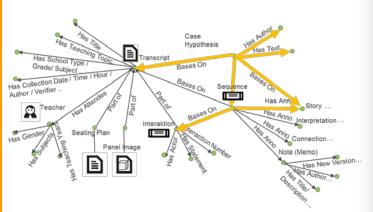
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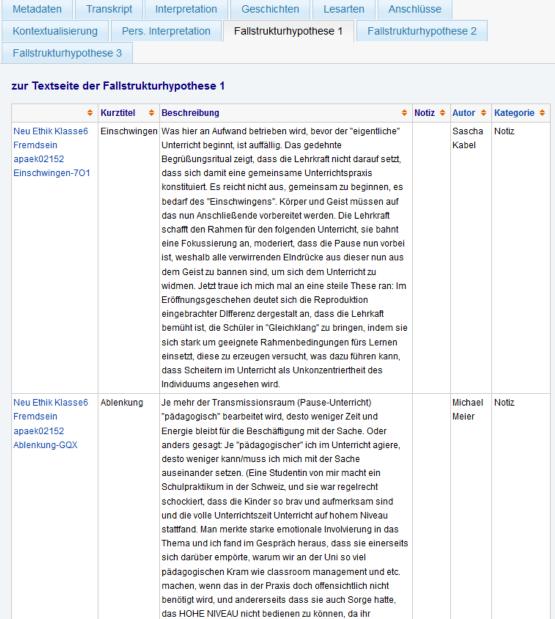


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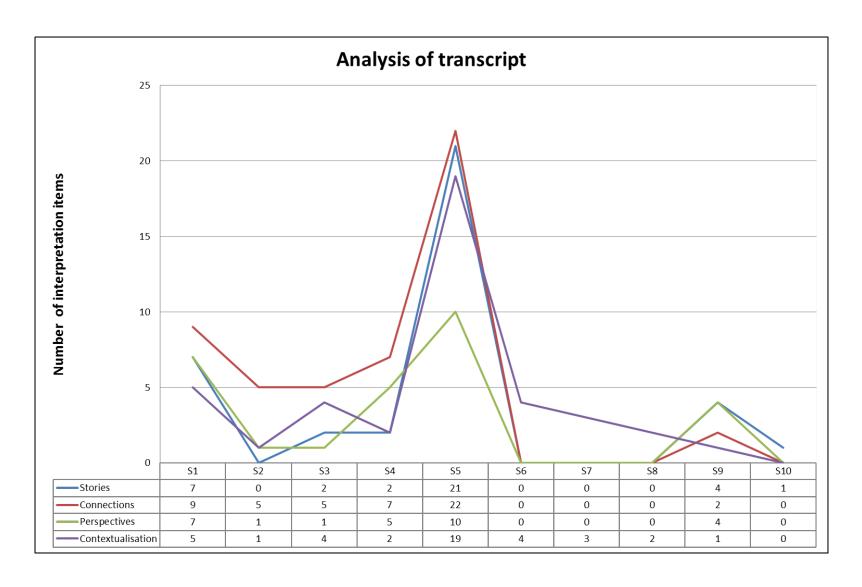






## **Quantitative Data Analysis**







### **Conclusion and Outlook**



#### From fuzzyness to capacities:

- Bridging qualitative with quantitative approaches
- Enabling researchers to create, link, annotate and interact with their research objects based on a semantic technologies
- Achievements OHI Tool, meta models
- SMW based VRE s, knowledge base

#### **Semantic Web Technologies - giving back!:**

- Re-use experience and achievements in SMW based VREs
- Re-use and export data (entities + properties)
- Re-use the model for students' tuition
  - 1 VRE, 6 users, 4 transcripts and 371 annotations
  - o 11 VREs, 42 users, 21 transcripts and over 2000 annotations
  - Positive feedback, professors reported ~35% increase method's understanding

#### **Future work:**

- Refine the semantic support for discussions
- Model adapted for evidence in criminal cases interpretation or surgery protocols





# Thank you!

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http://semantic-cora.org