#VisibleWikiWomen Lab

Fostering Multilingual and Decolonizing Structured Data Narratives on Wikimedia Commons

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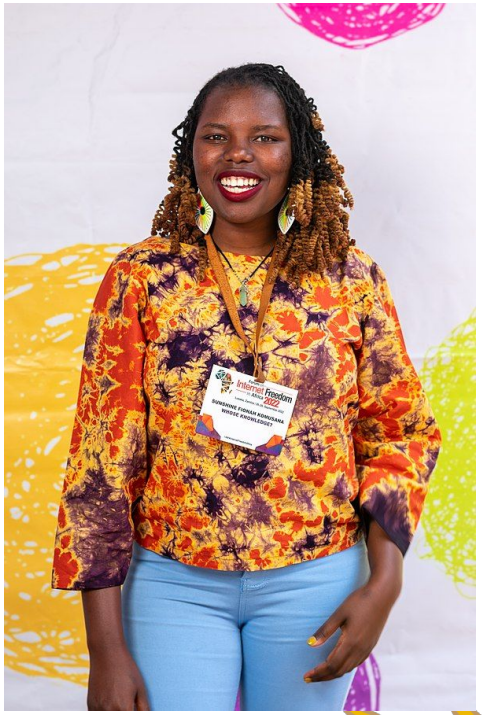

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Who we are?

The story of the #VisibleWikiWomen Campaign

- 6 editions: 2018-2023= bringing images of black, brown, queer, trans, indigenous women from global majority countries and no binary people
- More than +8000 images uploaded
- Partnerships: feminist organizations, culture institutions, Wikipedia editors, user groups and chapters
- Resources kit
- Community organizers support

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What is Structured Data on Commons?

buku
Q571

feminist strike of 8 March 2018
Q50141041

light bulb, lampe électrique, lampadina
Q1318740

computadora
حاسوب
Q68

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Derivative work from:
Mariana Fossatti & Constanza Verón
"Estructurando datos para reducir brechas".
March, 20220

What does structured data got to do with #VisibleWikiWomen?

The thousands of images brought to Commons through the #VisibleWikiWomen campaign allow us to experiment and better understand issues around visual and data gender gap, accessibility and multilinguality, automated tags and biases in structured data.

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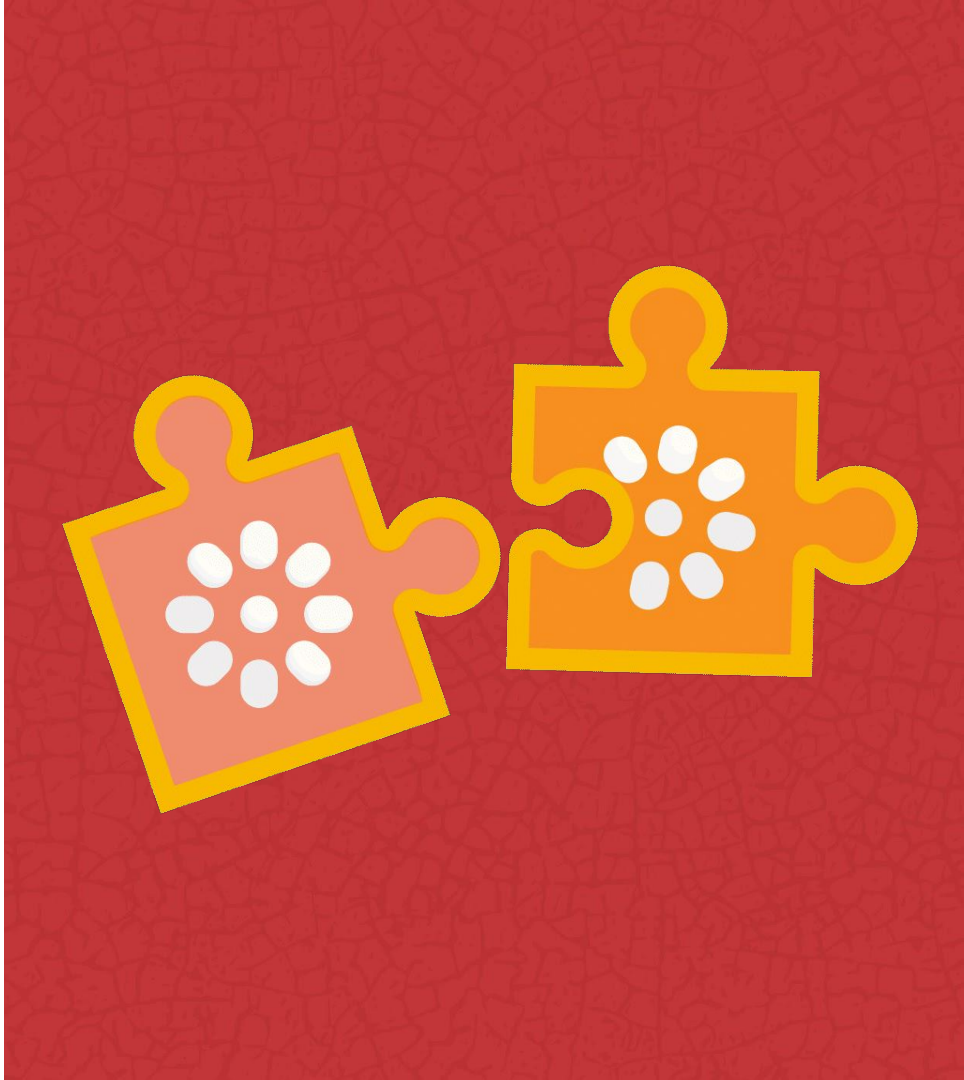
Does the data tell the stories behind the images?



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File:Excuse my beauty.jpg

Author: Sunshine Fionah Komusana

Link: w.wiki/7Dri

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File:2019.07.10 - Ato na Câmara dos Deputados (48636701658).jpg

Author: Galeria SINPRO-DF

Link: w.wiki/7Drp

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File:Sarah Maldoror.jpg

Author: karim amar

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The Politics of images data sets

“The whole endeavor of collecting images, categorizing them, and labeling them is itself a form of politics, filled with questions about who gets to decide what images mean and what kinds of social and political work those representations perform”.

Kate Crawford and Trevor Paglen
Excavating AI. The Politics of Images in Machine Learning Training Sets.

Learning through practice

w.wiki/7Drz

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#VisibleWikiWomen 2023

#BODYPLURALITY
#CUERPOSPLURALES
#CORPOSPLURAIS
#IMIZIMBA:

- Yearly campaign
- Goal: 2500 images
- [Visit the website]

Curious about how to get involved in the #VisibleWikiWomen campaign?

- **Cover**: attend events in your communities where photos can be taken
- **Photobooth**: install a feminist corner at your public events
- **Release**: share your existing photos under free license
- **Create**: illustrations and drawings are welcome!
- **Organize**: become a community organizer or co-organize an event with us!
- **Promote**: spread the word about using the hashtags #VisibleWikiWomen #WomenofColors #BodyPlurality

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Join our Art and Photo Contest in September!

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Come to our Wikimania photo booth!

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Thanks!

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