



AT A GLANCE: GIJC2015-PROGRAM SNAPSHOT AS OF 20TH JUNE 2015

Exploring the preliminary program of the

9th Global Investigative Journalism Conference, Lillehammer, Norway, October 8th to 11th 2015

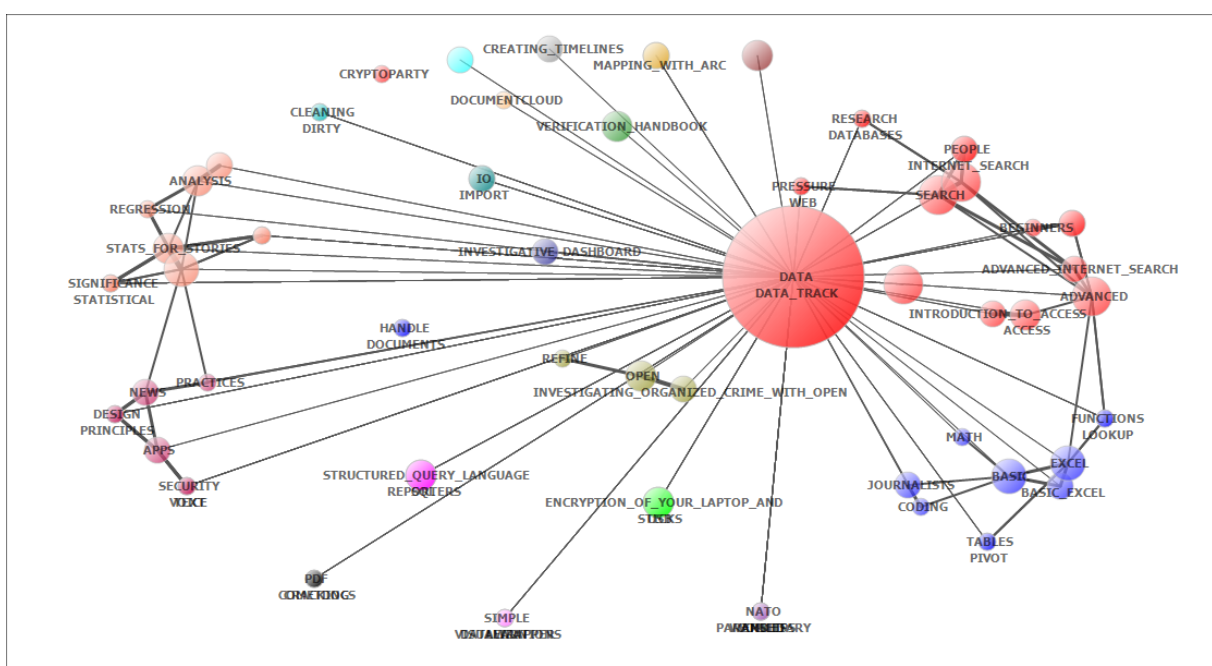
- Snapshot at the preliminary program;
- Few comments from in an investigative and criminal analyst perspective.

Driven by the *International Justice Analysis Forum's* interest to always catch up with developments in empirical research and analysis in the field of investigative and criminal analysis, in particular with respect to research methods using software tools and Internet sources, the presentations at the 2015 GIJC are a good opportunity to check out the current methods and tools used in investigative journalism.

Although the current program (per 20th June 2015) is still rather preliminary, one can get a first impression what will be presented at the conference by whom and what to expect as an investigative analyst or journalist (or both) if looking for effective approaches in analyzing big amounts of data discovering hidden or tacit relationships and connections.

We will follow up with the development of the program and probably give another "Program Snapshot" when the agenda is finalized.

Graph 1: Topics at a Glance





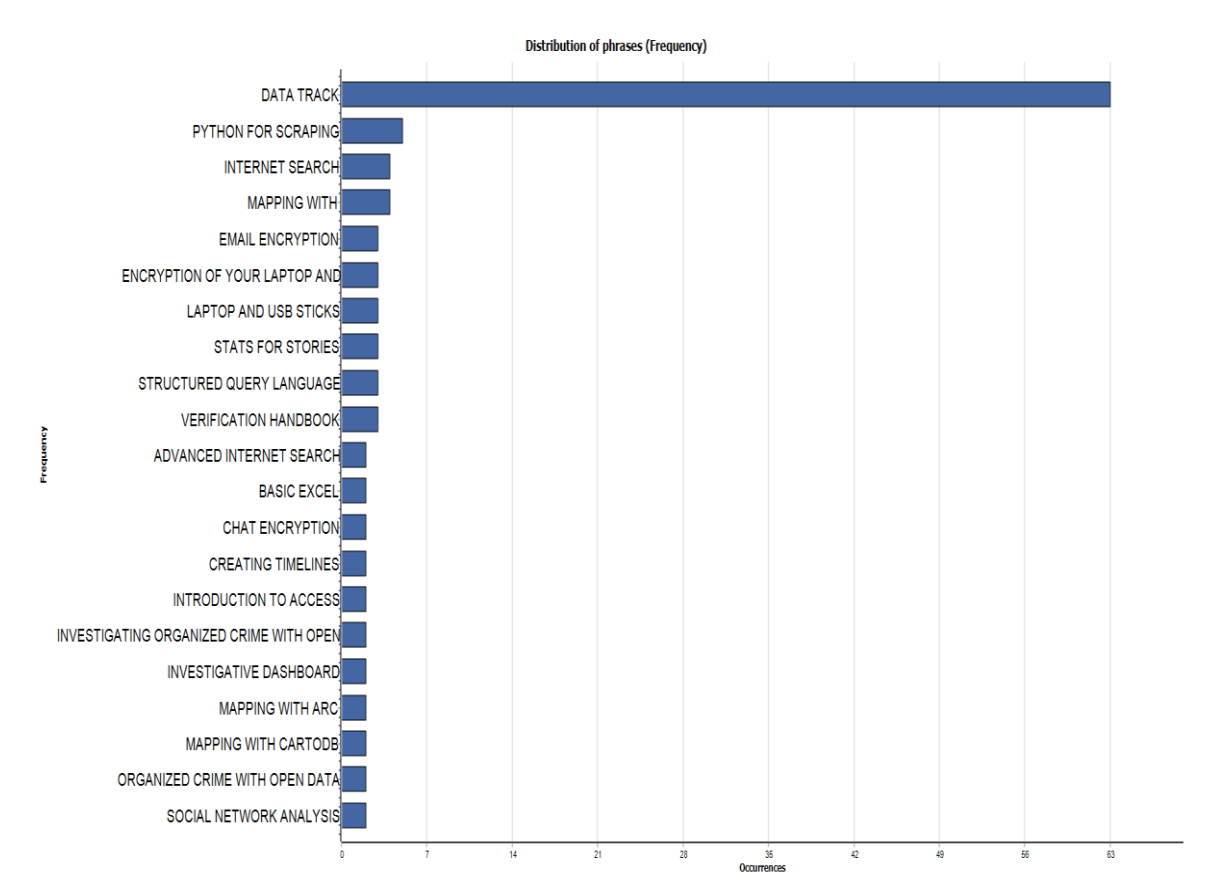
Which main topics – so far?

'Tracking Data' from Internet sources, preparing and analyzing this information clearly dominates the conference agenda when looking at the headlines of presentations – however it appears the term is used in a rather ambiguous way comprising all kinds of issues, including data and communication security.

In any case, most of the workshops and sessions are hands-on and provide training opportunities and introductions in using a variety of software tools (see in detail below).

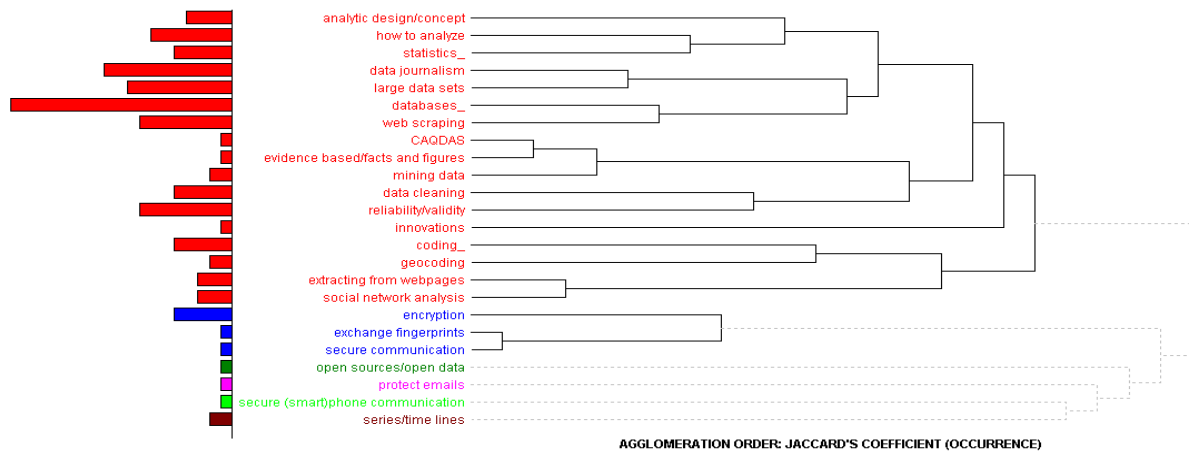
As the correspondence analysis shows (see Graph 1) there are four major clusters of topics and a number of single issues presented under the umbrella of "Data Track". See Graph 2 for main topics as referred to in the respective headlines of the presentations.

Graph 2: Topics by Reference in Presentation Headlines





Graph 3: Analytical Topics dealt with in the Presentations in the Preliminary GIJC-2015-Program



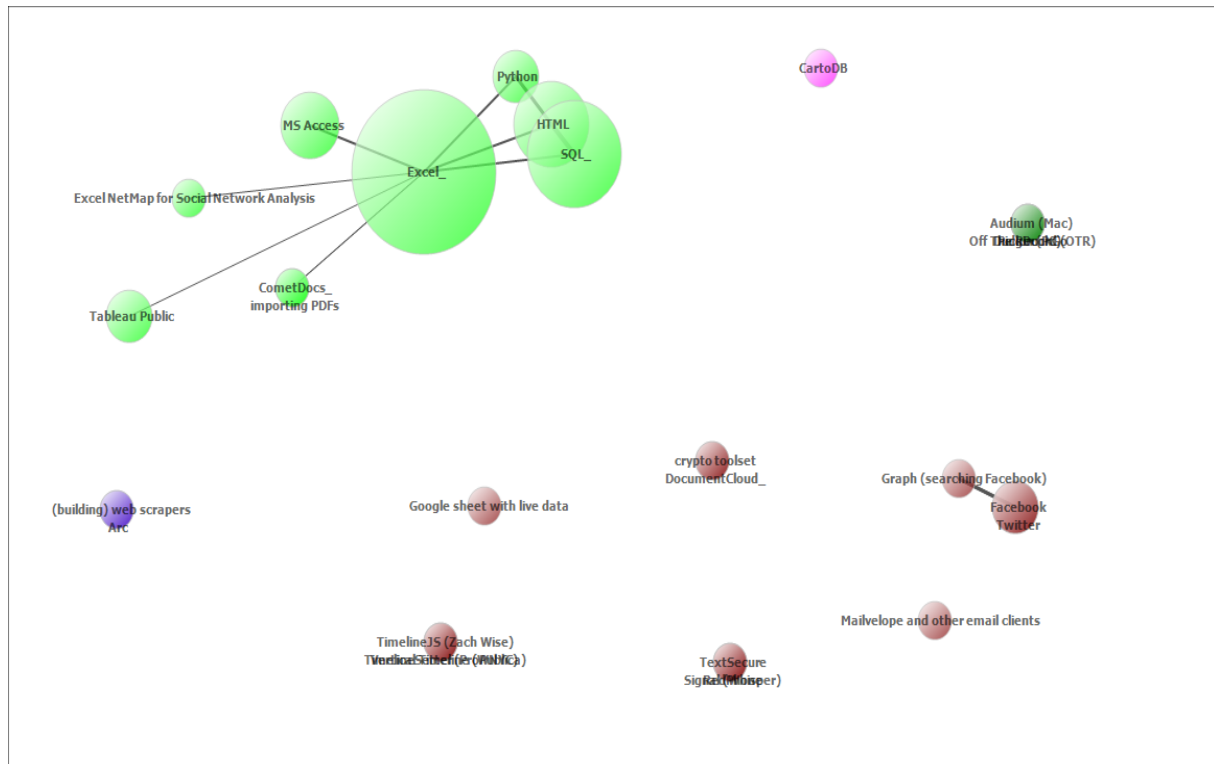
Which software tools and applications – so far?

In alphabetical order, used for investigative analysis:

- Arc
- Audium (Mac)
- (building) web scrapers
- CartoDB
- CometDocs
- DocumentCloud
- DuckDuckGo
- Excel
- Excel NetMap for Social Network Analysis
- Facebook
- Google sheet with live data
- Graph (searching Facebook)
- HTML
- MS Access
- Mailvelope and other email clients
- Off The Record (OTR)
- Pidgin (PC)
- Python
- RedPhone
- SQL
- Signal (Whisper)
- Tableau Public
- TextSecure
- TimelineJS (Zach Wise)
- TimelineSetter (ProPublica)
- Twitter
- Vertical Timeline (WNYC)
- crypto toolset



Graph 4: References to Software Tools and Applications



Excel seems to be the analytical software of the choice linked to a set of other applications. The GIJC-2015-Program looks in particular attractive for participants of the conference because of the wide range of introductions, trainings and demonstrations of software tools useful for investigative Internet research and analysis of data.

Yet in an empirical research and criminal analysis perspective it is somewhat surprising that the 'usual suspects' for Computer Aided Qualitative Data Analysis Software (CAQDAS), e.g. ATLAS.ti, NVivo, QDA Miner/WordStat, WinMax, MAXQDA, which also combine qualitative and quantitative analysis are not part of the software tools presented at the conference.

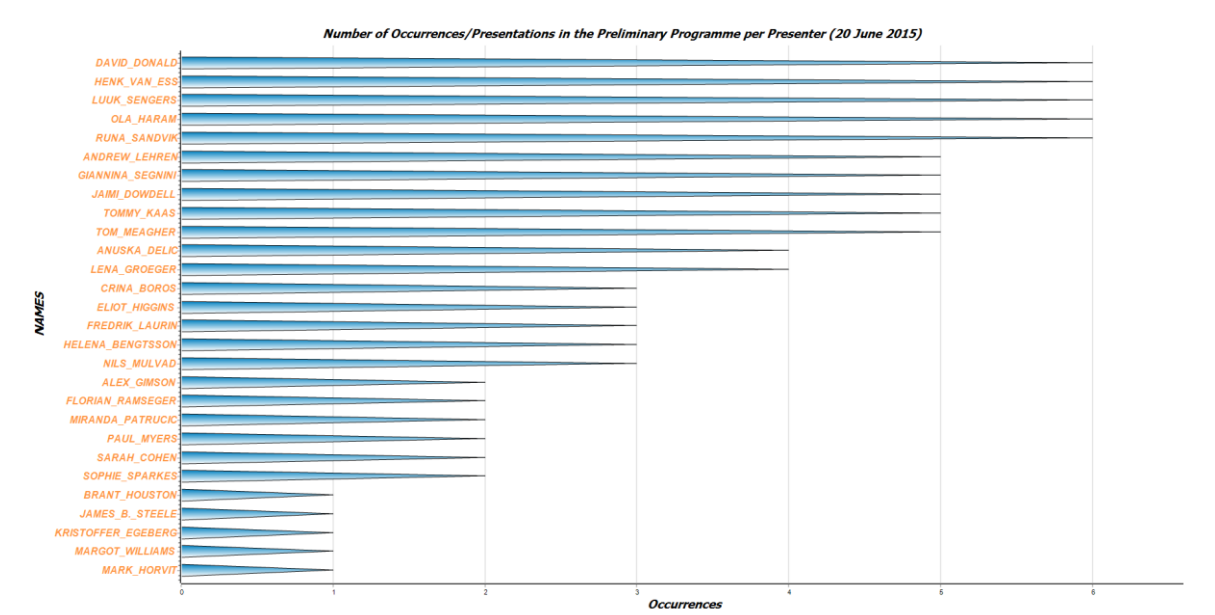


Who is presenting – so far? ‘Big’ and ‘Small’ Names:

Graph 5: Speakers and Presenters

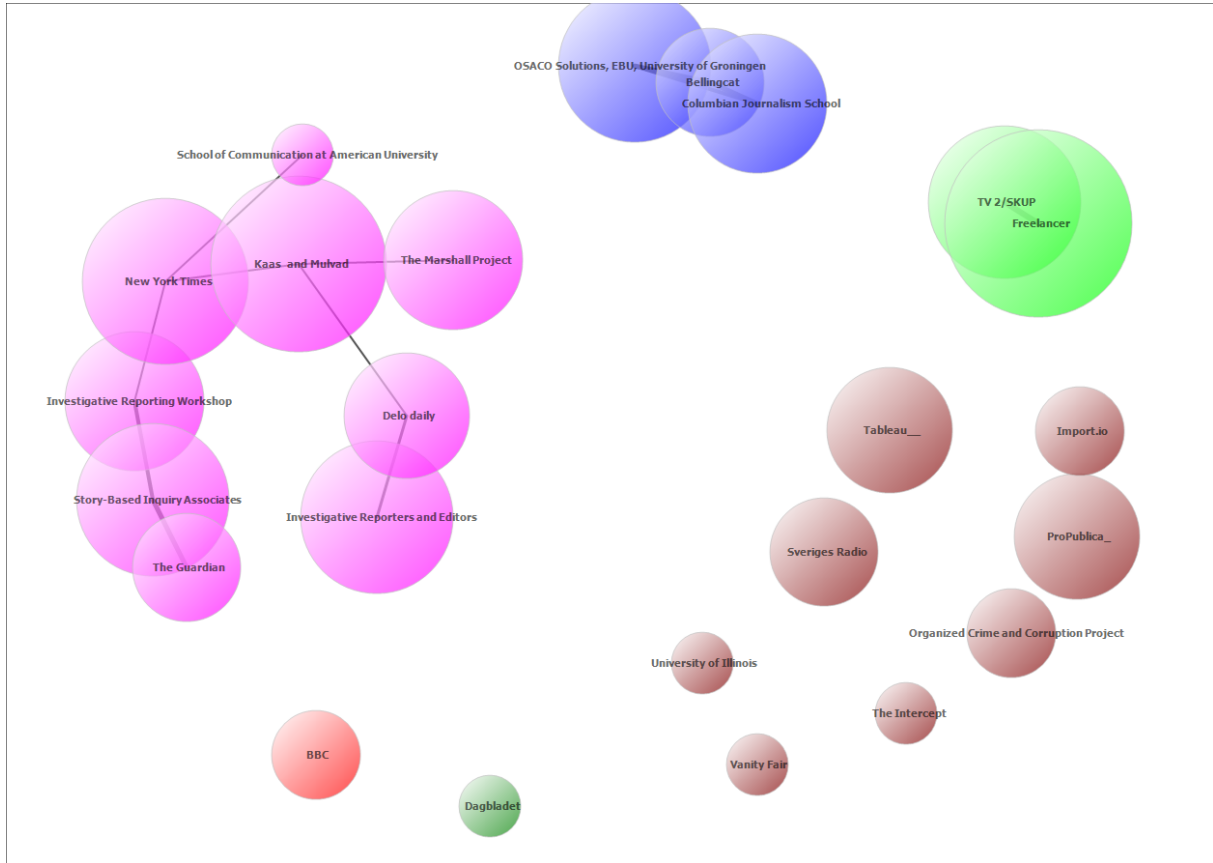
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Graph 6: Number of Presentations by Name

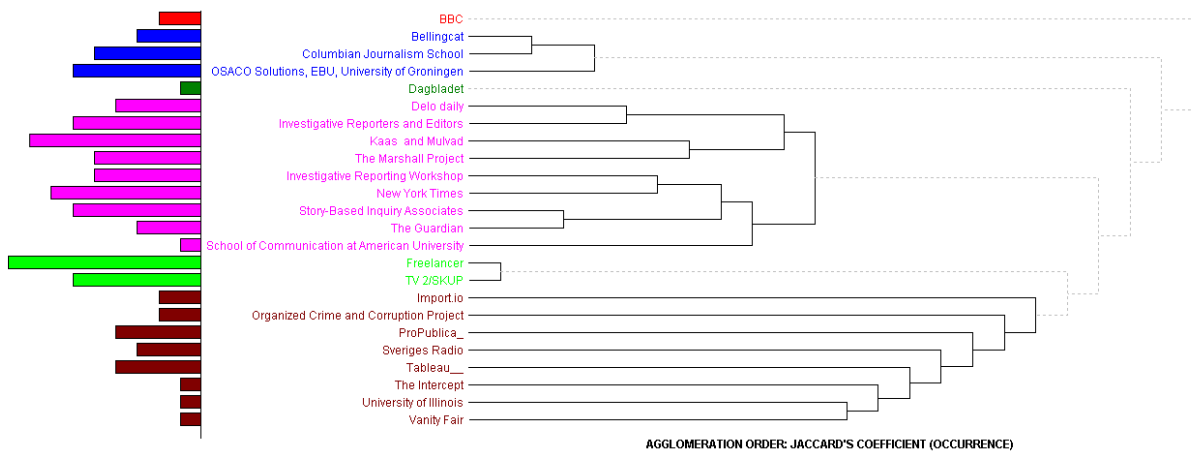




Graph 7: Presenters' References to their Institutional/Independent Background



Graph 8: Presenters' Clustered by Institutional/Independent Background





Professional/institutional background listed (by number of references):

- Dagbladet (1)
- School of Communication at American University (1)
- The Intercept (1)
- University of Illinois (1)
- Vanity Fair (1)
- BBC (2)
- Import.io (2)
- Organized Crime and Corruption Project (2)
- Bellingcat (3)
- Sveriges Radio (3)
- The Guardian (3)
- Delo daily (4)
- ProPublica (4)
- Tableau (4)
- Columbian Journalism School (5)
- Investigative Reporting Workshop (5)
- The Marshall Project (5)
- Investigative Reporters and Editors (6)
- OSACO Solutions, EBU, University of Groningen (6)
- Story-Based Inquiry Associates (6)
- TV 2/SKUP (6)
- New York Times (7)
- Kaas & Mulvad (8)
- Freelancer (9)

Altogether there are 23 professional institutional references in the preliminary GIJC-2015-Program for the presenters (plus freelancers). As Graph 7 and 8 show the presenters are linked with regard to topics and joined presentations in four major groups.