Practices and Tools for The Public Domain

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Public Domain Materials

- No longer under copyright
- Never under copyright
- Not copyrightable
- Waived all copyrights
- Other IP analogies (patents etc.)

- Difficult to draw clear boundaries
- Issues related to orphan works

Labeling Public Domain Materials

- A matter of (clear) communication
- Public Domain Mark (PD Mark)
  - expression of fact/faith by someone

- Public Domain Dedication (CC0)
  - assertion from the rights holder

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Finding and Using PD Materials

- Problems
  - No (clear) labeling
  - Public domain information obstructed or decayed
  - Mislabeled (some even purposefully)
  - May require privileged access
  - Some PD materials may be of poor media quality
  - Issues of “Unknown Copyrights Status”
- Some problems can be fixed
  - Need good practices when releasing public domain materials to the public for general reuse

Distributing PD Materials

- Make clear they are in the public domain
- Make it easy to for people to label them in the public domain when redistributing
  - Embed PD info in the media (eg. EXIF)
  - Use Zipped folders with “copyright.txt” files
  - Use services that support clear PD labeling and good practices
  - Self host (and use good practices!)
- Make it easy for people to find them
  - Use Metadata, and make them searchable on the Web

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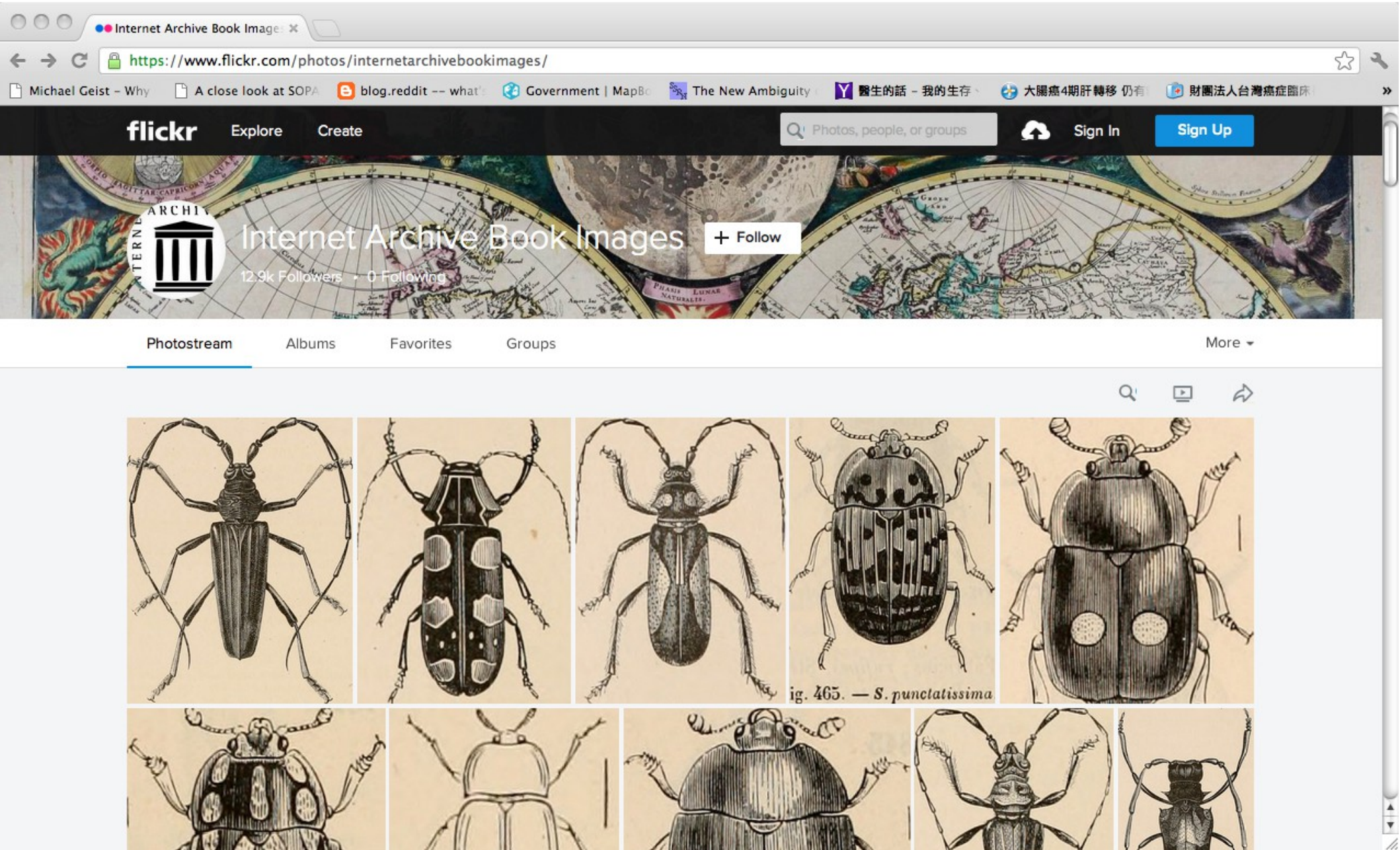

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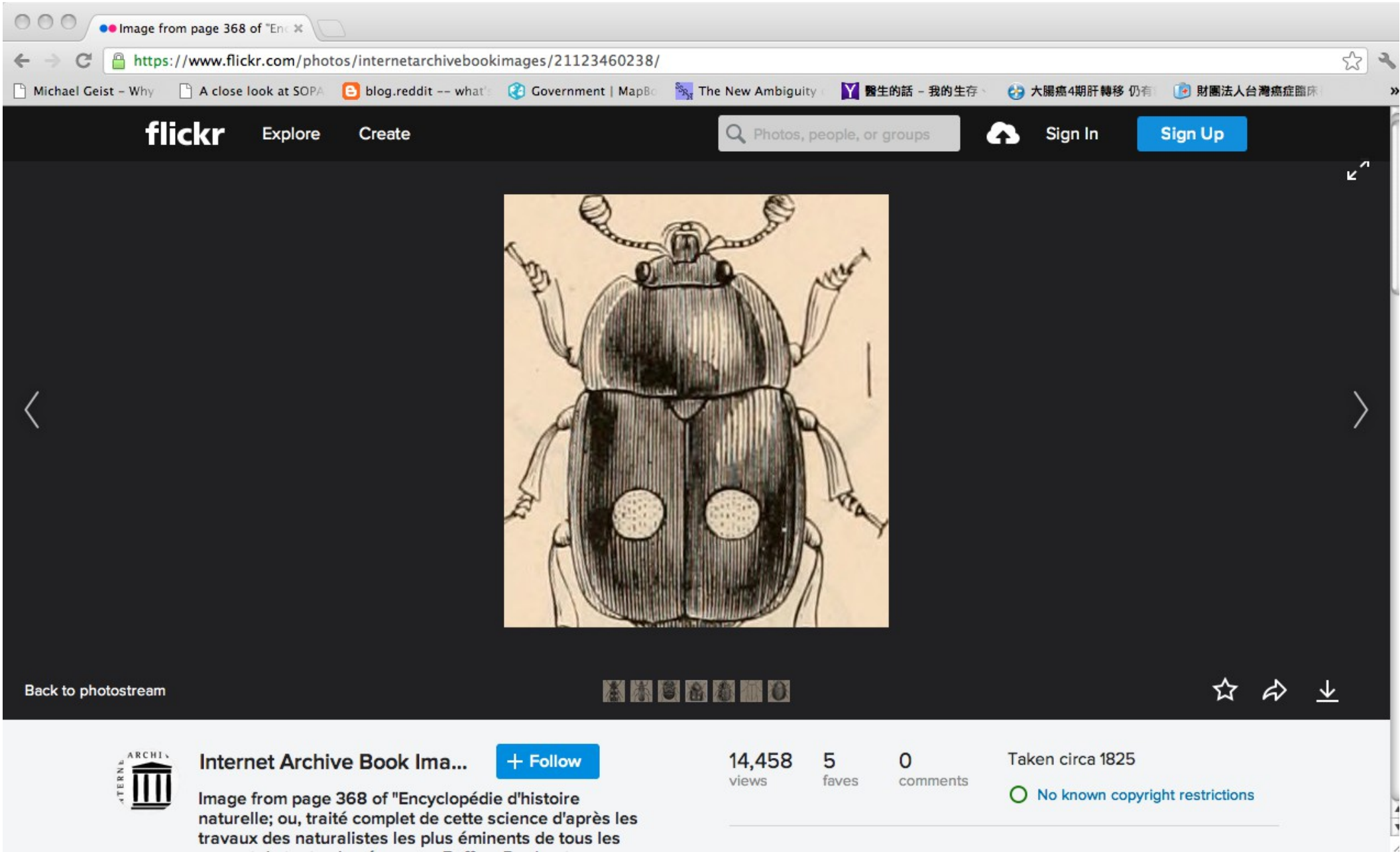

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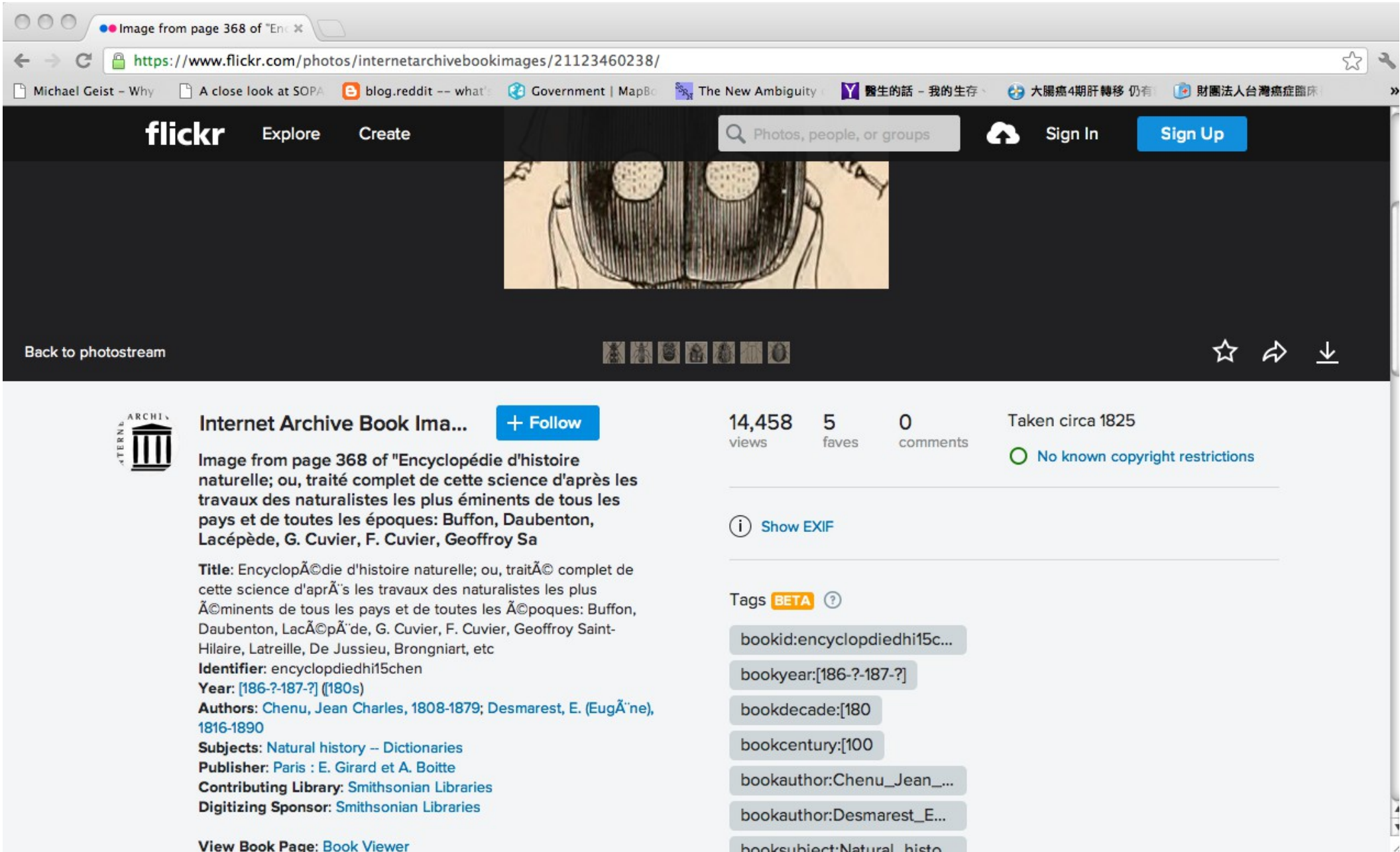

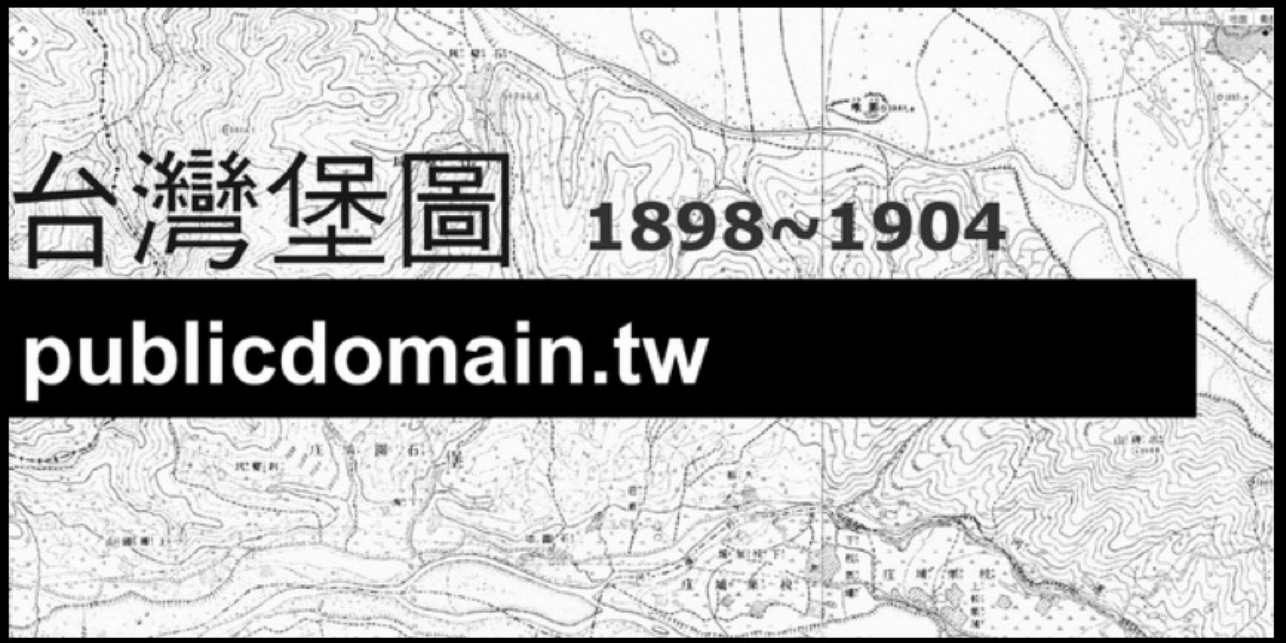

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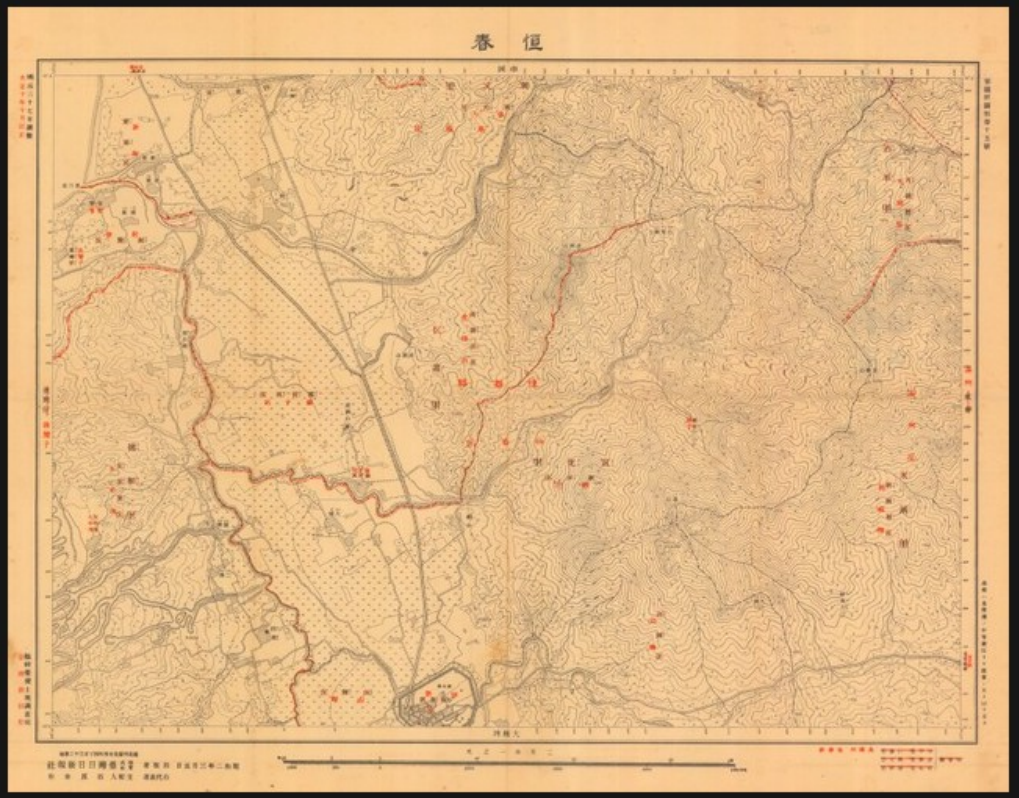

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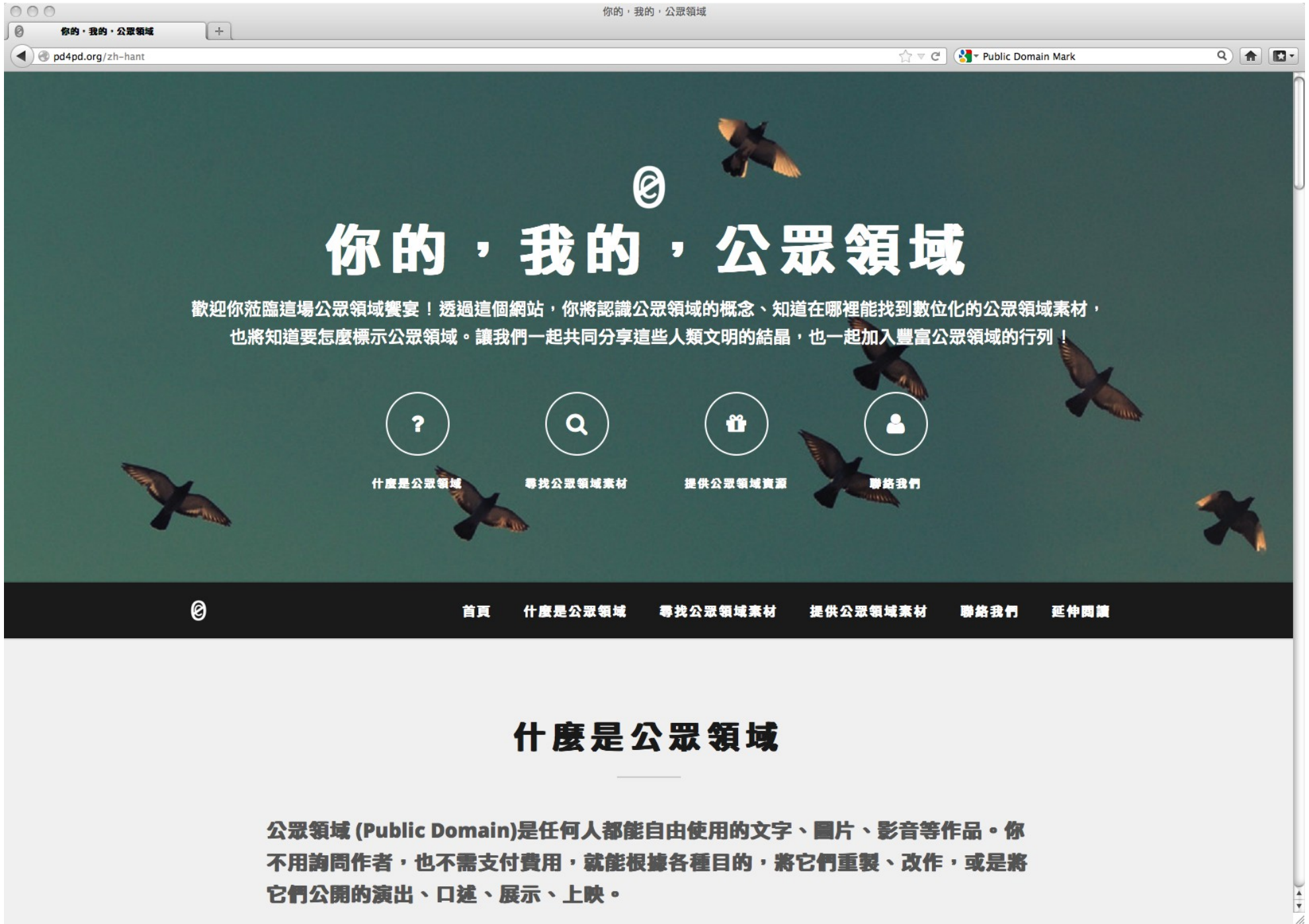
Tools, Communities, and Guidelines

- Tools: The GNU MediaGoblin team extended the software to better support bulk uploading, customizable metadata, and the presentation of large collections of media files.
- Communities: NETivism Ltd. designed, implemented, and maintained an educational website about the public domain.
- Guidelines: Creative Commons Taiwan (hosted at Academia Sinica) produced guidelines about the public domain, and hosted a website of public domain materials based on GNU MediaGoblin.

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