



Tübingen Specialized Information Services: Innovative infrastructures for specialized research

The three specialized information services based at Tübingen University Library – FID Theology with the Index Theologicus (IxTheo), FID Religious Studies with the Religious Studies Database (RelBib) and FID Criminology with the Criminology Database (KrimDok) – have established themselves as central hubs for their respective disciplines. Through national and international cooperation, the Tübingen FIDs combine technical innovation, high scholarly quality and consistent service orientation to create unique offerings for their research communities worldwide. The poster presentation highlights five strategic milestones that all three FIDs are pursuing together:

5. Further development towards digital humanities and AI

4. FID databases as research analysis tools

3. Personalised services for individualised research services

1. Metadata and reference bibliography

2. Open Access publication services



1. The three databases systematically record tens of thousands of new titles each year and make them available in professional search systems as comprehensive bibliographic references. Semi-automatic cataloguing procedures for electronic and printed journal articles ensure high-quality indexing of large quantities of material. The metadata is primarily hosted in the German library network but can be reused worldwide and also found via Google Scholar.

2. The Tübingen FIDs operates platforms for open access journals in their respective subjects. New additions include scholarly-led offerings for open access essay collections with professional design templates and technical support. Comprehensive secondary publication services have already made tens of thousands of articles available in open access, including copyright advice and complete publication lists. The self-archiving services are open to all researchers worldwide in the respective subjects.

3. Thousands of scientists have personal pages in the three databases, many of them with a complete scientific oeuvre and a high output of open access secondary publications. The personal pages enhance the visi-

bility of researchers and at the same time achieve a lasting integration into the respective subject infrastructure. In the future, authors will be able to help design and expand their own pages – an innovation that transforms the Tübingen FIDs from a pure research platform into a personalised research service.

4. The three databases are developing into instruments for analysing research trends and developments in their respective disciplines. The systematic collection of metadata over centuries enables scientific analysis of publication dynamics, thematic priorities and international research collaborations.

5. A needs analysis has confirmed the necessity of systematically recording DH/AI-based theological research. IxTheo is therefore one of the first specialized information services to establish its own collection for digital/computational humanities and digital theology, which documents projects, publications, research data and code. This is accompanied by regular 'DH Lunchtalks' with international partner networks, which intensify the professional exchange.

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