



An Open Access Information Service for Researchers in Theology

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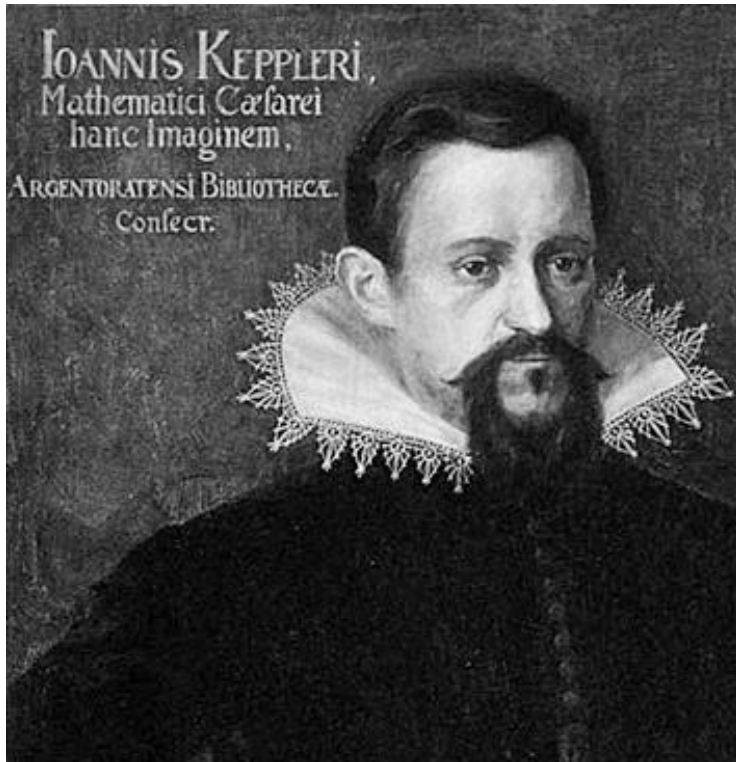


Tübingen – At the heart of Europe





Tübingen University was founded in 1477



Famous alumni

Johannes Kepler Astronomer

G.W.F. Hegel Philosopher

Friedrich Miescher Physician and biologist

Ferdinand Braun Physicist

Alois Alzheimer Psychiatrist, neuropathologist

Joseph Ratzinger Theologian (Pope Benedict XVI)



The Historical Building, 1912,
Architect: Paul Bonatz



The Main Building, 1962,
Renovation in 2011

The Extension, 2002





Background of the Project

- Tübingen has a very important collection of literature in Theology, the library received funding for **collection building** by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft for about 60 years
 - Transformation of the DFG funding program from collection building to **information services for researchers**
 - Decision to focus in our application for the new program on the building of an Open Access bibliographical database giving access to fulltexts wherever possible
 - Our ambition: Index Theologicus as the most important bibliographie for researchers in theology
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How we started

- Legacy database
- Indexing manually about 550 journals since 1975
- Comprising only data of journals the library had subscribed to

Our goal

- Bibliographic database representing the state of the art of search systems
 - Discipline specific search features
 - Content: monographs, articles (from about 1000 journals, regularly indexed and retrospective indexing of journals) and other relevant information sources
 - Providing an easy access to fulltexts
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What we did

- Developing the concept of a new database system and migration of the data
 - Concept and implementation of efficient, fully or partially automated workflows
 - Finding Partners for Cooperation and Collaboration
 - Supporting Open Access Publishing
 - Negotiation of licenses of specialised information resources
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The new system

Index Theologicus

International Bibliography of Theology and Religious Studies

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Efficient (partially) automated workflows

- Printed journals: Scanning the table of contents, by OLR and OCR (SW by Imageware), creating structured metadata fit to be ingested in the union catalogue
 - Electronic journals or journals with TOCs which are available online: Zotero translators capture the metadata in a structured format; by a second translator the metadata can be enriched (automated matching to the German Integrated Authority File)
 - Contracts with deGruyter and Brill for metadata delivery of their journals
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Partners for Cooperation and Collaboration

- Several smaller theological libraries are already cooperating (shared indexing)
 - Theological Faculty of the University of Innsbruck, Austria
„Bibelwissenschaftliche Literaturdokumentation Innsbruck“
is migrating their data to Index Theologicus and will continue indexing in this system
 - Theological institute of the University of Würzburg, Germany
Database specialised in Canon Law will be migrating in IxTheo
 - Theological institute of the University of Münster, Germany
Database specialised in Augustine of Hippo will be migrating in IxTheo
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Supporting and Encouraging OA Publishing

- Golden OA
 - OJS support for Open Access journals
(one is online, six are in preparation)
- Tübingen University Press for Monographs
- Green OA
 - More than 130 researchers agreed to the proposal to publish their articles online (§ 38, UrhG), publishing will be done as a service by the library

Planning of a digitisation project for relevant journals; contact with the editors has been established, mostly positive response



Negotiation of licenses for specialised resources

- Licenses for specialised products for the scholars of the discipline (excluded are basic resources universities normally subscribe to)
 - Different concepts:
 - Access after authentication
 - Opt-In for institutes of this discipline
 - National license
 - Tübingen is focusing on the last model, one license has been concluded (Coptic-gnostic literature)
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Result – a user's perspective

Index theologicus

- Comprehensive Open Access Database (1.6 mio records) with special features for researchers in Theology (special feature for the search for biblical scriptures)
 - Growing part of directly available articles in the database (links to articles from national licenses, green OA, golden OA, retrospective digitisation)
 - Interlibrary loan and document delivery
 - Patron driven acquisition offer for titles not available via interlibrary loan
 - Indexing terms in several languages (German, English, Italian, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese)
 - Scientific board, regular information of multipliers (subject specialists)
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Thank you for your attention!

Questions?



Tübingen in Pictures



The Castle, Home of the Library from 1819–1912, nowadays Home of several Departments in the Humanities (Archaeology, Pre-History, Ethnology...)

The ancient botanical garden





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