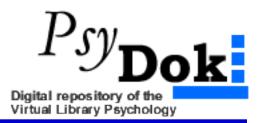


PsyDok: electronic full-text archive for psychological documents

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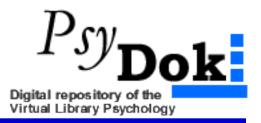


Scientific information supply is based on a **distributed**, **supra-regional system** of **special subject collections**. These are building **collections** of subject related scientific literature that are **as complete as possible**.

Since 1966 Saarland University and State Library (SULB) hosts the special subject collection psychology.

1998: special subject collections start considering resources on the WWW by establishing **virtual libraries**. These provide **a central entry point** for subject specific information on the www (mostly via subject gateways and metasearch engines).

Usually virtual libraries **do not collect or save** any information. They often suffer from the **ephemerality** of online information.

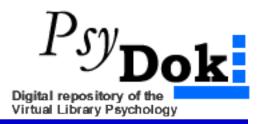


PsyDok was established within the joint project **Digital Psychology Information (DPI)** of **SULB** and the Institute for Psychology Information (**ZPID**).

The aim of DPI was to improve the **availability and accessibility** of psychological electronic information.

DPI was funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG).

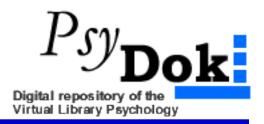
PsyDok **offers much more than long term availability** of electronic psychological documents.



PsyDok ...

- is the nationwide and **central digital repository** for digital scientific psychological documents in Germany
- is an **Open Access** service
- guarantees citeability, long term preservation, long term usability, digital durability
- boosts the value of electronic documents (especially grey literature) within the scientific discourse
- offers maximized visibility and dissemination
- is integrated in numerous **disciplinary** and **multidisciplinary retrieval systems**

PsyDok: document types



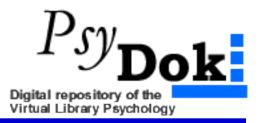
Most PsyDok documents belong to the genre Grey Literature.

Document types:

diploma and master theses, dissertations, professorial dissertations, preprints, teaching material, psychological scales, reports, proceedings etc.

Monographs, bookchapters, journals and articles from journals may be published as well.

Each document obtains a **persistant identifier** in form of an Uniform Resource Name (URN) which guarantees **citeability**.



PsyDok is not a genuine publication platform: SULB can not influence the production of documents or their quality.

Nevertheless **quality control** can be derived from the nascency of a document:

By Editorial Review (with institutional series), by document type (with dissertations, professorial dissertations), by later publication (with preprints), by the publishing houses (with postprints), by recommendation (with diploma and master theses)

Psydok is a registered data provider within the **Open Archives Initiative (OAI)**.

PsyDok features the **certificate** of the German Initiative for Networkinformation (**DINI**).

PsyDok: dissemination



PsyDok offers a maximum of visibility and dissemination: It is well integrated in many disciplinary and multidisciplinary retrieval systems.

Mulitdisciplinary: OAI-based search engines, Karlsruhe Virtual Catalogue, OASE, OPUS-Metasearch, Google Scholar, CiteSeer, Scirus & Scirus Repository Search, vascoda. PsyDok documents produce high rankings in wwwsearchengines.

Disciplinary: subject gateway PsychLinker, search engine PsychSpider, abstract database Psyndex, Diploma Theses database, OPAC of SULB.

Planned: integration into social science search engine (SOSIG), Psychcrawler (APA), PsycExtra (APA's GL-Database)



PsyDok: the future

Elements to be implemented:

- a print-on-demand service
- a creative commons license management
- a multilingual layout
- a cross-lingual search option
- the APA's PsycINFO Classification Categories and codes
- accurate statistics providing information about a documents usage
- techniques for citation counting and citation linking



Thank you for your interest!

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