



Press release

DFG sponsors the Specialised Information Service in Criminology for three more years

University library and Institute of Criminology successful once again with the German sponsoring program „Fachinformationsdienste für die Wissenschaft“

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The Tübingen university library and the Institute of Criminology were successful again in their common application for a scholarly Specialized Information Service in Criminology at the German Research Foundation (“Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft” or DFG). The Specialised Information Service (“Fachinformationsdienst” or FID) Criminology in Tübingen will receive a sum of around a million Euros in financial support from the DFG for three more years starting in 2021.

The FID helps criminological research in two ways: it offers an extensive collection of national and international criminological literature, and it provides access to the international open access database “KrimDok”, which is produced and managed in Tübingen (<https://krimdok.uni-tuebingen.de/>). This scholarly database contains already approx. 260 000 references to books, articles and statistics. The integration of another independent database with a main focus on the penal system, which is planned in this new development phase, will significantly raise this number again.

In addition, the direct access to full texts from the database gets expanded through a republication service. Through this service, the FID helps scholars and scientists to publish their research in open access articles in conformity with copyright laws. A further innovation lies in the ability to find and systematically refer to research data in criminology.

The DFG has set up a program called „Fachinformationsdienste für die Wissenschaft“ (“Specialized Information Service for Science”) since 2013 to provide financial support and strengthen libraries in the services they provide to the scientific and scholarly community. Libraries are encouraged to develop custom-made services for individual disciplines by offering materials and resources relevant to research which surpass the basic needs they are expected to fulfill as libraries.

More information on the services provided by the FID Criminology is available at <https://krimdok.uni-tuebingen.de/>

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