



Press Release

## Scholarly Information Service (FID) Theology establishes itself as an indispensable research tool

**DFG supports the „Index Theologicus“ with 2.75 Million € – the main focus lies on Open Access and on the international bibliography**

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The Scholarly Information Service Theology („Fachinformationsdienst“ = FID Theology), which is provided by the University Library in Tübingen, has been sponsored since 2015 by the DFG. The FID Theology will continue providing central information services for theological research in Germany in the new program phase from 2021 to 2023.

The Open Access bibliography IxTheo is provided as an international service for the scholarly community which contains 2.3 million titles and indexes theological research all over the world. We will also provide a systematic access to important research literature from the time before 1975 by conducting an extensive retrospective indexing and classification project. The assessors of the DFG observe that “the FID makes research much easier and provides a much faster access to the available research results”.

The FID promotes Open Access in many ways: it not only supports the founding or transformation of Open Access journals on the IxTheo Open Journals platform, but also offers a comprehensive republication service which is used by approx. 50 % of active scholars in Germany and by a large number of theologians in Europe.

In order to provide such services, the FID cooperates at the national and international level with faculties, information services, libraries and publishing houses. New partnerships have been initiated with the Princeton Theological Seminary Library and the research libraries on Protestant church history in Halle, Wittenberg, Emden and Gotha.

The FID draws significant support from its close relationships with the scholarly community. A scientific advisory council advises the FID on the needs of the scholarly community, and both theological faculties in Tübingen are co-publishers of the Index Theologicus.

### Web links

Website Index Theologicus	<a href="https://ixtheo.de/">https://ixtheo.de/</a>
Website FID Theologie (UB Tübingen)	<a href="https://uni-tuebingen.de/einrichtungen/universitaetsbibliothek/ueberuns/bibliotheksbestand/fachinformationsdienste/theologie/">https://uni-tuebingen.de/einrichtungen/universitaetsbibliothek/ueberuns/bibliotheksbestand/fachinformationsdienste/theologie/</a>
Index Theologicus on Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/ix_theo">https://twitter.com/ix_theo</a>

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