





The changing role of Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin with respect to Japanese Studies in Germany: From special collection to specialist information service

ドイツの日本学におけるベルリン国立図書館の役割の変身-「特定領域収集システム」から「専門情報サービス」へ

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EAJRS 2012 in Berlin: system of special collections in Germany: nationwide cooperation of libraries

- established in 1949
- funded by German Research Foundation
- idea: at least one copy of each important academic book should be available in Germany
- coordinated nationwide acquisition plan according to subject/region
- 3 national specialised libraries and 23 state libraries / regional libraries / university libraries
- → system was evaluated and adjusted to current needs of academic community
- → change to specialist information services for researchers "Fachinformationsdienste für die Wissenschaft" FID
- → application for funding necessary



gradual change:

libraries in charge of special collections devided into groups 2015: application year for libraries with regional special collections

so far:

"Sondersammelgebiet Ost- und Südostasien" special collection for materials from and about East and Southeast Asia (social sciences and humanities)

application for FID:

"CrossAsia - Fachinformationsdienst Asien"

"CrossAsia – Specialist Information Service Asia"

- ightarrow joint application with the University Library / South Asia Institute of Heidelberg University
- → regions: East / Southeast / South Asia
- → decision pending: notification in December 2015!







current services via http:crossasia.org

- **CrossAsia Search:** discovery system for searching more than 90 million entries of resources related to Fast Asia
- **⇒ Blue Interlibrary Loan Service:** provides printed resources (books and articles), Japanese book collection: 230.000 volumes
- ⇒ Japanese databases: newspapers, journals, reference works, biographical information, law information, economic data etc...
- **Digital collections:** complete rare book collection (578 titles) and more than 4000 titles in Western languages about East Asia are accessible online







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current services via http:crossasia.org

- CrossAsia Campus: virtual storage (exchange of files, share files with other users)
- CrossAsia Forum: discussion platform for getting in contact with other users or the CrossAsia team
- Online Guide East Asia (OGEA): database of free internet resources related to East Asia
- User guidance: introductions to CrossAsia and its databases to students and researchers either as webinar or as "real" lesson
- CrossAsia Newsletter: information about new contents, useful tips (twice a year)





new framework for the FID system

- System based on academic disciplines versus regional definition of "FID Asia"
- Acquisition according to current needs (no comprehensive collection)
- ⇒ No limitation concerning publication year or type of media
- **E-only-policy** (e-resources have priority)
- Permanent access rights for databases required
- Close contact to academic community, development of services with and for the academic community
- No fulfillment of basic needs, but creation of a value-added service
- ⇒ Funding period: 3 years, reduction of funding rate from 75% to 66%







Future projects in cooperation with University Library / South Asia Institute of Heidelberg University

- Merger of the platforms Savifa and CrossAsia
- Profiled collection building
- E-publishing (open access)
- Optimization of CrossAsia Search
- Development of an infrastructure for meta and fulltext data (only for resources in Western languages, Chinese, South Asian texts)
- Contact to academic community and public relations







Future projects

- Profiled collection building
 - **Print and e-resources** (Japan: academic books in print format)
 - Focus on current needs of academic community (humanities, social sciences, new fields of study)
 - Economics included (cooperation with German National Library of Economics, Kiel)
 - Simplification of **acquisition requests** via the CrossAsia Search (patron driven acquisition)
 - "Digitization on Demand" service to supplement Blue ILL (copyright-free material)









Future projects

- E-publishing (open access)
 - Experiences of the University Library / South Asia Institute of Heidelberg University
 - CrossAsia Repository for electronic journals (Open Journal System)
 - CrossAsia E-Books platform (Open Monograph Press)
 - Publication of new e-publications, tranformation of print journals, reprint of books that are out of stock
 - Open access aggregator for reviews of books related to Asia (cooperation with recensio.net)



Future projects

- Contact to academic community and public relations
 - Contact with users (telephone, email, CrossAsia Forum, CrossAsia Newsletter)
 - User guidances, provision of "how-to-movies" for selected resources
 - Establishment of academic advisory board
 - Workshop for evaluation of the FID service
 - International exchange:
 - European Association of Japanese Resource Specialists (EAJRS)
 - European Association for Japanese Studies (EAJS)
 - Japan Specialist Workshop (NDL, Tokyo)
 - Library Fair & Forum (Yokohama)







From 2016 (hopefully):

"CrossAsia - Specialist Information Service Asia"





