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 2015, Leiden, 18.09.2015
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

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gradual change:
libraries in charge of special collections divided 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“
→ 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 East 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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- **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%

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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**

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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)

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- 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, transformation 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 (E AJRS)
    - European Association for Japanese Studies (E AJS)
    - Japan Specialist Workshop (NDL, Tokyo)
    - Library Fair & Forum (Yokohama)

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From 2016 (hopefully):

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