

Open Scholarly Communication in the Social Sciences and Humanities – the OPERAS Infrastructure

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OPERAS is a European research infrastructure dedicated to the development of open scholarly communication in the social sciences and humanities (SSH). With a variety of activities, a central part of the infrastructure are the OPERAS services, which aim at the transformation towards open access and thereby directly support researchers, publishers, libraries and other stakeholders. OPERAS has developed services as part of projects such as HIRMEOS, OPERAS-D, TRIPLE, OPERAS-P and COESO, and will continue to do so in the future. These services include those dedicated to highlighting the quality control of open access publications, to better discoverability of open access publications and research projects in multiple languages as well as to the strengthening of citizen science. They are geared towards the needs of the SSH disciplines and will be accessible to university libraries, publishers and researchers themselves.

The project OPERAS-GER contributes to the connection of the European with the German research landscape. The services that are being developed at a European level are presented and offered for implementation to the German research community. Simultaneously, the needs of the German research community are collected and brought back to the attention of the European infrastructure. OPERAS-GER started as the first OPERAS national node in October 2020 and has since been organizing online seminars and presentations for the various stakeholders of the research infrastructure, offers information material on OPERAS in German and maintains a twitter channel and a blog. This way, OPERAS-GER serves as a role model for other national nodes; this year, the national node in Poland, OPERAS-PL, has officially kicked off as well.



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