Catalogue information: general notes

All books and journals (print and online), CD-ROMs, microforms, the dissertation collections and the collection of Medieval manuscripts on microfilm or digitized are listed in our OPAC.

Only those titles acquired since around 1990 are indexed by keywords. Books included in legacy archives are generally not indexed by keyword.

Since 2004 the tables of contents of all newly acquired collective volumes have been scanned and can be searched in the OPAC. Further details are available here.

Medieval manuscripts on microfilm or digitized medieval manuscripts can be searched via the “Title” search option. It is necessary to supply a title by specifying the library to which they belong and that library’s shelfmark, for example ”[Verfilmte Handschrift:] München, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Clm 24164” or ”[Digitalisierte Handschrift:] Lucca, Archivio Arcivescovile, 165”. For part of the manuscript collection (approx. 600), the catalogue also includes a description of their contents.

Lists of new acquisitions in the preceding six weeks can be accessed via the OPAC homepage.

OPAC search options

Basic search:
Search all searchable fields in the database. The search terms entered may be drawn from various parts of the database.

Author / Person:
Search by author, editor or other persons.

Title keyword:
Search by words in titles, subtitles, parallel titles, original titles.

Full title:
Enter the full title of a work incl. leading article, prepositions, etc.. Useful particularly when searching for very short titles, e.g. of journals such as "Rechtsgeschichte" or "Der Staat".

Subject heading:
Subject headings describe the contents of a book using a controlled vocabulary in German. In order to search for combinations of subject headings, each one being searched must be entered in a separate "Subject heading" search box.
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Shelfmark:
Shelfmark of a work in the MPIeR Library. Part-shelfmarks can be searched by entering a truncated version, for example Dt 23 k*.
Corporate body:
Search for works published by an organization (e.g. local authority, company, academy, association).

Publisher:
This search option should be used only to restrict the results of searches.

Date of publication:
This search option should be used only to restrict the results of searches. The year can be entered in the following forms: Year (= exact year) or >Year (= Works published after ...)

Series title:
Search for words in series titles.

ISBN:
Search for media by their ISBN; with or without hyphens (e.g. 978-3-16-155404-9 or 9783161554049).

Week:
Search for works acquired by the MPIeR in a specific week. Syntax: Calendar week (two digits)-Year(two digits), e.g. the first calendar week of 2019 = 01-19.

Additional search options to limit a search

Year of publication from – Year of publication to:
Search for works published in a specific period of time. If only one of the two fields is filled in, the search extends from the specified year to the earliest or latest year. If you only want to search for one specific year, it is best to use the "Date of publication" search field in the search mask above.

Print or online?:
Selection of whether to search for all (both print media and online media) or only online media

Language:
Selection of a language that should appear in the text of a work from an alphabetical list.

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