



PUBLIC RELATIONS

This section deals with public relations and press work, publishing and documentation, conference management and organisational support for visiting scholars and other groups of visitors. It is also tasked with editing the Institute's book publications as well as the journal "Deutsche Sprache" and the quarterly magazine "SPRACHREPORT", which disseminates information and opinions on the German language to experts and lay readers alike. Current information can be accessed on our Facebook page, our Twitter and Instagram accounts and in the IDS newsletter "IDS aktuell".



THE IDS LIBRARY

The Institute's library is an open-stack library with an extensive collection of specialist literature on German and general linguistics as well as related disciplines. Its reference holdings comprise around 122,000 volumes including valuable first editions of dictionaries and encyclopaedias as well as 175 subscriptions to print journals, around 20,000 licensed online journals from all branches of linguistics and approx. 8,200 open-access publications.

The library is open to researchers from Germany and abroad as well as to members of the public who are interested in linguistics.

PUBLICATIONS

- *amades* – Arbeiten und Materialien zur deutschen Sprache (IDS-Verlag)
- Deutsches Fremdwörterbuch (De Gruyter)
- *IDSopen* – Online-only Publikationen des Leibniz-Instituts für Deutsche Sprache (IDS-Verlag)
- Jahrbuch des Instituts für Deutsche Sprache (De Gruyter)
- Konvergenz und Divergenz. Sprachvergleichende Studien zum Deutschen (De Gruyter)
- Korpuslinguistik und interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf Sprache (Narr)
- Literaturhinweise zur Linguistik (Universitätsverlag C. Winter)
- OraLingua (Universitätsverlag C. Winter)
- Schriften des Instituts für Deutsche Sprache (De Gruyter)
- Studien zur Deutschen Sprache (Narr)

Journals

- Deutsche Sprache. Zeitschrift für Theorie, Praxis, Dokumentation (Erich Schmidt Verlag)
- SPRACHREPORT. Informationen und Meinungen zur deutschen Sprache (IDS-Verlag)

ONLINE SERVICES (selection)

DeReKo (Deutsches Referenzkorpus / German Reference Corpus)

With more than 53 billion tokens, the DeReKo is the world's largest collection of electronic corpora designed for linguistic research on contemporary written German.

DGD (Datenbank Gesprochenes Deutsch / Database for Spoken German)

The Database for Spoken German gives access to the IDS's corpora of spoken language including the Research and Teaching Corpus of Spoken German ("Forschungs- und Lehrkorpus Gesprochenes Deutsch", FOLK).

grammis (the Grammatical Information System of the Leibniz Institute for the German Language)

grammis is a multimedia online information system for German grammar.

Lehnwortportal Deutsch (German Loanword Platform)

The German Loanword Platform documents German lexical borrowings in other languages.

OWID (Online German Lexical Information System)

OWID is the Institute's internet portal for academic corpus-based reference works. It comprises lexicographic resources for German focusing on a range of content areas.

IDS publication server

This server stores all publications by the IDS and its employees, the majority as full texts.

The above-mentioned internet portals represent only a small selection of the comprehensive online services provided by the IDS. A full overview can be found at:

<https://www.ids-mannheim.de/service/>



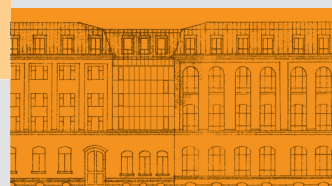
The IDS in short



Founded in: **1964**

Legal form: foundation under German civil law

Advisory committee: scientific advisory board



Supervisory body: board of trustees



Management structure:
Scientific director
Administrative director
Scientific steering committee

Approx. **210** employees



Over **80** visiting scholars every year



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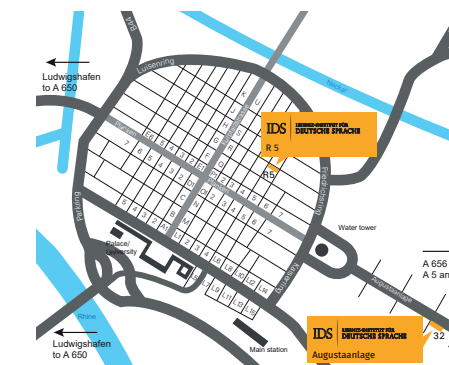
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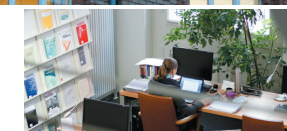
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TASKS AND OBJECTIVES

The Leibniz Institute for the German Language (IDS) in Mannheim was founded in 1964. It is the **central scientific institution for the documentation of and research into the contemporary usage and recent history of the German language**. As a member of the Leibniz Association (“Leibniz-Gemeinschaft”), the IDS is jointly financed by the federal government and all 16 federal states and is under the administrative supervision of the state of Baden-Württemberg.

The different departments which make up the Institute predominantly pursue longer term projects, which means that it is essential to work in larger research groups.

Cross-cutting research interests include spoken language, language change in contemporary German and the German language in Europe. In addition, the Institute addresses the linguistic foundations of language learning and provides research infrastructure for the scientific community.

The library, archive, documentation, machine-readable text collections and language databases are also available for external researchers.

Thanks to its **lecture series, conferences and colloquia**, the IDS is a place where Germanists from near and far as well as anyone who is interested in language can meet and talk.

The **Association of the Friends of the Leibniz Institute for the German Language** (“Verein der Freunde des Leibniz-Instituts für Deutsche Sprache”) unites language enthusiasts from all walks of life, both private and public (businesses, publishers, bookshops, etc.), who all share the common goal of supporting the academic work and cultural impact of the IDS.



The Leibniz Institute for the German Language is in the process of setting up the **German Language Forum** (“Forum Deutsche Sprache”) in Mannheim. This will be a unique place where questions about the German language can be explored and discussed with the general public in the spirit of modern scientific communication: in exhibitions, at events and through innovative opportunities for participating in citizen science. As visitors bring along the exhibit cum object of research themselves, namely their own language, they will have a direct influence on the orientation and design of what is on offer.

www.forumdeutschesprache.de



DEPARTMENTS AND RESEARCH AREAS

Central Research

Head of Department:
Henning Lobin

Research areas that pursue mainly cross-departmental aims are united in the department “Central Research”.

The programme area *Language in the public sphere* investigates issues that affect the status and function of the German language in society. It acts as the interface between public interest in questions related to language and how they are dealt with in linguistic research.

The programme area *Documentation centre of the German language* is the scientific core of the German Language Forum. It focuses on developing formats for linguistic surveys and documentation as well as designing and implementing citizen science projects on language research.

Rat für deutsche Rechtschreibung

The **administrative office of the Council for German Orthography** (“Rat für deutsche Rechtschreibung”) is run by the Leibniz Institute for the German Language at the behest of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK) on behalf of countries where German is spoken. The Council is tasked with monitoring developments in orthography, adapting spelling on the basis of the orthographic rulebook to the extent that is strictly necessary and preserving the uniformity of orthography in the German-speaking area.

www.rechtschreibrat.com

Department of Grammar

Head of Department:
Angelika Wöllstein

Grammatical structures in German are the main research interest in the Department of Grammar.

The remit and outputs in the programme area *Grammatical knowledge and language use* are (inter)national in their relevance and scope for researchers and the general public alike.

- A broad range of qualitative and quantitative research focuses on linguistic variation and stability, convergence and divergence in comparative linguistics and the productivity of grammatical structures.
- Research interests in this area are investigated empirically on all linguistic levels from a comparative perspective and in relation to individual languages.
- Its comprehensive research agenda on grammar also includes language change and spoken language as well as the writing system and monitoring how it is evolving.

The programme area *Linguistic information systems* provides the department with resources and expertise in empirical methods:

- Digital platforms for the analysis of grammatically relevant primary and secondary data are being developed and published as “linked open data” for use in the public domain.
- The results and methods of empirical research on grammar are made available as part of the open science movement and additionally focus on questions of language use.

In addition to basic research on the (comparative) grammar of German, theory construction and empirical approaches, an applied perspective is taken, especially with regard to language learning, terminology and methods of accessing knowledge bases. The goal here is to ensure an inter- and transdisciplinary transfer of knowledge and scholarship as well as scientific communication about the topic of language which is presented appropriately for different target groups.

Department of Lexical Studies

Head of Department:
Stefan Engelberg

The lexical inventory of contemporary German is on the research agenda in the Department of Lexical Studies.

The research projects describe and document different classes of lexical units such as neologisms, loanwords and foreign words, verbs and their argument structures, multi-word units and compounds, discourse-specific lexemes and the lexis of non-European varieties of German; the findings are then used to construct linguistic theory. The projects are based on extensive empirical studies, predominantly involving corpus linguistics.

Research is conducted in the following three areas:

- *Lexicography and language documentation*,
- *Syntagmatic aspects of the lexicon* and
- *Empirical and digital lexical studies*.

The department is currently concentrating its research on issues surrounding the dynamics of the lexicon. Current processes of lexical change are documented and researched with regard to their theoretical basis. This concerns, for example, lexical expansion through neologisms and borrowings, the nature and development of lexical patterns, changes in the lexis of specific discourses or gender-related linguistic forms and quantitative aspects of the emergence of lexical diversity.

The department’s work predominantly feeds into three online portals, namely OWID, the German Loanword Platform and OWID^{plus}.

Department of Pragmatics

Head of Department:
Arnulf Deppermann

The Department of Pragmatics examines spoken German and language use in social interaction.

The programme area *Interaction* is a leading international centre of conversation analysis and interactional linguistics. Its primary research areas cover:

- the coordination of verbal and bodily-spatial resources (such as gaze, gestures and objects) in social interaction;
- context sensitivity and interactional histories in the design and ascription of linguistic actions, also from a comparative perspective;
- phonetic and grammatical structures as well as migrant repertoires in spoken German and associated changes;
- practices and challenges of verbal interaction in the context of digitalisation (e.g., voice-controlled assistants, smartphones).

The investigations are based on video and audio recordings of private and institutional interactions (such as psychotherapy, theatre rehearsals and driving lessons).

The programme area *Oral corpora* includes the Archive for Spoken German (“Archiv für Gesprochenes Deutsch”, AGD) with the world’s largest collection of corpora with recordings of interaction and regional variation in spoken German. Most of the data can be accessed via the Database for Spoken German (DGD), including the Research and Teaching Corpus of Spoken German (FOLK), which was designed in accordance with state-of-the-art corpus technology. The department regularly organises international conferences and workshops such as the Workshop on Conversation Research.

Department of Digital Linguistics

Head of Department:
Andreas Witt

The department carries out research into methods for modelling language in large sets of digital texts (corpora) and digital infrastructures for research. In addition, corpora and research infrastructures are made available.

The programme area *Corpus linguistics* reveals the inventories, structures, characteristics and functions of language thanks to very large sets of data. Innovative methods are being developed to depict and analyse language in digital data. This then creates the empirical basis for linguistics:

- the German Reference Corpus (DEReKo), a representation of German containing more than 53 billion tokens;
- methods of corpus analysis: sending queries to the digital corpus of the German language;
- KorAP: a corpus search and analysis platform for implementing search queries.

The programme area *Research coordination and research infrastructures* at the IDS interlinks science-based services with research. The main focus is on research into the nature and potential of digital research data; networks and clusters are then maintained in order to make such resources available to the scientific community and society in a sustainable and user-friendly manner:

- Text+: a national initiative for digital language and text data;
- Long-term archiving, standards and legal aspects: safe and secure handling of data;
- Research cooperation and transfer: joint research and applied knowledge;
- TextTransfer: machine learning-based predictions with text data.

