The IDS library is an open-access library comprising a comprehensive collection of specialist literature on the German language (in particular on contemporary language), on general linguistics and related linguistic disciplines. Reference holdings encompass around 390,000 volumes including valuable first editions of dictionaries and encyclopedias as well as 375 current subscriptions to print journals, around 5,800 licensed online journals from all areas of linguistics and approx. 4,400 open-access publications. The library is also used by national and international guest researchers, students from the institute’s universities and scholars interested in language.

Public Relations and Documentation

This division deals with public relations and the press, publishing and documentation, organization of conferences as well as the supervision of guest researchers and groups of visitors. It also works with editing the institute’s book publications as well as the specialist journal “Deutsche Sprache” and the quarterly address of the IDS newsletter "IDS aktuell".

Research Services

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grammis (the Grammatical Information System of the Leibniz Institute for the German Language): a multimedia online information system for German grammar. It is designed for anyone looking for explanations and background information on grammatical variations, so mainly for students, teachers and linguists.

Databases for Spoken German (DGD):

Online portal for access to the spoken variation and conversation corpora of the “Archiv für Gesprochenes Deutsch (AGD)”, the world’s largest collection of recordings of spoken German.

EDGAR (European Speech Management and Analysis System):

Test corpora of the IDS as an empirical basis for linguistic research and innovative methods for corpus development integrated into a complex online system. This is the biggest collection of German language test corpora of the written language (more than 137 million pages in 2019) worldwide and one of the most significant corpus reference systems ever.

Publications

• Jahrbuch des Instituts für Deutsche Sprache (de Gruyter)
• Schriften des Instituts für Deutsche Sprache (de Gruyter)
• Studien zur deutschen Sprache (Narr)
• Deutsches Fremdwörterbuch (de Gruyter)
• Studien zur deutschen Sprache (Narr)
• Schriften des Instituts für Deutsche Sprache (de Gruyter)
• Jahrbuch des Instituts für Deutsche Sprache (de Gruyter)
• Deutsche Sprache. Zeitschrift für Theorie, Praxis, Dokumentation (Schmidt)
• Literaturhinweise zur Linguistik (Universitätsverlag)
• Korpuslinguistik und interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf Konvergenz und Divergenz. Sprachvergleichende Studien (de Gruyter)
• Deutsches Fremdwörterbuch (de Gruyter)
• Studien zur deutschen Sprache (Narr)
• Schriften des Instituts für Deutsche Sprache (de Gruyter)
• Jahrbuch des Instituts für Deutsche Sprache (de Gruyter)
• Deutsche Sprache. Zeitschrift für Theorie, Praxis, Dokumentation (Schmidt)

Journals

• Deutsche Sprache. Zeitschrift für Theorie, Praxis, Dokumentation (Schmidt)
• SPRACHREPORT – Informations- und Meinungsbildung und aktuelle Informationen about the German language to experts and lay readers. "SPRACHREPORT", which disseminates information and opinions on the German language to experts and lay readers.

Research

• Connectors (sentence-connecting units) (more than 2,630 entries)
• Prepositions (approx. 1,370 entries)
• German grammar (approx. 30,000 entries)
• Grammatical research (approx. 32,000 entries)
• Database on electronic lexicography

Bibliography databases on:

ODW (Online-Wortschatz-Informationssystem Deutsch – Online Vocabulary Information System for German)

OWID (Online-Wortschatz-Informationssystem Deutsch – Online Vocabulary Information System for German) is the Leibniz Institute for the German Language’s portal for academic and corpus-based lexicography. It comprises academic dictionaries for German with a great variety of local and international context.

Institutional Deutsch – German Loan Word Platform

The German Loan Word Platform documents borrowings from other languages.

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In 2016, the IDS opened a new location in Heidelberg. As a member of the Leibniz-Gemeinschaft (Leibniz Association), the IDS is financed both by the federal government and by the state of Baden-Württemberg.

The goal of the IDS is to increase the visibility and transparency of the German language in its contemporary usage and in its recent history. The institute is a place for both research and the cultural influence of the IDS. Thanks to its broad spectrum, the institute has a scientific and empirical foundation.

The Leibniz Institute for the German Language is a place for both researchers, bookshops, etc.), who all share the common goal of supporting the academic work and cultural influence of the IDS.

The grammatical structure of contemporary German in the main research area "Language in the public sphere" is the object of research in the Department of Grammar.

The research projects describe and document a variety of classes of lexical units, such as neologisms, foreign words, verbs and their argument structure, compounds, spoken language texts, prototypical or the variability of political discourse, and make the subject of linguistic theory format. The projects are based on extensive, predominantly corpus-based linguistic investigations.

Research conducted in the following three areas:

- Description and Development of Grammatical Knowledge
- Lexical syntagmatics and
- Empirical and digital textual studies

The Department of Pragmatics covers the research area of conversation research and interactional linguistics. The primary research areas are:

- Characteristics of spoken German at various linguistic levels, with an emphasis on individual language characteristics, regional/situational variation, and migration linguistics.
- Coordination of verbal and physical spatial resources in social interaction,
- Function of interactions for the constitution of social and mental situations and the socio-structural and cognitive organization of society.

The area "Empirical and digital textual studies" examines spoken German and the use of German in conversation.

The documentary network "Dynamics of the lexicon" deals with tasks and projects related to internal and external communication of information and networking. The area "Empirical and digital textual studies" comprises the acquisition and annotation of (written language) electronic corpora of spoken German and develops methods and techniques of corpus-linguistic, empirical research.

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Central Research

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The area Language in the public sphere investigates areas that affect the status and function of the German language in society. Therefore, it is the interface between public interest in questions related to language and how they are dealt with form the perspective of linguistic research.

The area’s research focuses on different aspects of language and communication, such as the role of language in society, the impact of technological developments on language, and the relationship between language and culture.