

The African Studies Library:

enhancing discoverability of
publications from African publi-
shers through knowledge graphs

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One of the key aims of the African Studies Library (FID Afrikastudien) funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) at the Senckenberg University Library in Frankfurt is to make research published on the African continent accessible in Germany and beyond.

This goal is pursued through an acquisition policy of buying exclusively publications from publishers on the African continent as well as so-called “grey literature”, which are often difficult to access internationally.

These publications are being made findable and accessible through its new portal by incorporation into its comprehensive African Studies online catalogue.

This paper will present the African Studies Library portal and its key and innovative functionalities concerning the discoverability of publications. For example, the portal aims to recreate the act of browsing along library shelves online through the use of knowledge graphs, offering engaging and surprising suggestions to users related to the original search topic, hoping to broaden horizons of relevant literature.



The Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence and the Bayreuth University Library in cooperation with African Linguistics & Literatures (Afrikanistik) invite to this lecture.