



CONNEX – Connecting Excellence on European Governance

The Network of Excellence CONNEX ("Connecting Excellence on European Governance") is a project funded by the European Union within priority 7 of the Sixth Framework Programme of Research. It is dedicated to the analysis of efficient and democratic multilevel governance in Europe and will have a 4-year duration (July 2004 - June 2008).

Multilevel governance stands for the high interdependence of political responsibilities executed at regional, national and European level. Efficiency and democratic accountability is needed because it is the very foundation of legitimate governance.

CONNEX seeks to integrate independent fundamental research and mobilise outstanding scholars from different disciplines to deepen our knowledge on European multilevel governance and build a Europe-wide research community which stands for scientific excellence. It also aims at contributing to the public debate on the future of European governance.

43 partner institutions from 23 European countries and more than 170 scholars cooperate within the network. The consortium is coordinated by the MZES, a research centre at the University of Mannheim, Germany.

MZES - Mannheim Centre for European Social Research



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GOVDATA – An online Project Database on EU Governance Research

GOVDATA is an online database of research projects dedicated to the topic of EU-Governance and open for free access to all prospective users.

CONNEX has surveyed recent and on-going governance research in EU member states and countries of the 'wider Europe'. When EU governance is taken to be the ways and means of governing the universe of the EU and its member states, the progress in research is impressive and there was a pressing need to take stock of the bulk of research accumulated.

In order to collect relevant and reliable information on the research projects already completed or currently carried out, CONNEX has built up a European-wide network of scholars in 24 European countries. About 1600 academic research projects have been identified and entered into the database. The most important information relevant to the projects is now accessible online in the GOVDATA database.

GOVDATA only focuses on project based research with a minimum duration of one year. The survey covers academic research conducted at all public and private organisations such as universities, research centres and institutes of the countries covered by the survey.

GOVDATA currently contains 1643 records.

Geographical Coverage:

Data about research projects conducted in the following countries were compiled:

Austria | Belgium | Bulgaria | Croatia | Czech Republic | Denmark | Estonia | Finland | France | Germany | Greece | Hungary | Ireland | Italy | Latvia | Lithuania | Netherlands | Norway | Poland | Portugal | Romania | Russia | other countries of former Yugoslavia: (Serbia and Montenegro - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Albania - Macedonia) | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden | Switzerland | United Kingdom



GOVLIT – An online Database on EU Governance Literature

GOVLIT is a bibliographic resource for research on EU governance. It brings together bibliographic information about publications on EU governance from a variety of sources, including the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), the International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS), Google Scholar, and the British Library.

The principal aim of GOVLIT is to build a unified database of publications on EU governance that will be available as a resource for researchers in this field. It will also be the basis for some bibliometric analysis of the development of research on governance in the EU.

The publications are indexed using the same thesaurus of keywords that is used for the GOVDATA database of research projects on EU governance. In this respect, GOVLIT may be seen as a complement to the GOVDATA project.

The following thesaurus of 16 keywords was developed for both projects:

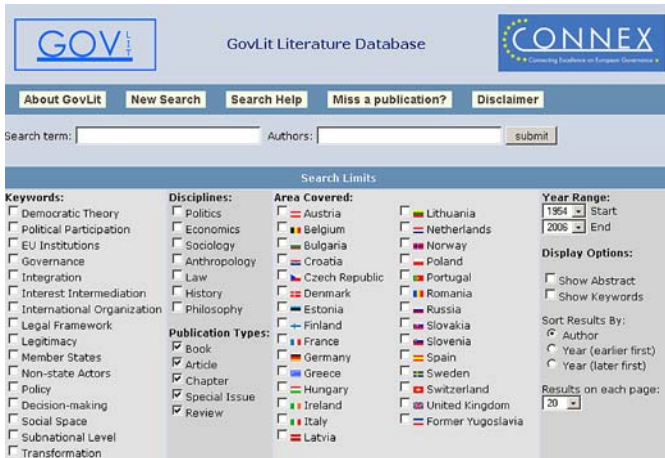
Decision-making | Democracy | EU Institutions | Governance | Integration | Interest intermediation | International organization | Legal framework | Legitimacy | Member states | Non-state actors | Policy | Political participation | Social space | Subnational level | Transformation.

GOVLIT currently contains 2997 records.

There are 28 different languages of publication represented in the database. The most represented languages are: English (2353 records), German (257 records), and French (198 records).



Screenshot: GOVLIT – Search Interface:



Screenshot: GOVDATA – Search Result:



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