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connected future



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Dear Readers,

When the Central Archive for Empirical Social Science Research at the University of Cologne was founded over fifty years ago, there were as yet no institutes in Germany offering fundamental infrastructure for social research. The Central Archive laid the cornerstone for a common basis for improving the quality of data. The "foundation for excellence in the social sciences" was accomplished with the founding of the Social Science Information Centre, over forty years ago, and the Centre for Survey Design and Methodology in 1974. To maximize their potential and continuously further develop the services offered by these three pioneering forerunners in data and information quality in social science, the previously independent institutes have now been brought together to form GESIS – Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences.

To offer our users in social science the best possible support throughout the research data cycle we fuse our expertise in the areas of production, application and supply of research data to forge the path in the networked future.

Networked means that GESIS creates uniform access to linked research data and information for optimal, effective usage. An example for this is the newly established data registration agency da|ra, linking research data and expanded context information all together – thereby facilitating both locating and citing of research data.

We would like to present our institute and guidelines, the range of services offered and our research focus in this brochure to give you an overview of the essence and goals of GESIS – Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "York Sure".

Prof. Dr. York Sure
President of GESIS



Guidelines

"We are the foundation for excellence in the social sciences" – this is the guiding principle of GESIS – Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences. The pursuit of excellence in research requires concentration and focus on the research goal. This guarantees a well developed infrastructure. As the largest German infrastructure institute for the social sciences, GESIS, with its expertise and services, stands ready to advise researchers at all levels to answer socially relevant questions on the basis of the newest scientific methods, high quality data and research information.

We do this with essential research-based services and consulting, covering all levels of the scientific processes. Our work is characterized by its independence, long-term sustainability, quality and competence. We support social science with the following services:

- We sharpen the focus on topical and structural social science developments and impart this information to users.
- We enable the quick adaptation of new methods and techniques by scientists – and thereby more efficient work.
- Conducting our own research on survey methodology, attitudes, behaviors and structure research, as well as applied computer and information science enables us to maintain our services offer at the most current state of science.
- We maintain close contact with social science researchers through our cooperations with universities and other partners.

GESIS range of services

Social scientists are always seeking answers to their research questions. Data analysis helps find these answers and the collection and analysis of this data generally follows a particular multi-phase cycle. Specific know-how is needed at every phase of this research data cycle, as it is known, to obtain reliable, valid data and thus significant results.

GESIS stands for quality of research data. Thanks to our own basic research and many years of experience in selected areas of social science research and information science, GESIS offers researchers a unique package of social science services for the various phases of the research data cycle. These services make work more efficient for empirical social researchers, decisively improving the quality of research.

Many of the services offered by GESIS go beyond the needs of empirical social science and are applicable to all of social science research, such as the social science portals and repositories.



Research

Are you searching for data and information on your research topic?
Looking for references to relevant literature and related research
projects, important institutions or conferences?

**Our databases and portals are there to support and assist your
research with free access to this content.**

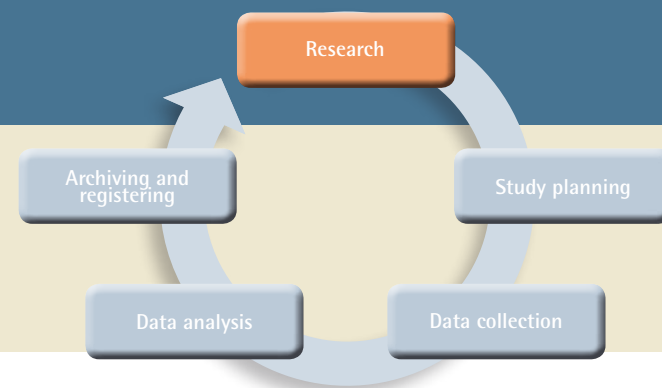
The first step in any research project is to find information on the current
status of research, on related topics, on similar research projects and the
institutions involved.

Through its unique combination of information scientists and social
science expertise, GESIS offers products and portals bringing proven,
highest quality information to social scientists in an efficient, interlinked,
user-friendly format.



The 5 Phases of the Research Data Cycle

Phase 1



sowiport – social science info all “under one roof”

Search engines, library search systems, expert information portals. No question: There are many, in fact, even too many research possibilities and sources of information, moreover, the quality of much information has not always been verified. At GESIS social science researchers and those working in related disciplines will find a portal that delivers approximately 5 million quality-tested references from 18 available databases. The social science portal sowiport bundles together and links social science information on literature, research projects, institutions and events. Well known databases such as sociological abstracts from CSA, PAIS, SOLIS (bibliographic literature database) and SOFIS (social science projects database) among others are available for users to call up and search. Intelligent processes such as the automatic conversion of search terms between database thesauri make it possible to simultaneously search through the available databases and to direct to continuing links and e-publications. This makes, for example, released publications as fulltext available without charge through sowiport.

www.gesis.org/sowiport

SSOAR – Social Science Open Access Repository

As part of GESIS' open access strategy SSOAR offers free access to fulltexts from social science research. In particular postprints and original versions of documents already published, such as journal articles (and complete journals, respectively), articles in collected works such as monographs, presented research reports and conference proceedings are available. The repository offers social science researchers a unique opportunity to present their work to the worldwide scientific community. Research becomes both more easily accessible and, importantly, more visible. The assigning of a URN (Uniform Resource Name) facilitates long-term findability and citability.

www.ssoar.info



Data service – searching and ordering of survey data made easy

Approximately 5,000 studies are archived in the GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences. Many questions have already been empirically verified and can be utilized for secondary analysis or as reference data for self-conducted surveys. Some study series are even available as replication studies for long-term analyses. All GESIS data can be searched online in our database catalogue. Searching refers at the meta-level of a study as well as the fulltext of questions from the questionnaire.

www.gesis.org/dienstleistungen/daten/recherche-datenzugang

The online study catalogue ZACAT offers a special service: Users can search through, analyze, and download selected international comparative studies and national data collections. An extensive search function at both the study and variable levels enables easy, efficient and quick locating of data, documentation and related materials.

<http://zocat.gesis.org>

histat and vademecum – time series on economic and social history

The online database histat is another unique database service. Making extensively documented data from historical studies searchable and downloadable since 2004, histat now offers ca. 250,000 time series and is being continuously expanded. In the meantime it now attracts interested persons and institutes worldwide to register for use. Your studies would also be a welcome addition to our database. As of Spring 2012 we will be presenting a newly designed, updated version of histat.

In cooperation with scientists from outside GESIS we are working on a vademecum, a companion handbook to historical statistics. A compilation, as compact as it is scientifically well-founded, of the most important historical time series for Germany is still viewed by research as, a desideratum, even a necessity. Our aim is to create a reference work from the time series in histat and other sources that offers a compact, reliable overview making the “1,000 most important” series readily available. Your informed suggestions are welcome.

www.gesis.org/en/services/data-analysis/data-historical-social-research/

Study planning

Are you planning a survey?

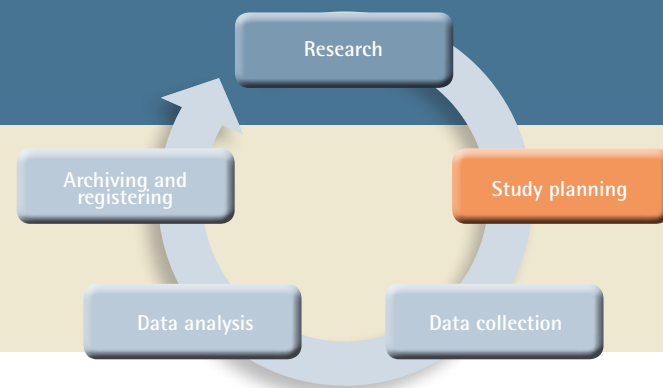
We offer consulting and comprehensive service.

When the existant data does not answer the research question or is no longer up-to-date, the research process goes into the second phase: Planning a self-conducted empirical study. To carry out a study using state of the art survey research and thereby guarantee excellent data quality, GESIS' experts are there to help answer questions about data collection and assist you in designing the most appropriate research design.



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Phase 2



GESIS project consultation – avoid errors in advance

The course is set already in the planning phase for how well the survey can answer the research questions. Our project advisors can support you according to your needs during the entire project, or only in selected phases.

Sampling – the basis for surveys

Effective, highly productive sampling is oriented towards the goal of the study as well as towards temporal and financial considerations and forms the basis for a successful endeavor. Our experts offer consultation on development of sampling design. We conduct random telephone samples – both landline and mobile – and offer our assistance in evaluating the quality of different sampling designs.

Electronic item handbooks – overview of proven survey instruments

The wheel need not be constantly reinvented; many questions have already been posed and their quality tested. GESIS develops standardized scales, for example the Demographic Standards or scales for measuring psychological background variables. Our electronic item handbooks ZIS (compilation of social science items and scales, in German only) and EHES (electronic handbook of survey instruments for dependencies, in German only) document tools for surveying attitudes and behaviors from frequently examined social science areas and from areas of addiction.

Consulting on international studies – ensuring comparability

International studies are becoming increasingly important and here GESIS also offers expert knowledge and advice to researchers on design; conducting comparative sampling on constructing survey tools and guidelines for translation: all aimed at optimizing comparability of the results.

Survey instruments – only correctly formulated questions lead to significant results

One specialty offered by GESIS is the evaluation of survey instruments and development of questionnaires. Specialists in pretesting check the intelligibility of interview questions using cognitive methods in a specifically purpose-designed testing environment. They are also available to researchers for consultation if they would like to check the survey instruments themselves.

Multiple-Frame-Approach:
$$\pi_i = k_i^F \frac{m^F}{M^F} \cdot \frac{1}{z_i} + k_i^C \frac{m^C}{M^C}, i = 1, \dots, N$$

Horvitz-Thompson-Estimator



Data collection

Are you conducting a survey?

We offer consulting and comprehensive service with expert knowledge based on our own national and multicultural surveys.

Once the planning of a survey has been completed the next phase involves collecting and preparing the research data.

The "craft" of data collection and preparation are basics which are seldom taught in academic training, however the experts at GESIS have mastered this "craft".

Our experience with methodically demanding survey programs in both national and international areas, where we partially do the data collection ourselves or have been a participant flows into our consultations for social scientists.

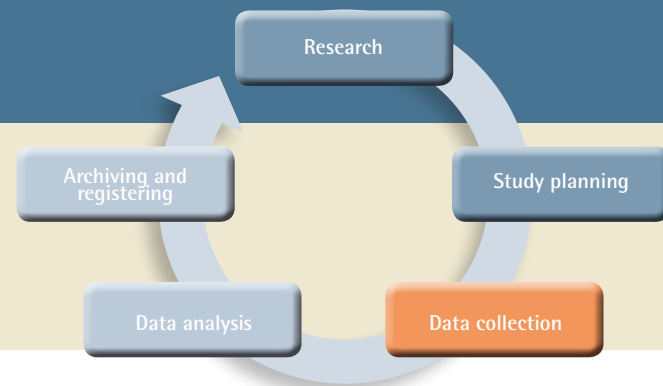
This encompasses:

- Support in requesting proposals and
- the related performance assessment of commercial survey institutes,
- the weighing of pros and cons of the various survey methods,
- incorporating of costs and benefits,
- the improvement of the data quality, and,
- methods for increasing participation.



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Phase 3



National studies conducted by GESIS for the Social Sciences

The German General Social Survey ALLBUS:

Since its introduction in 1980 this survey series has offered an important basis for many analyses of attitudes, behavior patterns and social structure in Germany. The ALLBUS survey program contains continually new and replicated items. All time series are also offered cumulatively for the replications.



German Longitudinal Election Study GLES:

The largest German national electoral study for observation and analysis of the electorate thus far. The study uses an enormous variety of methods, utilizing both quantitative and qualitative procedures.



The content of studies conducted by GESIS, or in which GESIS participated, is standardized and prepared with special documentation and collections for all users.



International studies – together with strong partners GESIS is responsible for collecting of the German States datasets of the following studies:

Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies PIAAC:

An OECD study with the goal of examining the competence level of adults in international comparison. Approximately 5,000 adults ranging in age from 16 – 65 years old are randomly chosen in the 25 participating countries to be interviewed for this.



International Social Survey Programme ISSP:

An international survey program conducting yearly surveys in 48 countries on social science relevant topics. The data enable internationally comparative and long-term analyses. ISSP is one of the few programs carrying out study monitoring and then publishing the reports on this.



European Values Study EVS:

An extensive, empirical, long-term study of value change oriented towards replication, conducted in a 9-year cycle (1981, 1990, 1999, 2008). Values, attitudes, opinions and beliefs on central areas of life such as family, work, religion, politics and society were queried in a total of 49 countries/regions.



Comparative Study of Electoral Systems CSES:

An international electoral study integrating exit poll data from over 50 countries. This contains questions on political attitudes and voting behavior, on demographic data as well as macrodata on the political systems of participating countries.



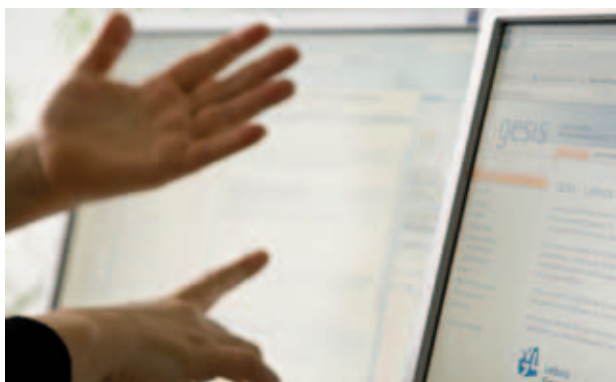
Data analysis

You would like to analyze and work further on specific data, such as official microdata or qualitative data? You would like to draw on other data sources to compare with your data?

We offer consultation, provide the tools and standards and offer you simple online analyses and proven social indicators for an overview.

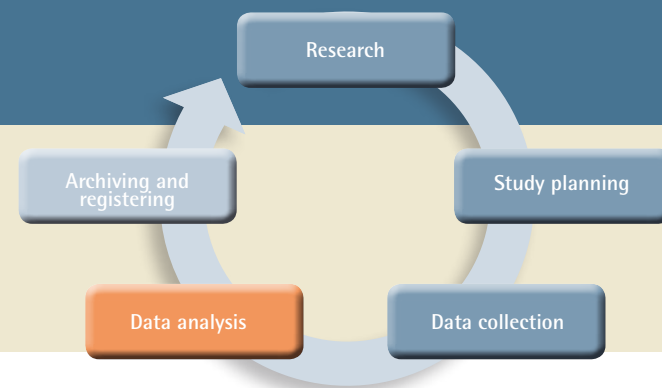
In this phase of the research data cycle, the collected data is analyzed to find answers to the research questions initially posed. Studies often contain different types of data which exceeds the usual methodical know-how, thus requiring special knowledge. The newly collected data is usually compared with results from other studies to obtain an overall, complete picture of the research subject.

GESIS consults and supports you in analyzing specific data and offers time series from the most varied sources. In addition, our archive offers many studies ready to be used as reference data. We are there to assist you in finding those most useful to you.



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Phase 4



Service on official microdata

The microcensus is the largest annual household census in Europe, polling 370,000 households and 820,000 individuals. It has been conducted in West Germany since 1957 and in the new German Federal States as of 1991. The scientific community has access to this largest collection of socio-economic data as anonymized data; the scientific use files.

Through its **Research Data Center German Microdata Lab** GESIS offers comprehensive services on national and international data of the official statistics. Detailed information on the microcensus can be searched in our fast, user-friendly microdata information system (**MISSY**). Here you will find metadata on the microcensus, such as the survey forms as well as information on the data itself, like marginal distributions. Through **MISSY** we also offer the so-called "microdata tools" to download. This involves the extensive routines (SPSS, Stata) for implementing official and social science classifications with the microcensus. With respect to the international data, we are concentrating on the data from the European Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) as well as the European Study on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC), on which we provide an increasing amount of information via the GESIS website, such as program routines for creating system files or data documentations.

www.gesis.org/missy

Online information on social indicators in SIMon

Continuous, long-term monitoring of society is a central task of the social sciences. Reliable information on the social situation and quality of life of the population as well as development of the society as a whole is more important today than ever. The growing interest in this type of information is revealed, not least, in the current discussion about an improved measurement of welfare beyond gross domestic product.

The Social Indicators Monitor (**SIMon**) makes indicators on individual quality of life and changes in social structure in Germany and Europe available online to search and download. SIMon offers easy access to time series data from two indicator systems together in one interface: the **German System of Social Indicators** and the **European System of Social Indicators**. Both are instruments for systematic social monitoring and offer comprehensive and detailed information on the development of German and European societies over the previous decades. Intuitive to use with different graphic presentation possibilities, simple forms of data analysis as well as export functions for tables and graphics offering users rapid and efficient access to the desired information.

www.gesis.org/simon

Online analysis of survey data in ZACAT

What answers to my research questions can be found in data from other studies? What additional, internationally comparative information is available on my data? Questions such as these can be readily answered thanks to the online study catalogue **ZACAT**. Users can search in selected international comparative studies and national data collections, download data and carry out basic data analysis online, this includes frequency distribution and cross tabulation, all easily executed in a user-friendly format with results displayed as a diagram.

www.gesis.org/zacat

Data from historical studies

Social developments can seldom be fully judged within the course of a decade. For a broader overview, the bigger picture, historical data is needed. This data is distinguished by high heterogeneity and can just as well be documents, official statistics or data from institutions. Similarly, this heterogeneity is reflected in the collection of historical studies archived and prepared by GESIS:

- Studies with time series data
- Studies with personal data
- Studies with cross-sectional data

www.gesis.org/en/services/data-analysis/data-historical-social-research/

As a guest at GESIS – Consultation and support for your own research

The European Data Laboratory **EUROLAB** offers researchers from the national and international scientific community access to archive resources and enables researchers to come and work at our Cologne, Germany location. This offer is extended both to individual scientists and research groups. Successful applicants receive access to over 5,000 datasets and the data collections at GESIS and are also entitled to participate in GESIS training in advanced methods of data analysis or data management and data archiving where highly qualified and competent GESIS staff are also available for engaged discussion.

www.gesis.org/eurolab

The GESIS German Microdata Lab (**GML**) has an extensive collection of microcensuses and other microdata of official statistics. We offer assistance in evaluating the data there for scientists without the possibility to do their own analyses.



Archiving and registering

Would you like to ensure long-term archiving of your data or make it easier to find and cite?

We archive, prepare and make your data readily available. We register data for better access and facilitate citability. We also offer a comprehensive service for complex data series.

In the last step of the research data cycle, the data collected by scientists will be archived to make it available to research for further analysis.

High quality data collection is connected with costs, both financial and in time. Thus, following analysis by the primary researchers, this information should be made available to the scientific community for further usage. For this the data must be archived with the respective documentation and further distributed. This is rather laborious and not a job for one individual.

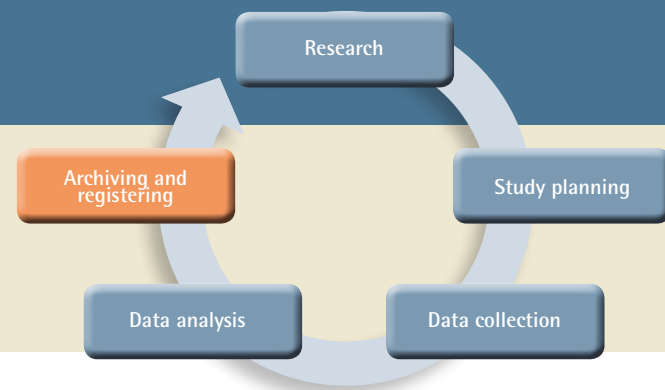
For over 50 years our data archive has been documenting, archiving and storing data for the long-term according to the latest standards.

GESIS also offers another new service for scientific literature already routinely used: Social science data can be registered with a persistent identification number in the data registration agent, making it easy to find and to cite.



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Phase 5



Data registration agency da|ra

Good scientific practice means publishing primary data to make the entire research process replicable and verifiable. With the trend to increasingly decentralized data storage alongside simultaneously increasing data production, finding the data produced becomes thus, increasingly more difficult.

GESIS, in cooperation with the German National Library of Economics (ZBW) / Leibniz-Information Centre for Economics, therefore offers a registration service for social and economic data. The data registration agency da|ra creates the conditions for their identification, referencing, localizing and reliable citing. Research data from social and economic science can be registered and made more easily accessible for secondary analysis via the DOI®-Name (Digital Object Identifier) a unique, permanent identifier.

www.gesis.org/dara

Data archiving – more than just safekeeping

Data archiving at GESIS does not just mean data "storage." Reviewing and preparing data according to the latest standards is as important for us as the documentation and storing of related study materials. This is the only way to ensure that data can be later retrieved for secondary analysis and compared with other studies. This enables scientists to work empirically without the extra effort involved in collecting data and base their work on existing data.

GESIS stores the data as well as digital and printed study materials for the long-term and makes this available via our data service for downloading or on CD. Users also receive detailed information on the content, methods and context of studies along with ready-to analyze data sets.

Data from larger research projects is prepared and documented together with the primary researcher to maintain the maximum possible usage and transparency required for data interpretation.

www.gesis.org/en/services/archiving-and-registering

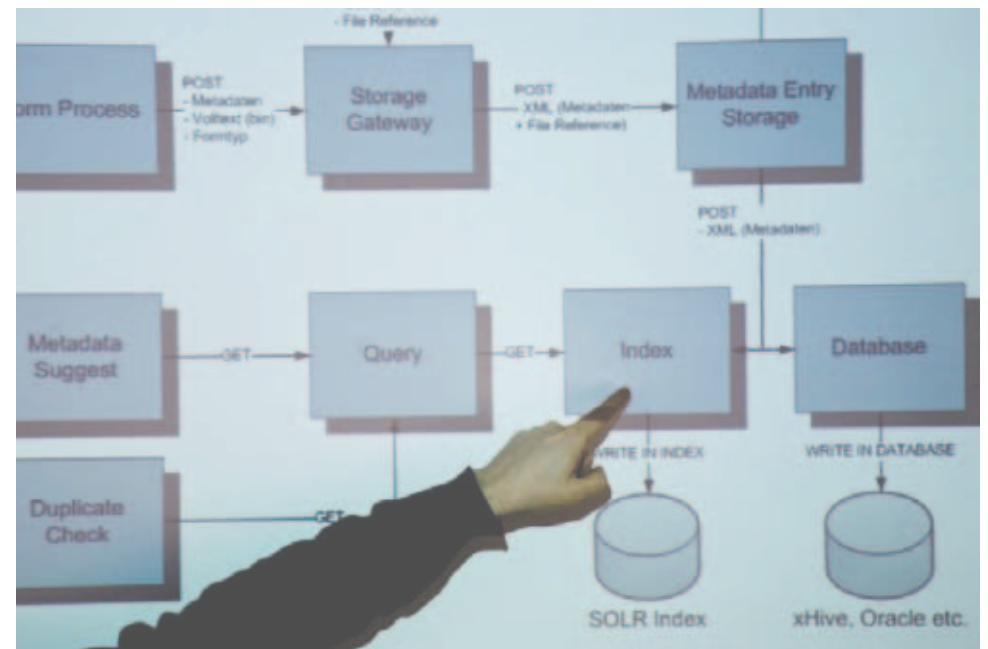


Research

Our comprehensive offering is based on the most recent research findings and many years of experience. The competence necessary for the high quality and reliability of our services is only achieved through the concurrence of research and service.

Our research focuses mainly on the methodological and content areas of social science, more concisely, the areas of survey methodology as well as social structure, attitudes and behavior in modern societies. Beyond that, we conduct research in the areas of applied computer and information science so as to enable our users optimal access to our multifaceted services.

Research related to equality and equal opportunity in the sciences is another important social topic, examined in depth by our Competence Center.



Survey methodology

We map out and track the newest trends in survey methodology with the goal of raising the quality standards of surveys and optimizing the validity of the results obtained. GESIS has special expertise in the areas of national and international comparative sampling, web-supported data collection, translation and adaptation as well as in designing standardized survey tools.

GESIS research in this area focuses on:

- data collection
- instrument development
- comparative survey methods
- data analysis methods
- sampling

Social structure, attitudes and behavior in modern societies

Social science research has focused on social change in modern societies and European developments in international comparison. GESIS researches in this area from the viewpoint of various social science disciplines, with special emphasis on pursuing an international comparative perspective. Data collected and indexed by GESIS alone, or jointly, principally forms the predominant basis for this research.

GESIS research in this area focuses on:

- gender relations in the sciences
- historical social research
- social indicators research
- analysis of social structure
- electoral and political research
- values and attitude research



Applied computer and information science

Innovative knowledge technologies and new findings in information science are the basis for improved integration and long-term, sustained usage of GESIS digital services to guarantee the highest level of quality in the face of rapid change.

GESIS research in this area focuses on:

- automatic indexing
- bibliometrics / scientometrics
- information retrieval
- virtual research environments
- web science and web technologies

Research on equality of women in science and research

How many women professors are there in Germany? What publications are available on the topic of gender in science? What changes are necessary so that women have the same chances as men in research?

The Center of Excellence Women and Science – CEWS researches these socially relevant questions through numerous, externally, third-party funded projects and makes the results and information on the topic of gender equality in science available, prepared in structured form through its user-friendly portal.

GESIS Research data centers

The GESIS Research Data Centers (RDC) offer comprehensive services: Our expertise in special studies and data is bundled together here, both comprising a self-contained subject area and requiring particularly competent handling in the documentation and preparation. Users of this data are efficiently supervised in the RDC. Based on our own content research the research data centers carry out knowledge transfer in advanced training/ education offers and publications. Special attention is focused on the expansion of the data service, such as user consultation and specific cumulations, which are created according to the needs of the scientific community. Four Research Data Centers are currently available at GESIS for such unparalleled data collections:

- RDC ALLBUS,
- RDC German Microdata Lab,
- RDC International Survey Programmes,
- RDC Elections.

Network

For and with the research community – it is the only way to guarantee and maintain a sound infrastructure for the social sciences. Integration in networks is essential to this. Solutions to problems are jointly developed there, mutual assistance offered, data and information split. GESIS participates in important networks in the areas of Survey Research, Data Infrastructure and Information Sharing.



International Survey Programs

GESIS actively participates in important, internationally-focused social science survey programs. The most important cooperations in this area include:

- **International Social Survey Programme ISSP:** GESIS is the primary researcher for Germany, coordinating methodology as well as central archive for preparing data;
- **European Social Survey ESS:** GESIS is a member of the Central Co-Ordination Team (CCT) and decisively involved in organization;
- **Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies PIAAC:** GESIS acts as the national primary researcher and international expert on methodology as well as central archive for preparing data;
- **Comparative Study of Electoral Systems CSES:** GESIS, together with the Center for Political Studies of the University of Michigan, has taken on the role of secretary of the program as well as the consolidation and provision of international data sets;
- **European Values Study EVS:** GESIS is the primary researcher for Germany as it is for the ISSP, part of the management committee, and here too, also responsible for consolidation and a large portion the provision of international data.

Networking in the archive landscape

Data infrastructure is an important component of the growing area of international survey research. GESIS is instrumental in networking social science research environments and establishing transnational data infrastructure in its role as a member of the following networks:

- **CESSDA** – Council of European Social Science Data Archives: CESSDA is an informal combination of European data archives promoting exchange of data and experience. Data transfer is facilitated via an integrated data catalogue in the CESSDA portal.
- **IFDO** – International Federation of Data Organizations for the Social Sciences: IFDO coordinates new requirements and developments in data archiving and provision at the international level and more.
- **ICPSR** – Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research: ICPSR in Ann Arbor (Michigan) has a cooperation agreement with GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences allowing access to a broad spectrum of international survey data and further education opportunities in statistical data analysis (Summer programs).

Information Sharing

GESIS is a leading supplier of literature and literature databases. In cooperation with partner institutes GESIS systematically collects, prepares, and makes available literature and project information from German language regions.

The social science portal **sowiport** offered by GESIS is the central hub for national and international suppliers of social science information making it an important platform for spreading and linking expert social science information. sowiport currently contains about 5 million literature and research project references from 18 databases, including 6 databases from ProQuest/CSA, available as DFG national licenses.



Publications

Publishing research means getting new results and knowledge out into the scientific community for discussion. GESIS publication series therefore reflect all facets of its service and research work: from collecting important information to offering assistance on praxis-oriented aspects of survey research on up to monographs and edited volumes.

GESIS Journals – Periodicals for Historians and Social Scientists

Historical Social Research/Historische Sozialforschung HSR is an international, bilingual journal for historical social research with articles on new methods from the field of social history.

Methods, Data & Analyses MDA is a semi-annual journal covering methods of survey research publishing interesting articles on collection, processing, documentation and analysis of survey data.

The **Social Indicators Information Service ISI** semi-annually informs on selected trends of social change and the latest from social indicators research.

The GESIS Series – from application-oriented to research innovative

The **GESIS Scientific Series** publishes monographs and collected works which contain dissertations, large research projects and conference proceedings.

The **GESIS Working Papers** present for discussion research results in various phases of preparation.

The **GESIS Technical Reports** are documentations and survey reports on specific data and studies. These contain important data and development information to aid our users in applying GESIS products.

The **GESIS How-To-Series** is a practice-oriented manual presenting social science methodology in a user-oriented fashion.



Conferences – Seminars – Workshops

GESIS-service publications – covering social science relevant topics

Our service publications are a special offer for our users. They give an overview of the current state of literature and research of many different social science and socially relevant topics, bringing transparency to research in German language regions.

The **Research Special** series documents literature and research projects on today's most current topics.

The **Social Sciences Overview** series intermittently offers state-of-the-art reports on specific social science topics.

The **sowiport Topic Feeds** series presents the newest publications and research projects on current research subjects. Defined search queries generate hit lists from the Sowiport database, sorted according to actuality. These are also offered as RSS-feeds by subscription.

The pace of development in social science methodology and content is rapid. Therefore we offer our specific knowledge of methods not just in our publications and in consultations but through events as well. These are aimed at developing competent, usage-oriented skills in methods of empirical social research for all segments of the research data cycle. For this we specifically engage highly regarded instructors both from within and from outside the country.

- **GESIS Summer School** (as of 2012): 10-15 parallel running, 2-week courses of intensive learning of methods of survey research for junior scientists from all over Europe. The topics range from questionnaires and sampling design, to web surveys and factorial surveys up to working with incomplete data.

- **GESIS Spring Seminar:** Leading international scientists teach advanced data analysis techniques. The knowledge imparted in these courses enables access to the newest research for publications at the highest international level.
- **Mathematical Tools for Social Scientists:** Introduction into matrix algebra and selected areas of mathematics using the programming language R.

- **GESIS Methodology Seminar:** The seminar on methodology is modular, partially virtual and directed at researchers from social science and the humanities. Basics of historical social research, database management and statistics are taught in line with actual praxis.

- **GESIS Workshops:** These impart a broad range of methods and enable a compact introduction and immersion in specific research methods.

GESIS user conferences enable participants to exchange project and data-specific ideas and experiences. Technical problems can be discussed with one another and questions regarding method clarified. Regular user conferences include those, for example, on income and consumer sampling as well as on the microcensus.



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