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Letter of Support for the NFDI Consortium Text+

The Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut (IAI, Ibero-American Institute) is an interdisciplinary center for academic and cultural exchange between Germany and Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal. It is home to the largest specialist library in Europe for the Ibero-American region. It is also a place of knowledge production, exchange and cultural translation. Combining an information center, a research center and a cultural center, the IAI is both a platform for cooperation and a catalyst for intercultural and transcultural dialog.

Furthermore, the IAI operates the Fachinformationsdienst Lateinamerika, Karibik und Latino Studies (FID, Specialised Information Service Latin America, Caribbean and Latino Studies, funded by Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation).

The IAI and its FID are committed to support the NFDI Consortium Text+ providing their multilingual, transdisciplinary and transcultural collections and academic expertise as well as their competence and experience in the fields of digitization of cultural assets, metadata and interoperability of digital objects. All digitized materials and all corresponding metadata for the analog and digitized versions will be made available through the quadrilingual Digital Collections for subsequent use by the partners of the consortium.

In addition, IAI and its FID will provide their information infrastructure for the publication and accessibility of the project results with respect to its focus regions. This includes the IAI website (www.iai.spk-berlin.de), the online catalog (www.iaicat.de), the discovery system IberoSearch (www.iberosearch.de), the portal of the FID (<https://fid-lateinamerika.de>) and the Digital Collections already mentioned (digital.iai.spk-berlin.de).

Finally, the IAI and its FID will bring in their national and international network of experts, their own investigators, and their own requirements and those of their scientific communities related to the thematic focus of Text+.

The Ibero-American Institute and its FID Lateinamerika, Karibik und Latino Studies will actively contribute to create a sustainable linking between research, data and infrastructure and support Text+ in its activities to develop new sustainable and open services for research data infrastructure.



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