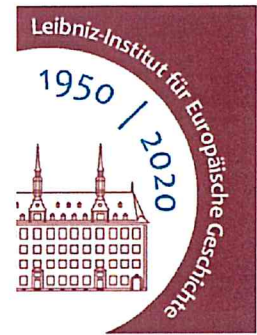


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Letter of Support

As directors of the Leibniz Institute of European History (IEG), we declare our great interest and willingness to support the overall goals and structure of the NFDI-consortium Text+ and to develop a concrete proposal for active participation in the consortium.

The IEG is an independent research institute and has been a member of the Leibniz Association since 2012. The institute conducts research into the religious, cultural, and political foundations of Europe since c. 1500, and hosts an international fellowship programme for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers. The IEG is part of several nationwide and international research networks and infrastructures such as the DARIAH/CLARIAH or the ReIReS/RESILIENCE communities and has been engaged in the NFDI process from early on.

Moreover, as applicant institution of the NFDI4Memory initiative, the IEG facilitates exchange and cooperation between the two consortia. As laid out in the Memorandum of Understanding we share the goal for the possible NFDI design for the humanities and cultural studies through cross-consortial collaboration.

The *Digital Historical Research Unit | DH Lab*, as the most recent institutional expansion of the IEG, advances the development of digital methods and coordinates the engagement in digital research infrastructures operated or used by the IEG. The *DH Lab* supports the continuous management of digital research data and seeks to implement institutional workflows for matching standards such as FAIR data to continuously improve data quality and reuse. In addition, the *DH Lab* develops *ConedaKOR* (<https://github.com/coneda/kor>), a web-based, open source database system with a graph-based architecture, provided as “software-as-a-service” through DARIAH-DE.

The framework of *IEG Digital* offers a large amount of digital research collections, provided openly to the communities. This includes hyperlinked and multimodal digital publication



platforms such as European History Online (<http://ieg-ego.eu/>). The IEG has created several digital editions of historical texts relating to contested religious and political issues, above all the *digital edition of religious settlements/peace treaties* (<http://www.religionsfrieden.de>) and the most recent project EuReD (Europäische Religionsfrieden Digital) funded by the Union of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities. These editions provide the textual basis for comparative research on Early Modern religious peace-making in Europe. In the framework of the Text+ consortium, these resources can be embedded into the emerging network of other digital collections and editions as well as digital dictionaries and encyclopaedias thereby also strengthening the collaboration between the consortia of the Memorandum of Understanding Group.

For further inquiries, we will be happy to assist.



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