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Letter of Intent

This letter of intent is to support the Consortium text+ as Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie.

The German Society for Analytic Philosophy (Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie e.V., GAP) is one of the two major philosophical associations in Germany, having more than 1000 members. The society’s main goals are promotion and communication of analytic philosophy. Many members of the GAP are professional philosophers. However, membership is not restricted to professionals. The society actively promotes research projects and the supply of information on research and projects in analytic philosophy. It cooperates with a large number of other philosophical societies in Europe, including the European Society for Analytic Philosophy (ECAP), the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society (ALWS), the Polish Association for Logic and Philosophy of Science (PTLiF), and the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA).

The GAP warmly welcomes the text+ initiative within the NFDI project. Language and texts are the basis of human communication and, as such, they underlie all aspects of social reality. This is also true for academic philosophy and even more for analytic philosophy, which is associated with the “linguistic turn” in the early 20th century, a major development in Western philosophy that sharpened the focus on the relationship between language and thought. Philosophy belongs to those humanities that create, access, collect, annotate, analyze, visualize, publish, share, and archive text- and language-based research data, nowadays more and more in machine-readable form.
We support the efforts of text+ to build and expand a comprehensive data and services portfolio and to establish a governance structure that intends to cooperate particularly with the scholarly societies like the GAP. We will encourage members of the GAP to actively participate in the work of text+ in joining for example one of the Scientific Coordination Committees (SCC), which serves as expert committees for the thematic branches of the consortium. Our special concern would be to ensure the interests of users working in the field of analytic philosophy. The GAP will also support the dissemination of the mission of text+ among the GAP members and is open for cooperation in the context of conferences, summer schools, etc.

In view of what has been said, the Society for Analytical Philosophy GAP strongly supports the application of the Consortium text+ within the scope of the NFDI.

With kind regards

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