INTRODUCTION TO SCIENTIFIC LEGAL RESEARCH

- a practical and methodological instruction for doctoral students -

concerning § 2 III Gathering and management of informations and materials

Overview

Informations on legal literature in the internet (examples)

A. Online catalogues of legal literature for sale

Amazon - extensive but not complete range of legal literature for sale, including many older publications; the range differs slightly from country to country
www.amazon.com (American literature), www.amazon.co.uk (English literature), www.amazon.de (German literature), www.amazon.fr (French literature)

Verzeichnis lieferbarer Bücher (VlB) - daily updated comprehensive catalogue of all legal literature in German language (or in other languages but published in Germany, Austria or Switzerland) which is still for sale; the easiest way to check if there is a new edition of a publication; access through the websites of bookshops
www.deuerlich.de/index.php?id=43&no_cache=1

B. Online catalogues and databases of libraries

I. National libraries

Latvijas Nacionālā Bibliotēka (Rīga)
www.lnb.lv

Bibliothèque nationale de France (Paris)
www.bnf.fr/pages/catalogues.htm

British Library (London)
www.bl.uk/catalogues/listings.html

Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (Berlin, Frankfurt, Leipzig)
www.ddb.de/sammlungen/index.htm

Library of Congress (Washington)
www.loc.gov/index.html

For a comprehensive list of European national libraries, see http://search.theeuropeanlibrary.org/portal/en/libraries.html

II. Law libraries with a focus on comparative and international law

Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht (Hamburg)
www.mpipriv.de/ww/de/pub/bibliothek.htm

Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Strafrecht (Freiburg)
www.mpicc.de/ww/de/pub/bibliothek.htm

Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht (Heidelberg)
www.mpil.de/ww/de/pub/bibliothek/recherche.cfm

Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Sozialrecht (München)
http://www.mpisoc.mpg.de/ww/de/pub/bibliothekar.cfm

Max-Planck-Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte (Frankfurt)
www.mpier.uni-frankfurt.de/bibliothek/index.html

Note concerning American legal literature: For a comprehensive list of American law libraries see www.washlaw.edu/lawcat.

C. Metacatalogues (integrated search in various catalogues)

Karlsruher Virtueller Katalog (KVK) - integrated search in all important German, Austrian and Suisse catalogues and in the most important library catalogues throughout the world (Univ. of Karlsruhe)
www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/kvk/kvk/kvk_en.html

Copac academic and national library catalogue - merged catalogues of major university and national libraries in the UK and Ireland
http://copac.ac.uk/

Bielefeld Academic Search Engine (BASE) - search engine for online publications (Univ. of Bielefeld)
http://base.ub.uni-bielefeld.de/de/index.php

Open Access to Scientific Literature (OASE) - catalogue of online publications with direct links (Univ. of Karlsruhe)
www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/oase/en

Ricerca Bibliografica - merged Italian library catalogues
www.internetculturale.it/moduli/opac/opac.jsp

Système universitaire de documentation (SUDOC) - merged catalogues of French university libraries
www.sudoc.abes.fr

Virtuelle Fachbibliothek Recht - metacatalogue project of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin
www.vifa-recht.de/

D. Specialised databases

Rechtsprechung und Aufsätze zum Völker- und Europarecht (RAVE) - comprehensive database on jurisprudence and articles on public international law and European law 1998 - 2005 (Univ. of Düsseldorf)
www.uni-duesseldorf.de/HHU/fakultaeten/jura/rave/en

European Integration Current Contents - comprehensive database on articles on European law (NYU School of Law)
http://centers.law.nyu.edu/jmtoc/index.cfm

Leitsatzkartei des deutschen Rechts (LSK) - comprehensive database on articles published in German law journals (editor: C.H. Beck)

www.beck-online.de (also available as DVD)

See also the references at "Datenbanken" at the Virtuelle Fachbibliothek Recht, www.vifa-recht.de/datenbanken.

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