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Dear professors,
dear colleagues,

As we approach the holiday season, we want to thank you for your continued interest in the Criminological Information Service (FID Kriminologie) and give you an update on our recent activities.

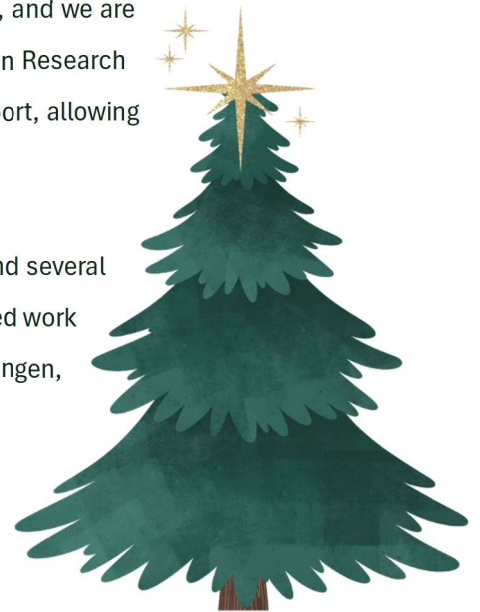
The project period spanning from 2021 to 2023 has successfully concluded, and we are pleased to share that we have submitted a funding application to the German Research Foundation (DFG) for the years 2024 to 2026. We anticipate continued support, allowing us to extend our commitment to advancing criminological research.


Our working group currently consists of two field experts, three librarians and several research assistants. In 2023, a librarian from the FID Criminology commenced work at both the University Library and the Institute of Criminology (IfK) in Tübingen, which will further enhance the synergy between these two institutions.

The Institute for Criminology's library presently houses a collection of nearly 50,000 volumes. Additionally, Tübingen University Library holds a repository of approximately 100,000 titles pertinent to criminology, ensuring accessibility for various locations through interlibrary loan services. Both collections undergo continuous expansion.

During the 2021-23 funding period, we augmented our existing journals inventory with the inclusion of 24 additional journals; the analysis of the contents is an ongoing process. This extension primarily encompasses electronic open-access journals like "Law, Crime and History" and "Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Criminology." For a comprehensive overview of these newly incorporated journals, we invite you to explore [KrimDok](#). Furthermore, the references to criminologically important statistical series (such as the police crime statistics) are updated on an ongoing basis. In addition, KrimDok now also contains references to research data. All references are searchable in KrimDok. To enhance the precision of your searches, we are pleased to introduce an advanced feature on KrimDok: To enable you to search more specifically, the "KrimDok" tile now offers the option of searching directly for statistics, research data or the holdings of the Albert-Krebs Library (AKB) under "[Specific search](#)".

In 2022, together with our cooperation partner, the Centre for Criminology (KrimZ), we accomplished the migration of the holdings of the Albert-Krebs Library from a technically outdated Allegro database to KrimDok. In 2023, a review of the presentation, improvements and, above all, the optimal presentation were carried out. You will find the [AKB collection](#) in a dedicated section of the new KrimDok interface.





Within the "FID & Services" section, you will now discover details about our [open text service](#). Throughout the 2021-23 period, we've successfully republished a substantial number of articles from various sources such as journals, anthologies, and encyclopedias. This initiative has made these articles available free of charge, providing unrestricted access via KrimDok. Due to the high demand and the occasional prolonged negotiations with publishers, we regret to acknowledge that not all publication lists have been processed in their entirety. However, we remain committed to this endeavor and, in the coming year, will diligently continue our efforts to review and, where legally feasible, republish the respective articles.

We are delighted to introduce a new "[Tools & Media](#)" section on the KrimDok homepage, featuring a diverse range of content, including podcasts. Immerse yourself in engaging conversations from the field of criminology, with recommendations such as "Doing time, talking crime" from the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, or the succinct insights provided by "5 minutes of criminology."

Not only has the KrimDok website been given a fresh look, but we have also been working hard to make our content accessible to a wider, more international audience. We are thrilled to announce that our website has now been fully translated into Spanish, meaning that a Spanish version of KrimDok will soon exist alongside the English one. This expansion will allow us to share the services of the FID Criminology with an even wider global community and strengthen the link between the German-speaking and the Spanish and Latin American criminology in the future.

Anyone who deals with criminology can hardly avoid classics such as Beccaria and von Liszt. For this reason, there is a new "[Classics](#)" tile under "Literature" on KrimDok. There you will find classic criminological texts that are now in the public domain. Do you know of any other public domain criminological classics? Please write to us, we look forward to hearing from the specialist community.

We wish you and your loved ones a wonderful and relaxing winter break, peaceful holidays, and a good and healthy start to 2024!

On behalf of the entire FID Criminology team, best regards

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