

Significance of data description quality for cross-national data catalogues

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Data Description and Metadata – What does it take to produce a good one?

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Overview

- ◇ Introduction to CESSDA Data Catalogue
- ◇ Cross-national catalogue functionalities
- ◇ Benefits of standardised metadata and controlled vocabularies for discovery
- ◇ Short introduction to CESSDA Vocabulary Service and ELSST thesaurus

CESSDA Data Catalogue

- ◊ Main goal: make European social science research data findable
- ◊ At the moment:
 - ◊ Descriptions of over 33,000 research datasets
 - ◊ Provided by CESSDA national service providers from 15 countries
 - ◊ Mostly social sciences but also data from health sciences and humanities
 - ◊ Quantitative, qualitative and mixed modes data
 - ◊ Study level metadata, no variable level information

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Trend Questions Corona (Week 20/2021)

Presse- und Informationsamt der Bundesregierung, Berlin

On behalf of the Press and Information Office of the Federal Government, the opinion research institute forsa has regularly conducted representative population surveys on the subject of the 'Corona crisis' (COVID-19) from calendar week 12/2020. The individual question areas were adapted according to the survey period. Concerns about infection with the corona virus (self and family members or friends); concerns about infecting others; other concerns related to the corona virus (open question); ...

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Parent Ping: Daily Parent Survey, 2020-2021

Education Intelligence

Abstract copyright UK Data Service and data collection copyright owner. The Parent Ping research project began in July 2020 and ended in September 2021. The project aimed to document parental life, particular during the pandemic. Participants were recruited via opportunity sampling or via their children's school. Participants downloaded a mobile phone app which asked them roughly three closed survey questions each day. Question topics included: lockdown, home learning (due to school closures)...

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Topic-specific Information Behaviour on the COVID-19 Pandemic (April 2021)

Presse- und Informationsamt der Bundesregierung, Berlin

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[Flash Eurobarometer 494 \(Attitudes on Vaccination against Covid-19\)](#)

European Commission, Brussels; Directorate General Communication, COMMA.3 'Media monitoring and Eurobarometer'

Attitudes on **vaccination** against **Covid-19**. Topics: preferred time for getting **vaccinated**; importance of each of the following issues with regard to getting **vaccinated**: **vaccine** will help to end the pandemic, **vaccine** will protect respondent from getting **Covid-19**, **vaccine** will protect relatives and others from getting **Covid-19**, **vaccine** will make it possible to resume a more normal professional life, **vaccine** will make it possible to travel, **vaccine** will make it possible to meet family and friends, **vaccine** will make it possible to go to restaurants, cinemas etc.; importance of each of the following issues with regard to not getting **vaccinated**: pandemic will be over soon, personal risk of being infected is very low, risk posed by **Covid-19** in general is exaggerated, worries about side effects of **Covid-19 vaccines**, **vaccines** have not been sufficiently tested yet, **vaccines** are ineffective, against **vaccines** in general; factors to increase personal willingness of getting **vaccinated**: more people around doing it, more people have already been **vaccinated** and we see that there are no major side-effects, people that recommend the **vaccines** are **vaccinated** themselves, doctor recommends respondent to do so, **vaccines** are developed in the European Union, full clarity on how **vaccines**

Topic



Collection years



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2021

2011

2021

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Second European Union Minorities and *Discrimination* Survey (EU-MIDIS II), 2016

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Vienna, Austria

The second European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey (EU-MIDIS II) was conducted in 2016 by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) as a follow-up to the first survey on minorities' and immigrants' experiences of discrimination and criminal victimisation conducted by the Agency in 2008. The EU-MIDIS II survey collected information from 25,515 respondents from different ethnic minority and migrant backgrounds, including Roma, in all EU Member States (2016: EU-28 includ...

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Survey on *Discrimination* and Hate Crime against Jews in the EU 2018

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Vienna, Austria

The survey provides comparable data on the perceived extent and nature of antisemitism across a number of selected EU Member States, whether it is manifested as hate crime, hate speech, discrimination or in any other form that undermines Jewish people's feelings of safety and security. The survey was commissioned by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). It follows up on the agency's first survey, conducted in seven countries in 2012. The overall objectives of FRA's second s...

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Vacation Trips and Vacation Intents

EMNID, Bielefeld

Survey on vacation trips in the time interval from 1959 to 1963 and vacation intents for 1964. Topics: Vacation areas; number of trips; vacation length; vacation month; vacation at one or several places; utilization of travel agency; coupling vacation trips with stays at health resort and business trips; preferred means of transport for vacation; satisfaction with vacation; desire for 'recuperation' or 'adventure' on vacation. Demography: sex; occupation; employment; school education; voc...

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Vacation Apartments

DIVO, Frankfurt

Vacation behavior as well as possession and intents to purchase property in domestic or foreign vacation areas. Topics: Vacation stays on Mediterranean islands; detailed description of these vacation trips; trip duration; number of persons traveling along; type of accomodations; activities at place of vacation; vacation expenditures. In the case of ownership of land or house in a vacation or recuperation area the following supplemental questions were posed: detailed description of possess...

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Vacation Trips (January 1970)

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Vacation Trips (January 1970)

MAPP/AN, Frankfurt

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Vacation Trips and Vacation Intents

Creator

EMNID, Bielefeld

Study number / PID

ZA0097, Version 1.0.0 (GESIS)

10.4232/1.0097 (DOI)

Abstract

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Methodology**Data collection period**

Why use controlled vocabularies?

- ◊ Machine actionability
- ◊ Technical and semantic interoperability
- ◊ Precision in search - allows users to narrow down their searches in discovery tools
- ◊ Content consistency, comparability and understandability
- ◊ Facilitates metadata creation, organising and sharing
- ◊ Crosses language barriers

- ◊ Use those vocabularies that are generally used in the scientific domain



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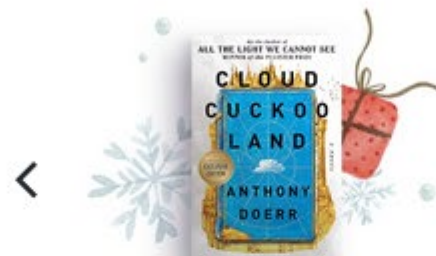
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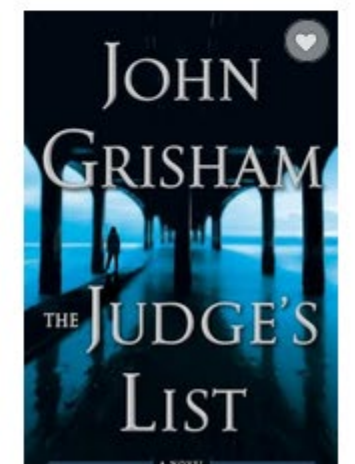
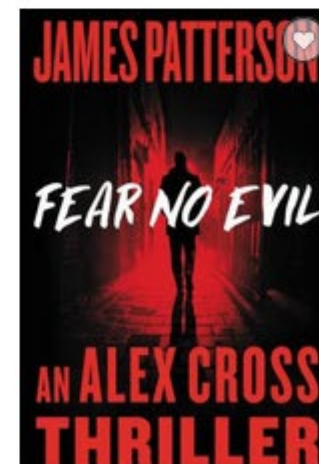
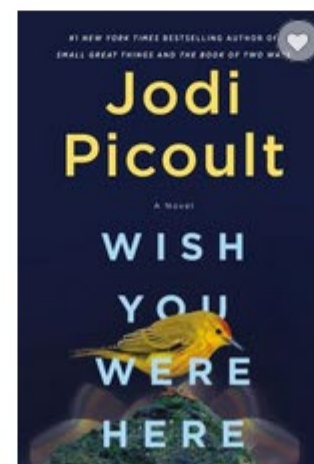
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Filters in CESSDA catalogue 1

- ◊ Study description language
 - ◊ Metadata should contain ISO language code in the agreed element(s)
 - ◊ Agreed element means in this context: in the element required by the cross-national catalogue harvester, that is, in the OAI-PMH record sent by the service provider.
 - ◊ In the internal record, the metadata may be somewhere else but the organisation constructs its OAI-PMH to send it in the required element.
- ◊ Country
 - ◊ Metadata contain the standardised ISO country code in the agreed element.
 - ◊ E.g. "FI" for Finland, regardless of metadata language
 - ◊ Why country names as such cannot be used?
 - ◊ Too many variations: The U.K., The UK, The United Kingdom, United Kingdom, GB, Great Britain, Britain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
 - ◊ Codes are language independent.
- ◊ Data collection year(s); Date of publication
 - ◊ Metadata contain the date(s) in the agreed ISO 8601 format in the agreed elements.

Filters in CESSDA catalogue 2

- ◊ Topic filter
 - ◊ Metadata contain a term from *CESSDA Topic Classification* in topic element
 - ◊ Useful to have the vocabulary name as well
- ◊ Without the vocabulary, people would use different terms for the same topic

Vocabularies in CESSDA

- ◊ Topic and subject classifications
 - ◊ CESSDA Topic Classification, 12 languages
 - ◊ European Language Social Science Thesaurus (ELSST), 14 language, more forthcoming
- ◊ DDI international documentation standard vocabularies to describe research methods. For example:
 - ◊ Mode of Collection (questionnaire, interview, experiment, observation, content coding etc.)
 - ◊ Time Method (longitudinal, cross-section, time series etc).
- ◊ Can be used for both quanti and quali data
- ◊ Controlled vocabularies used for broad categorisations of methods. More detailed explanations can be added in free-text elements

Access

Publisher

Finnish Social Science Data Archive (FSD)

Publication year

2021

Terms of data access

The dataset is (B) available for research, teaching and study.

Topics

Social sciences

Media

Occupational health

Crime and law enforcement



Keywords

Crimes against persons

Journalism

Journalists

News

Professional ethics

Social media

Working conditions





DDI vocabularies

- Aggregation Method
- Analysis Unit (x)
- Character Set
- Contributor Role
- Data Source Type (y)
- Data Type
- Date Type
- General Data Format (y)
- Language Proficiency
- Lifecycle Event Type
- Mode of Collection (x)
- Numeric Type
- Response Unit
- Sampling Procedure (x)
- Software Package
- Summary Statistic Type
- Time Method (x)
- Time Zone
- Type of Instrument (y)
- Etc.



28 Vocabularies

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▸ Agency 



[Aggregation Method \(*AggregationMethod*\)](#)

Identifies the type of aggregation used to combine related categories, usually within a common branch of a hierarchy, to provide information at a broader level than the level at which detailed observations are taken. (From: The OECD Glossary of Statistical Terms)

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[Analysis Unit \(*AnalysisUnit*\)](#)

Describes the entity being analyzed in the study or variable. This vocabulary can also be used to describe the unit of observation, which is the unit being observed, or from which data are collected. The unit of observation can be the same as, or different from the unit of analysis.

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[CDC Publisher Names \(*CdcPublisherNames*\)](#)

Names of organisations providing metadata for CESSDA Data Catalogue.

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DDI Alliance Controlled Vocabulary for Indsamlingsmetode

CV name	Mode Of Collection
CV short name	ModeOfCollection
CV definition	The procedure, technique, or mode of inquiry used to attain the data.
CV notes	This vocabulary was first published by the DDI Alliance. Please see: https://ddialliance.org/controlled-vocabularies/all .
CV name (da)	Indsamlingsmetode
CV definition (da)	Fremgangsmåden, teknikken eller undersøgelsesmetoden, der er anvendt til at opnå dataene.
Language	Danish (da)

Version	3.0.1	Date of publication	Danish (da) v.3.0.1								
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Code descriptive term (da)

Code definition(da)

▼ Interview

Interview

En forudplanlagt kommunikation mellem to (eller flere) personer – interviewere(n) og de(n) interviewede - hvor intervieweren(ne) får information fra de(n) interviewede. Hvis gruppeinteraktion er en del af metoden, anvend "Fokusgruppe".

▼ Interview.FaceToFace

Personligt interview

Dataindsamlingsmetode, hvor en tilstedeværende interviewer foretager et personligt interview, stiller spørgsmål og noterer svar. Brug dette bredere begreb, hvis det ikke er CAPI eller PAPI, eller hvis det ikke vides, om det er CAPI eller PAPI.

Interview.FaceToFace.CAPIorCAMI

Personligt interview: Computerassisteret (CAPI/CAMI)

Computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) eller computer-assisted mobile interviewing (CAMI). Dataindsamlingsmetode, hvor intervieweren læser spørgsmål op til respondenterne fra skærmen på en computer, bærbar eller en mobil enhed såsom tablet eller smartphone og indtaster svarene på den samme enhed. Administrationen af interviewet styres af et specifikt designet program/applikation.

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Hierarchy

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- ▶ DATA
- ▶ DEFENCE
- ▶ DEMOGRAPHY
- ▶ DEVELOPMENT
- ▶ DISABILITIES
- ▶ DISARMAMENT
- ▶ DISCRIMINATION
- ▶ DISEASES
- ▶ DOMESTIC RESPONSIBILITIES
- ▶ DRIVING LESSONS
- ▶ EARTH SCIENCES
- ▶ ECONOMICS
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- ▶ EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION
- ▶ ELECTORS
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- ▶ ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES
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- ▶ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- ▶ HABITATS

ENVIRONMENT > ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

PREFERRED TERM

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS  

DEFINITION

AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, AND OF THE IMPACT HUMAN ACTIONS HAVE ON THESE

BROADER CONCEPT

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HISTORY NOTE

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 MILIEUBEWUSTZIJN	Dutch
 YMPÄRISTÖTIETOISUUS	Finnish
 SENSIBILISATION À L'ENVIRONNEMENT	French
 UMWELTBEWUSSTSEIN	German
 ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΜΟΝΤΙΚΗ ΕΥΑΙΣΘΗΤΟΠΟΙΗΣΗ	Greek
 SAJONINGUMAS APLINKOS APSAUGOS KLAUSIMAS	Lithuanian
 MILJØBEVISSTHET	Norwegian
 SENSIBILIZARE FAȚĂ DE MEDIU	Romanian
 OKOLJSKA OZAVEŠČENOST	Slovenian
 MILJÖMEDVETENHET	Swedish

Links

- ◊ CESSDA Data Catalogue: <https://datacatalogue.CESSDA.eu/>
 - ◊ API: forthcoming in 2022
- ◊ CESSDA Vocabulary Service: <https://vocabularies.CESSDA.eu/>
 - ◊ API: <https://vocabularies.CESSDA.eu/api-docs>
- ◊ ELSST: <https://elsst.CESSDA.eu/>
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