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Leaflet to the lecture of Dr. Gerd-Christian Th. Treutler:

VD portals as genealogical source (zoom recording from 02/22/2023).

Do you know VD 16,17 and 18? - Using the directories of German prints as a source

Behind the somewhat cryptic abbreviations "VD 16", "VD 17" and "VD 18" are the directories of the 16th, 17th and 18th century prints published in the German-speaking area. This is nothing less than a retrospective national bibliography in the German-speaking area. The present German National Bibliography is the index of all German and German-language publications from 1913 onwards and is maintained by the German National Library.

It was therefore necessary to record all previously published German-language publications retrospectively in order to make them systematically accessible for public use. This work began in 1969 as a project of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Bavarian State Library. In addition to cataloging, the digitization of one copy per issue was the core task of the project. Often, however, several digitized copies are identified.

Naturally, the entirety of the published printed works also contains those that are of interest to researchers of family and regional history, be they topographies, city chronicles, biographical or family-historical works or encyclopedias, etc. Finding such titles online via a few portals, and in many cases having easy access to them as digitized copies, greatly facilitates research. The three century directories are equipped with the following parameters:

Name	URL	Umfang	Besonderheiten
VD 16 digital - Index of Prints of the 16th Century Published in the German Language Area of the Bavarian State Library	https://www.bsb-muenchen.de/sammlungen/historische-drucke/recherche/vd-16/ www.vd16.de	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1501–1600- except single sheet prints, maps and Musica practica- approx. 106,000 titles, approx. 68,000 digitized- Search via predefined fields- Digitized files in various viewers- Download as PDF or single pages as JPG, TIFF- mainly in Latin language- Participants recorded as contributors	
VD 17 The index of the 17th century prints published in the German-speaking area	https://kxp.k10plus.de/DB=1.28/DB=1.28/ www.vd17.de	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1601–1700- with broadsides, without maps and musica- over 300,000 titles, many with digitized key pages, over 163,000 full digitized copies- Search via 21 predefined fields, also via all	

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VD 18-Datenbank: The Index of German Prints of the 18th Century	https://kxp.k10plus.de/DB=1.65/SET=14/TTL=1/START_WELCOME		www.vd18.de
-	1701–1800		
-	234,000 monographs, 12,500 multi-volume works, and approximately 3,500 journal titles		
-	21 libraries involved		
-	Search also via the Karlsruhe Virtual Catalog (KVK) and the Journal Database (ZDB)		
-	Comprehensive search with the same mask as for VD 17		
-	Focus on the Habsburg Monarchy		

The question remains: Why is there no VD 19?

The 19th century has simply already produced too large a number of printed products for a project in this regard to have been started yet. But there is still an alternative portal, at least with regard to digitized prints from 1500 to the present:

ZVVD – Central Index of Digitized Prints

<https://www.zvdd.de/startseite/> with currently 1,879,936 titles

For our research area Brandenburg I would like to present the following points:

VD 16

- For the search word "Brandenburg" via "All fields" there are 715 hits which can be filtered by fonds, author, year and document type.
- Included are among others legal decrees, chronicles, funeral sermons, calendars and many more, of which quite a few are in German, e.g. on the regulation of inheritance law in the Electorate of Brandenburg, Frankfurt/Oder 1549 (VD16 B 6911)
- Example: Ein Trawbuechlein fuer die einfeltigen Pfarherrn inn der Marck zu Brandenburgk. In honor of ... Herr Thomasen Matthisen Churfuerstlichem Brandenburgischem Rathe Burgermeister zu Berlin etc. in print by Georgium Bucholtzer Probst zu Berlin. 1561 (<http://dx.doi.org/10.25673/opendata2-6499>)

VD 17

- For the search word "Brandenburg" via "All fields" there are 7.680 hits which can be filtered by publication form and language, whereby 5.255 are in German language.
- E.g. for the keyword "Potsdam" there are 94 hits in full text, also here mainly legal decrees, sermons, religious texts.
- Example: Chur-Brandenburgische/ Märckische/ Magdeburgische und Halberstädtische Chronica, 1684 (<http://dx.doi.org/10.25673/opendata2-28195>) as well as "Spandow" with several funeral sermons

VD 18

- For the search word "Brandenburg" via "All fields" there are 10,622 hits which can be filtered by publication form and language, 8,639 of which are in German.
- E.g. for "Potsdam" in German language there are 1.553 hits and in addition to the previous texts also an increasingly large number of civic contents
- Example: Address calendar of the high and low colleges, instances and expeditions, magistrates, university, churches, schools, founders, monasteries and persons in public offices in the duchy of Magdeburg, the principality of Halberstadt, the county of Hohenstein and the monastery of Quedlinburg. (<https://nbn-resolving.org/urn:nbn:de:bsz:14-db-id4327129178>)

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