

Participation welcome!

The ORGANON network bears multifaceted possibilities for participation also for those with time restraints.

Compose a section on a particular discourse, convey ideas for missing terms or discourses, or participate through content-related or editorial collaboration. Do not hesitate to contact us at:

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Project precursor

ORGANON is based on a precursory project relating to the Excellence Cluster Topoi. Previously produced texts can be reviewed at:

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ORGANON

terminology toolbox

A working lexicon for
interdisciplinary research

The project

ORGANON terminology toolbox is the title of a new type of online lexicon which depicts the use of specific terms in diverging discourses. Through its concise and systematic presentation of the contexts of application, this lexicon provides a gateway of introduction into the landscape of interdisciplinary terminology.

Background

Increasing amounts of research are of a collaborative nature or form part of interdisciplinary cooperation. This can present challenges of communication across borders of disciplines and discourses due to highly specialised and mutually unknown terminology or the discrepant use of a particular term across different discourses.

It is ORGANON's task to reveal these manifold contexts of application thus preventing possible misunderstandings, and to stimulate intensified engagement with individual discourses and facilitate cross-disciplinary cooperation.

How is this new and necessary?

Specialist encyclopaedias outline the significance of terminology in their respective disciplines, and while universal lexicons or Wikipedia do at times draw attention to diverse meanings in variant discourses, they do so unsystematically and intermixed with factual explanations. An overview of the meanings of terms within different discourses can thus not be drawn from either of those mediums.

Concept

ORGANON terminology toolbox is established as an online lexicon which

- ▶ is consistently interdisciplinary
- ▶ draws on the collaboration of a wide range of academic discourses
- ▶ is guided by a strong editorial team guaranteeing a stringent form with clear presentation
- ▶ produces quotable texts (by means of differentiation of versions and allocation of DOIs)
- ▶ develops dynamically through features for comments and discussion
- ▶ will be realised bilingually (German and English), and
- ▶ is underpinned by a number of research collaborations and scientific institutions.

In praxis

ORGANON articles consist of a number of sections each presenting a particular discourse or historically relevant context. The respective sections will follow the logical structure:

In the context of discourse **x** the term/concept **y** is used in form/way **z**.

Interactive features of comments and discussions will not only lead to the steady intake of new terms, but will highlight the need for significant complementary sections/discourses. The long-term aim is to incorporate all terminology of supra-disciplinary relevance in the lexicon.

The delineation of the discourses will be complemented by references to pivotal bibliography and pertinent digital resources. The modes of participation, the possibility for links to other online portals, as well as the envisaged embedding of the articles in online libraries and other terminology tools will achieve a high degree of cross-linking in the scientific landscape.

The publication of ORGANON terminology toolbox will be available at:

www.organon-lexicon.org