The chain of data sharing
Areas of research and practice in social science data documentation

Implementing a reference system for social science data
- Goal: Make it easy for data producers to reference their data and for secondary users to find data.
- The project: The referencing system is part of the DOI registration agency da|ra. It is a metadata catalogue for anyone who is interested in sharing or reusing data.
- State of project: Beta system is running.
- Next steps: A new grant proposal is under way. It contains marketing measures and improvement of service, cooperation with other institutions and internationalization.

Research and practice in data indexing
- Goal: Develop profound standards for indexing research data.
- The project: Management of the German version of the European Social Science Thesaurus (ELSST) and implementing it as an indexing tool.
- Research: Theory of indexing for research data.

Research in data seeking behaviour
- Goal: Investigate information-related behaviour of secondary data users -> improve services for secondary researchers.
- The research: PhD thesis in Library and Information Science at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.
- Theory and research question: Information behaviour research provides models of information seeking -> Are they applicable to data seeking?
- Methods: Interviews with experts in data service. Web survey with users of the GESIS data catalogues.

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