Online-Database HISTAT – Registration and Use

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1. Registration as histat-user

Registration and use of the Online-Database histat is free of charge.

- Start of the database HISTAT (https://histat.gesis.org/histat)



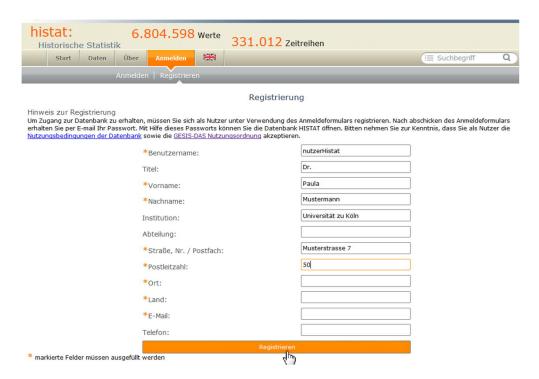
- Open the menu ,ANMELDUNG' (Registration)



Choose the option ,REGISTRIERUNG' (Registration)



Now, please, fill in the desired username and registration details. Fields marked with a star are mandatory fields. After filling in the registration form press the button ,REGISTRIEREN' to send your registration data.



You will receive your password by e-mail.

2. Login and Use of histat

As soon as you have received your password you can login in histat. Choose the buttom 'ANMELDEN' (Registration) again:





The Login-Menu appears, in which you fill in your user-name (Benutzername), and your password. After that, press the orange button 'ANMELDEN' to complete the login.



The histat start-page appears after the login-process.

3. Study Search

Press the button 'DATEN' to open the navigation bar. You can search for time series data using different menus.



There are four possibilities for the study search:



- a) Search by topics (Themen)
- b) Search by Names of primary investigators (Namen)
- c) Search for data for a specific time interval using time periods (Zeiten)
- d) Search by key words (Suchbegriff)
- e) The menu item ,neu' opens a list of new imported studies.
- f) The menu item ,top' opens a list of studies which have been most demanded and downloaded.

a) Choice from the topic list (THEMEN):

a.1 Choose a topic (Arbeit = Work; Bauen = Construction; Bevölkerung = Population; Bildung = Education; Einkommen = Income; Energie = Energy; Geld = Money; Gesundheit = Health; Handel = Trade; Hanse = Hanse; Industrie = Industry; Konjunktur = Economic Situation; Kriminalität = Criminality; Landwirtschaft = Agriculture; Migration = Migration; Sozialstaat = Welfare State; Staatsfinanzen = Public Finance; Städte = Cities; Umwelt = Environment; Unternehmen = Enterprises; Verbrauch = Consumption; Verkehr = Transport and Communication; Versicherungen = Insurances; VGR = National Accounts; Wahlen = Elections; Übergreifend = General, Overriding themes; Demonstrationsbeispiele = Demonstration Examples)

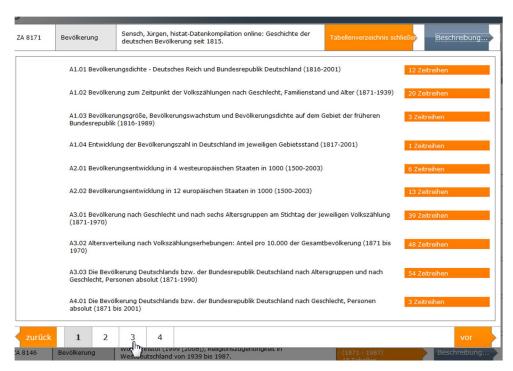


a.2 Per topic a list of studies categorized to the topic appears.

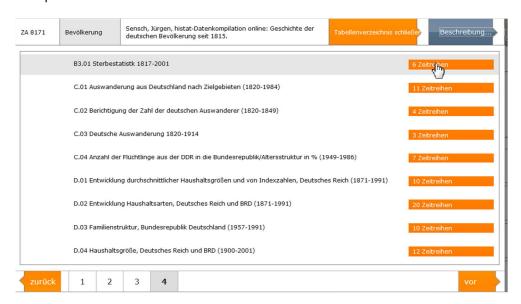
From this list a study can be chosen by opening the study description (blue button ,BESCHREIBUNG') or the study's data section (orange button).



a.3 After pressing the orange button a list of the data tables appears. The individual tables can be selected by pressing the orange button on the right-hand side of the screen.



a.4 open a data table

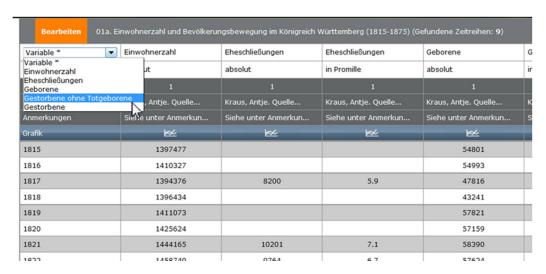


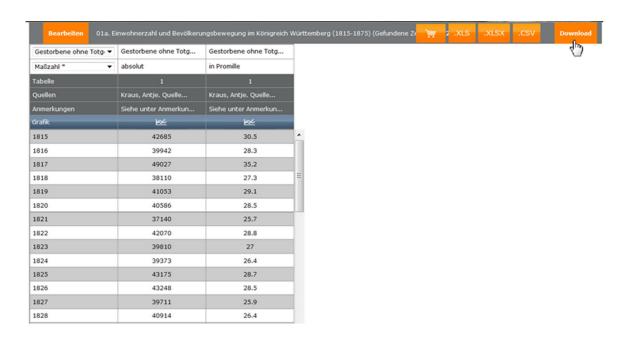
a.5 start the data download



The complete Data table, which appears on the screen, can be downloaded.

From extensive data tables individual time series can be chosen for the download:





a.6 Fill in the reason for the download and for what you will use the data. We need this data for our internal statistical report on the usage of histat:

(Lehre = teaching at university;

Forschungsprojekt = research projects;

geplante Publikation = publication;

Hausarbeit (Studierende) = write a thesis or domestic work (students);

Abschlussarbeit (erster Abschluss) = final degree thesis

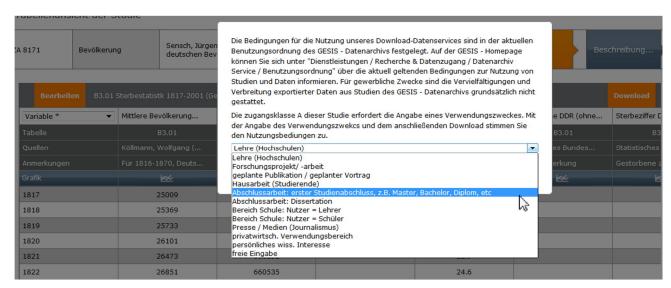
(undergraduate degree, Bachelor, Master's Degree, Diploma);

Abschlussarbeit: Dissertation = final degree thesis (Dissertation);

Bereich Schule: Nutzer =Lehrer → Schools = Teachers; Bereich Schule: Nutzer=Schüler → Schools = pupils;

Presse/Medien=print media, journalism;

freie Eingabe = free entry field).



After choosing a download reason from the list, the data are opened as Excel-file.

b) Search by Names of Primary Researcher (menu item 'NAMEN')



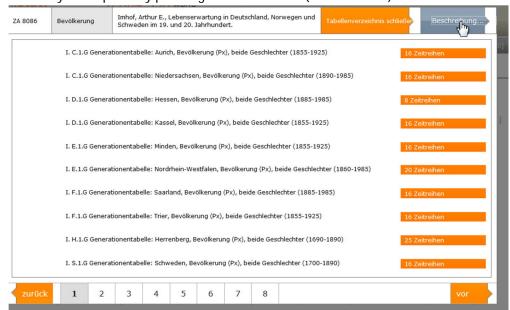
b.1 Select a letter from the alphabet at the top of the screen or click on a name from the list ,Liste aller Autorinnen und Autoren'.



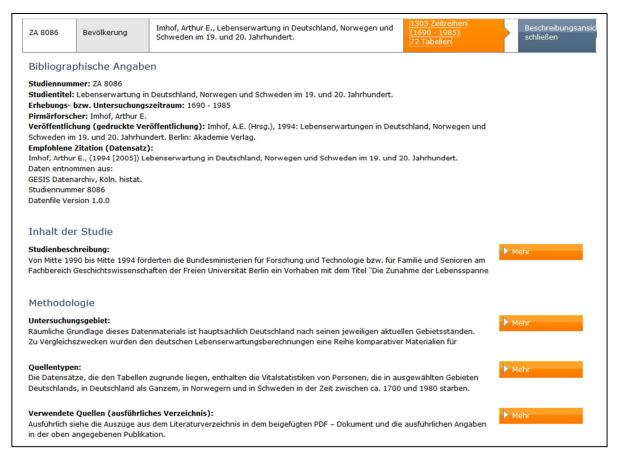
b.2 After choosing a name (e.g. Imhof) a list of studies appears, which has been carried out by the researcher and which are available via histat.



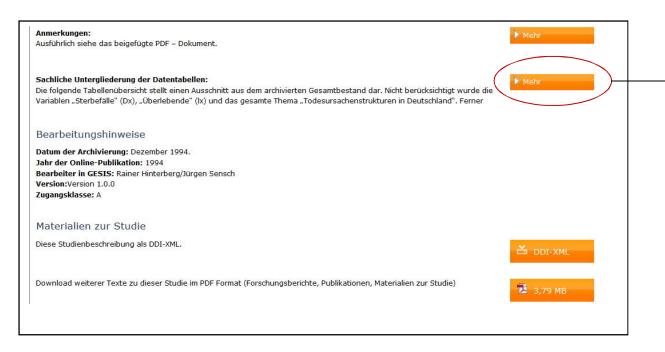
b.3 Now, the data tables of the selected study can be chosen for the download. It is helpful to open the study description by pressing the blue button (BESCHREIBUNG).



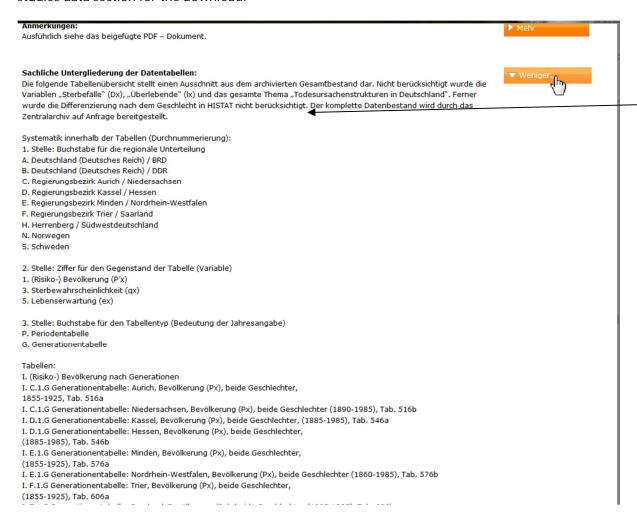
The study description informs on the territory under investigation (UNTERSUCHUNGSGEBIET), on used sources (QUELLEN), on important notes (ANMERKUNGEN) and a link for the download of further documents is offered.



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The field ,factual classification of data tables' (SACHLICHE UNTERGLIEDERUNG DER DATENTABELLEN) shows the content structure of the data. This information support by the choose of a data table from the studies data section for the download:



- c) Selection of the studies by time (ZEITEN)
- c1 Choose the time-period of interest. In this example the period '1810er' (the 1880ies) has been selected.



C2 A list appears with studies containing time series data, starting in the 1880ies.



d) Search by keywords (SUCHBEGRIFFEN):

The keyword search offers the opportunity to search for an entered search term within the entire data stock:

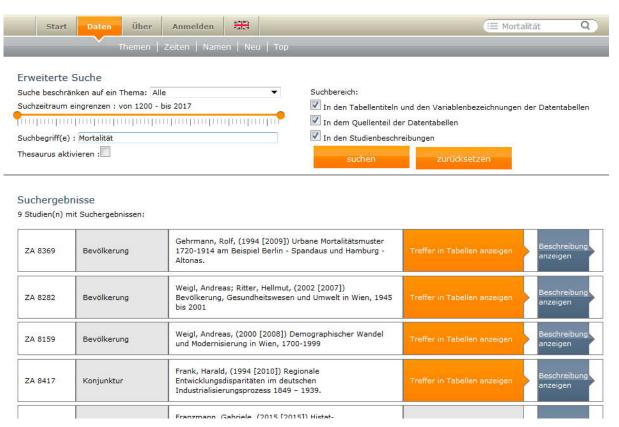


In addition to the simple keyword search, an advanced keyword search can also be carried out. The menu of the advanced keyword search offers the possibility to define the search area, the definition of the time span for the search, as well as the use of an additional thesaurus.

Example for a simple keyword search by the term ,Mortalität' (mortality):



Result = 9 studies



Example for an advanced keyword search:



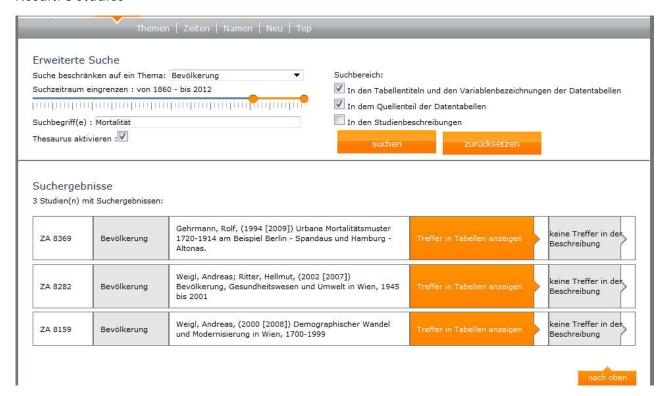
Ristrict search to a topic: [Bevölkerung = Population] (Suche Beschränken auf ein Thema:)

Limit search period: (SUCHZEITRAUM EINGRENZEN:)

Search area (SUCHBEREICH):

- search in table titles and variable names of the data tables (IN DEN TABELLENTITELN UND DEN VARIABLENBEZEICHNUNGEN DER DATENTABELLEN)
- search in the sources of the datatables (IN DEM QUELLENTEIL DER DATENTABELLEN)

Result: 3 studies



4. citation of downloaded studies and data in own publications:

We ask you for the to correct the citation of the data. The primary researcher and his publication should be named as well as the location where you have downloaded the data as a prepared data file. The citation should be as follows:

Name of primary investigator, publication year, title of the publication. Data taken from: GESIS Data Archive, Cologne. histat. Study Nr. nnnn.

Excample:

Gehrmann, Rolf, (1994) Urbane Mortalitätsmuster 1720-1914 am Beispiel Berlin - Spandaus und Hamburg - Altonas. Data taken from: GESIS Data Archive, Cologne. histat. Study Nr. 8369, Datafile Version 1.0.0