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Dr. Stefan Gradmann is Professor of Library and Information Science at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / Berlin School of Library and Information Sciences with a focus on knowledge management and semantically based operations. Besides, he has good knowledge and experience in digital library, library automation and information technologies, with a special emphasis on the digital humanities. His third area of expertise is digital identity management as well as authentication and authorisation technologies. His fourth area of interest is document management and document lifecycle management.

The overall background of his work is an integrated view of the scientific information lifecycle with emphasis on interoperability and open, standards based methods of modelling this scholarly information continuum - both in technical terms as in an e-scholarship perspective. He studied Greek, philosophy and German literature in Paris and Freiburg (Brsg.) and received his Ph.D in Freiburg in 1986 in German Literature Studies. He has worked as scientific librarian at the State and University Library in Hamburg, he was the director of the GBV Library Network, and worked for Pica B.V. in Leiden as product manager and senior consultant. Later he was Deputy Director of the University of Hamburg Regional Computing Center, the Project Director of the GAP (German Academic Publishing) Project of the German Research Association, and technical co-ordinator of FIGARO.

His working languages are German, English, French and Dutch.

Humanities Computing

Stefan was an international advisor for the ACLS Commission on Cyberinfrastructure for the Humanities and Social Sciences, and as such has contributed to the report "Our Cultural Commonwealth" (http://www.acls.org/cyber_infrastructure/OurCulturalCommonwealth.pdf) Furthermore, he is technical director of the EERQI (European Educational Research Quality Indicators) project funded under FP7 / SSH.

Europeana

He is currently heavily involved in building Europeana, the European Digital Library, and more specifically was leading WP2 on technical and semantic interoperability as part of the EDLnet project and currently leads WP1 (Creating the Europeana Semantic Layer) as part of the Europeana.Connect project as well as together with Makx Dekkers and Carlo Meghini leading work in WP3 of EuropeanaV1.0 where his main tasks are the moderation of the core expert group, liaising with external projects related to Europeana and producing the long term recommendations for future work.