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***Lin|guis|tik: The web portal for linguistics***

I would like to introduce a research tool and a resource of utmost importance to the field of linguistics: The *Lin|guis|tik-Portal* provides a virtual library which offers scientific information on every linguistic subject, ranging from general and comparative linguistics to larger European languages through to small, threatened and ancient languages. The *Lin|guis|tik-Portal*, freely accessible under [www.linguistik.de](http://www.linguistik.de), is the outcome of an ongoing cooperation between Goethe University Frankfurt, represented by the University Library and the Applied Computational Linguistics lab, the Institute of German Language (IDS Mannheim), and the LinseLinks of the Linguistic Server Essen. It is primarily oriented towards scholars from general, comparative and historical linguistics, but also addresses an interdisciplinary audience by enabling linguists and students to extend their scientific work beyond the limits of their discipline.

First of all, I will present the main modules of the *Lin|guis|tik-Portal* which include catalogues for linguistic literature, online resources (links, journals, databases, dictionaries and research projects), diverse open access documents as well as the *Bibliography of Linguistic Literature (BLL)*, one of the most comprehensive linguistic bibliographies worldwide. Furthermore, I will outline the merits of the *Lin|guis|tik-Portal* with a special focus on the integrated search function. A description of the long-term goals and the efforts to enhance its functionality and to facilitate the accessibility and visibility of language resources will follow. Finally, I will initiate a discussion about the need for usability improvement and enrichment of the target-oriented offers.