

# Digital German Colonial Archive (DGCA) – Outlines of a Research Project

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At the University of Bremen, various projects are implemented in the framework of the research focus on Colonial Linguistics. In collaboration with the State and University Library Bremen, the project *Digitales Deutsche Kolonialarchiv/ Digital German Colonial Archive* (DDKA/DGCA) is in the initial stages of its realization. The archive is conceptualized as an internet-based platform that will make accessible texts of German colonialism for research and teaching. As the first systematic digital collection of texts from the German era of colonialism, the DDKA shall not only cater to the research objectives and methodological approaches of various disciplines; it shall also constitute a reliable and scientific collection of colonial texts. Among the sources of the corpus there are missionary texts, which the paper will reflect. Based on sound criteria of selection, the DDKA provides and comments on various exemplary sources as OCR-readable facsimiles and digital full texts relevant in the context of colonial history for further scientific use. The paper will put up for discussion goals, content, conceptualization and technical implementation of the project in its planning phase.