

Information Tools for Social Research: The SRM-Thesaurus and the SRM-Site as Sources for Information on Social Research Methodology, Statistics, and Computer Programs

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As a Dutch academic Expert Centre, the SRM (Social Research Methodology) Documentation Centre in Rotterdam has focused on documentation and information concerning social research methodology, statistical analysis and computer programs for more than 25 years. During these years a bibliographic database has been built which is accessible by means of the "SRM-Thesaurus of Social Research Methodology".

Up to now the information services provided by the SRM-Documentation Centre were concentrated on the distribution of bibliographic information on CD-ROM and in print. These "traditional" information tasks of SRM have to be extended to the field of electronic information services, in order to guarantee the function of SRM as an Expert Centre for social scientific researchers.

For individual scientists it is hardly possible to keep informed in view of the enormous supply of information on the internet. For this reason the SRM-staff decided to enlarge their task as scientific information providers with a new service: "**SRM-Site for Research, Methodology and Statistics in the Social and Behavioral Sciences**". In short the SRM-Site collects, selects and presents electronic information.

Besides this ordering a link will be made to the "**SRM-Thesaurus of Social Research Methodology**" by adding one or more concepts of the Thesaurus in accordance to the methodological information provided. Besides the storage and presentation of primary information, the great value of the SRM-Site is laid in enlarging the visibility and connectivity to the many existing and forthcoming www-home pages.

With the design and the start of the **SRM-Site** on the Internet, the SRM-Documentation Centre offers a shopping centre of bibliographic and electronic information for researchers, methodologists and students in the Social and Behavioral Sciences.

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