

For Philosophical Researches with the Internet  
— A new Stage of the Husserl-Database —

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“Does speed have any significance for philosophy?” — This question concerns our project of the Husserl-Database in double senses. First, one is a question whether the usage of a computer, with a more task than a word processor, has any significance for philosophy. Secondly, it is a question about the speed for getting new data, but this question will become more acute if we take into consideration the Internet, the newest international electronic media : How do we as philosophers make usage of the Internet, in which the latest informations run around the world for a moment? This paper will answer these questions as far as possible, by introducing the new stage of the Husserl-Database.

There is a good reason to believe that speed with a computer has significance also for philosophy. A searching work of key words in philosophical texts and a text-analysing work of them have indeed no philosophical character in themselves, but play an important roll especially for fundamental process of philosophical research. For example, it is an important process for research of Husserl’s phenomenology to confirm when and in which text Husserl began to use the terms “transcendental” or “life-world”, and how often and in which context he continued to use them. Although such work would take much time and labor without a computer, we can get consequences very fast and certainly with a computer. A computer can neither simplify nor abridge our philosophizing, but by leaving such simple works as searching or text-analysing to a computer we can save time and labor for philosophizing more intricate problems of our concerns.

The Husserl-Database is a collection of search results of key words in *Husserliana*. Our purpose for establishing this Database is to make open all such data. We are very pleased that all researchers of Husserl’s phenomenology with same interest can avoid redundancy by making use of such data as common property. The Internet makes any researcher quickly access to data and get them.

Suppose that we have only a concordance in a printed form and cannot find a certain key word in it. This can often occur, if we try to interpret a text from a new perspective. Then such a concordance would be helpless for us. On the contrary, if you cannot find a word in the Husserl-Database, send an e-mail to us. We are always ready to answer it and add new data to the Husserl-Database. Since the Database increases as common property with our cooperative efforts, we can call it "a living multipliing concordance". In the Husserl-Database we can make good use of the speed of reciprocal transmitting data.

A new stage of the Husserl-Database, to which we reached since last year, has two points. First, we have doubled data. To the data of last year, which we built from 5 volumes of *Husserliana*, we added data from 6 volumes. Original texts are as follows :

*Husserliana, Edmund Husserl Gesammelte Werke*, Martinus Nijhoff / Kluwer Academic Publishers :

Bd. XXI *Studien zur Arithmetik und Geometrie. Texte aus dem Nachlass (1886-1901)*, hrsg. von Ingeborg Strohmeier, 1983.

Bd. XXII *Aufsätze und Rezensionen (1890-1910)*. Mit ergänzenden Texten, hrg. von Bernhard Rang, 1979.

Bd. XXIII *Phantasie, Bildbewusstsein, Erinnerung. Zur Phänomenologie der Anschaulichen Vergegenwärtigungen. Texte aus dem Nachlass (1898-1925)*, hrg. von Eduard Marbach, 1980.

Bd. XXV *Aufsätze und Vorträge (1911-1921)*. Mit ergänzenden Texten, hrg. von Thomas Nenon und Hans Rainer Sepp, 1987.

Bd. XXVII *Aufsätze und Vorträge (1922-1937)*. Mit ergänzenden Texten, hrg. von Thomas Nenon und Hans Rainer Sepp, 1989.

Bd. XXIX *Die Krisis der europäischen Wissenschaften und die transzendente Phänomenologie. Ergänzungsband*. Texte aus dem Nachlass (1934-1937), hrg. von Reinhold N. Smid, 1993.

As second point of the new stage we have opened a Home Page of the Husserl-Database in WWW (World Wide Web). Its address is :

<http://www.ipcs.shizuoka.ac.jp/~jsshama/HUA-home.html>

Although you can use the Husserl-Database with “ftp” method, which we described last year in this Annual Reports, by opening the Home Page more quick, easy and comfortable access to the Husserl-Database became possible. For further informations about the Husserl-Database, please access with this address or send me an e-mail : [jsshama@hss.shizuoka.ac.jp](mailto:jsshama@hss.shizuoka.ac.jp)!