



Polish Literary Bibliography as a research lab on contemporary Polish culture

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POLISH LITERARY BIBLIOGRAPHY (PBL)

About

- Annotated bibliography of Polish literature (est. in 1954)
- Continuous task of the Department of Current Bibliography at the Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- Register of all articles, notes and other published or broadcast materials concerning literary life
- Similar national bibliographies:
 - ABELL (Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature)
 - BDSL (Bibliographie der deutschen Sprach und Literaturwissenschaft)
 - BLE (Bibliografía de la Literatura Española)

Coverage

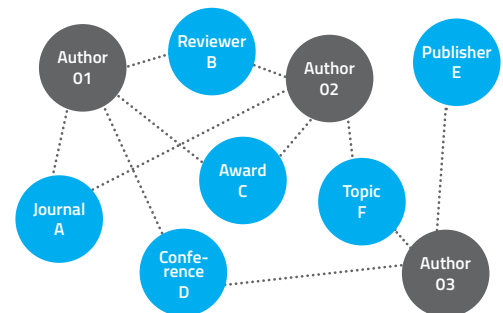
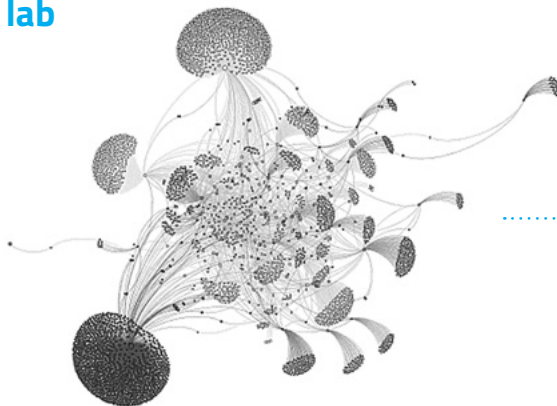
- Books, journals, newspapers, movies, TV & radio broadcasts (in Polish)
- Topical scope: literature and literary studies, philosophy, history, theology, society, theatre, cinema
- ~600 journals per year are analysed and annotated
- Coverage:
 - (1939) 1944–1988 (51 printed volumes)
 - 1989–1999 (present digital database)
 - 2000–present (in progress)

Data

- Dates (publication, broadcast, award)
- People (author, reviewer, scriptwriter, director)
- Works (book, article, review, performance, broadcast, movie)
- Places (city of publication, theatre)
- Institutions (publisher, journal, theatre, radio or TV station)
- Events (contest, exhibition, award)
- Categories (e.g. 'literary theory'; 'exile literature'; 'psychology'; 'education'; 'censorship')

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PBL lab



Project

- Polish Literary Bibliography as a research tool on contemporary Polish culture
- 3-year project funded by the National Programme for the Development of Humanities (May 2015 – May 2018)
- Coordinator: Maciej Maryl
- Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences:
 - Digital Humanities Centre
 - Department of Current Bibliography
- ICT partner: PSNC (Poznań Supercomputing and Networking Center)

Aims

- Creating a database of app. 4 million bibliographical records on Polish literature (1939–2002) (incl. digitisation and parsing of the printed volumes)
- Linking the Data with LOD cloud's elements (e.g. VIAF, DBpedia, GeoNames)
- Creating data mining and visualisation tools
- Using the database for research into Polish 20th-century literature and culture

Research tool

- Computer-assisted data analysis
- Wide range of search query options
- Finding connections between the elements of the database
- Creating custom timelines
- Exporting data for visualisations in Gephi

