The extension of LIDO Terminology in the Portal “Collections from Colonial Contexts” in the German Digital Library

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Structure

1. The political context of the Portal “Collections from Colonial Contexts” (CCC-Portal) in the German Digital Library

2. The extension of the controlled LIDO terminology in the reappraisal of German colonial history

3. Questions and [critical] comments
The Political Context of the CCC-Portal in the German Digital Library

Transparency

Provenance Research
We see the inclusion of people from countries and societies of origin of formerly colonized territories as a prerequisite for overcoming outdated interpretive sovereign rights and a Eurocentric perspective and to find a way to an exchange based on partnership.

Quote: Key point paper of the Federal Minister for Culture and Media, the State Minister in the Foreign Office for International Cultural Policy and the Municipal umbrella organizations dated from March, 25 in 2019
Historical and political multi-perspectives on items from colonial contexts

- Societies of origin
- Transparency and CARE

- Item biography in colonial contexts

- CCC Central Online Portal in LIDO

- Museums Cataloguing data+ provenance research
The extension of the controlled LIDO terminology in the reappraisal of German colonial history

The following slides reflect a state of discussion that has not yet been adopted by the CIDOC-LIDO Working Group.
Digital Object

Physical custody / legal ownership

https://www.cidoc-crm.org/sites/default/files/CIDOC-501.PNG
Limits of LIDO eventType terminology

How can I express an event like restitution, which contains both properties?

Change of physical custody

Change of legal ownership

requires new eventTypes
Extension of LIDO eventType terminology

Sub-terms of „Change of physical custody and/or ownership“
New `eventType` types to document former and recent provenance research results

![Diagram showing new `eventType` types including:
- `Attribute assignment`
- `Assignment to a curated holding`
- `Cultural attribution`
- `Deciphering the inscription`
- `Meaning assignment in contexts of origin`
- `Name assignment`
- `Type assignment`
- `Determination or assignment to an object genre`]
Name assignment as a value for the LIDO Event Type element, designates either the activity of assigning/scientifically examining/etranslating/reconstructing the name of an intangible or tangible cultural object/asset in the language of the society of origin, or the assignment of a name to a collection item.

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Name assignment

eventType: name assignment (LIDO terminology)

thingPresent: Designation in the language of origin or for a collection item

eventMethod: assignment / verification / translation / reconstruction

eventActor: person or organisation involved in the event

eventActorInRole: role of the involved person or organisation

eventPlace: information where the event took place

eventDate: information when the event took place

eventDescription: description

eventDescription: source of the event (attribute type= http://vocab.getty.edu/aat/300435423 [citations])
Meaning assignment in contexts of origin

Text:
Assignment of meaning in contexts of origin as a value for the LIDO event type element designates the activities of reconstructing or (subsequently) attributing the meaning an intangible or tangible cultural asset had in societies associated with its production and/or use.

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Portal „Collections from Colonial Contexts“ in the German Digital Library

Thank you!

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