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Qualitative Data Archiving in the Czech Republic

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MEDARD

Digitální ARchív MĚkkých Dat

The Digital Archive of Soft Data
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History

• The archive was established in 2000
• It was based upon the project Alternative culture: 1994-2005
• Until 2004 it was run by Virtual Institute, a Czech NGO focused on the application of Internet technologies to education, publishing and research in the field of social sciences
2004-2005 Searching for a New Home for the Archive
Rebirth

• In the end of 2005, the archive MEDARD was incorporated as an independent data library to the Sociological Data Archive by the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences
Functioning of the Archive

• The archive acquires, preserves and provides data solely in the digital form

• Currently using NESSTAR as a data catalogue
Dataset: Alternativní kultura: případ české společnosti 40.-90. let

Full Title
Alternativní kultura: případ české společnosti 40-90. let

Identification Number
ALTKUL

Authoring Entity
- Josef Alan

Producer
- Virtuální institut
- Asociace Film a Sociologie

Date of Production
2006-08-21

Funding Agency/Sponsor
- Grantová agentura České republiky Grant: GACR 403/99/0885
Website:  
http://medard.soc.cas.cz
Functioning of the archive

• The archive provides data on the basis of submitted applications

• Research database on the archive's website presents information on Czech qualitative projects (under construction)
Main obstacles

• Data Protection Law and the issues of INFORMED CONSENT

• Insufficient motivation to store data
Future

• Promotion, promotion, promotion…

• There are various academic institutions and universities performing qualitative research

• International cooperation
Thank you.

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