A Law Library: The Researchers’ Perspective

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The Survey

- Online Survey run on SurveyMonkey
- From 29 September to 20 October 2016
- 61 Total Responses
- Mostly MPI Researchers, but also some external invitations
Reactiveness of the Library

- **Speed in the acquisition of new books/resources**
  - Completely irrelevant: 11
  - Not particularly relevant: 17
  - Relevant: 42
  - Very relevant: 41

- **Possibility to suggest purchases/orders**
  - Completely irrelevant: 1
  - Not particularly relevant: 18
  - Relevant: 41
  - Very relevant: 42

- **Quality of reference services**
  - Completely irrelevant: 1
  - Not particularly relevant: 4
  - Relevant: 18
  - Very relevant: 38

(Percentages are approximate and based on visual estimation.)
Supportiveness of the Library/1

- Organization of events (e.g., tutorials on database research)
- Availability of ancient/rare documents
- Specialization of the library on a certain topic

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When you approach a new research topic, where do you usually start from?

- Conversations with experts: 6.6%
- Reading print materials on the subject: 26.2%
- Browsing a specialized online database: 37.7%
- Doing a google search: 21.3%
- Other (please specify): 8.2%
Environment of the Library

Atmosphere of the library

- Completely irrelevant: 4%
- Not particularly relevant: 9%
- Relevant: 29%
- Very relevant: 28%

Quality of the facilities (tables etc.)

- Completely irrelevant: 14%
- Not particularly relevant: 27%
- Relevant: 16%
- Very relevant: 4%

Prestige of the institution the library is attached to

- Completely irrelevant: 27%
- Not particularly relevant: 30%
- Relevant: 16%
- Very relevant: 4%
Print vs. Electronic/1

- **Availability of journals in print**
  - Completely irrelevant: 6
  - Not particularly relevant: 24
  - Relevant: 21
  - Very relevant: 10

- **Availability of e-resources**
  - Completely irrelevant: 2
  - Not particularly relevant: 9
  - Relevant: 50
  - Very relevant: 0

- **Possibility to copy documents**
  - Completely irrelevant: 3
  - Not particularly relevant: 11
  - Relevant: 47
  - Very relevant: 0

- **Possibility to scan documents to PDF**
  - Completely irrelevant: 0
  - Not particularly relevant: 9
  - Relevant: 51
  - Very relevant: 0
Q3 When a journal is available both in print and online, which one do you prefer?

Answered: 61  Skipped: 0

Print

Online
Would you be comfortable with a complete transition to online publication for journals (i.e. phasing out paper journals)?

- Very uncomfortable: 3.3%
- Uncomfortable: 14.8%
- Comfortable: 41.0%
- Very comfortable: 41.0%
Why do you feel uncomfortable with a transition to online publication for journals? (You can select more than one option)

- Because paper resources are a safer storage option: 83.3%
- Because I read better on paper: 25.0%
- Because paper journals are associated with higher prestige: 16.7%
- Because I like paper journal better aesthetically: 0.0%
- Because online databases are too expensive: 16.7%
- None of the above: 16.7%
- Other (please specify): 16.7%
How would you feel about an open-access policy for the articles you publish (i.e. accessibility without any fees and any revenue)?

- Highly against: 1.6%
- Against: 8.2%
- In favour: 42.6%
- Highly in favour: 47.5%
Thank you.