

André Mazon in his historical and intellectual context

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The emergence of scientific networks in Slavic studies

- The study of scientific networks is an important and fascinating aspect of the history of science. They play an important role in the dynamics of research in a large area, crossing borders and bringing together people from all academic backgrounds.
- Transnational networks have greatly contributed to the internationalisation of fields of studies since the 19th century. Indeed, international congresses sprang in Europe starting from the second half of the 19th century. They were no longer limited to just a few personalities interested in exchanging views on common interests, but assemblies gathering scholars and amateurs from several countries.
- The First World War brought the life of these networks to an abrupt halt, as they could no longer meet at major conferences. Once the war ended, some people thought that this European academic life could be restored. In times of peace and free movement, networks can form and develop with a certain autonomy from political events, forces and powers.



From a corpus to a data set

Let's start from a **corpus**, a usual term for archive studies.

Here, we have a whole corpus of 3, 000 letters that were written to André Mazon throughout his academic career.

Our corpus is identified and entitled : Collection of André Mazon's correspondence.

First of all, we have to establish an **inventory** of these letters. It has to be exhaustive.

Now, we have to collect some data from our corpus, data relevant for a major question that we are seeking to investigate. Accordingly, we'll select items and create **a data set**.

The data set size may vary: a few items, a dozen, a hundred, a thousand... It's up to you and your assumptions.

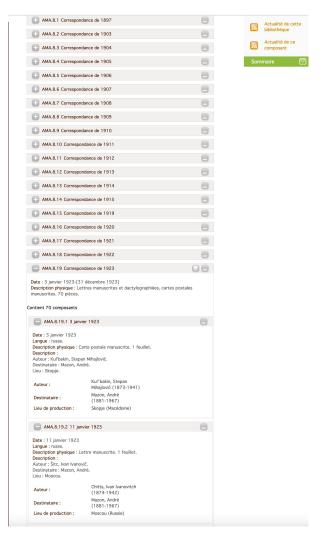


Inventory stage

This step is essential. It must be done according to **several prescriptions. A notice** must be drawn up for each document. It is then computed into a catalogue register which includes it, along with many other records produced by many other authors, institutions and other providers.

It is mandatory to have in mind the insertion into the data aggregate.

This notice has to meet an **interoperability** requirement.





Digitization standards and guidelines

Sharing experiences and good practices through **tutorials**.

The technical solution chosen takes into account the type of material, target audience, intended use.

For example, digitization is made for an audience of **researchers**, the **JPEG** format of digitization is therefore quite relevant.

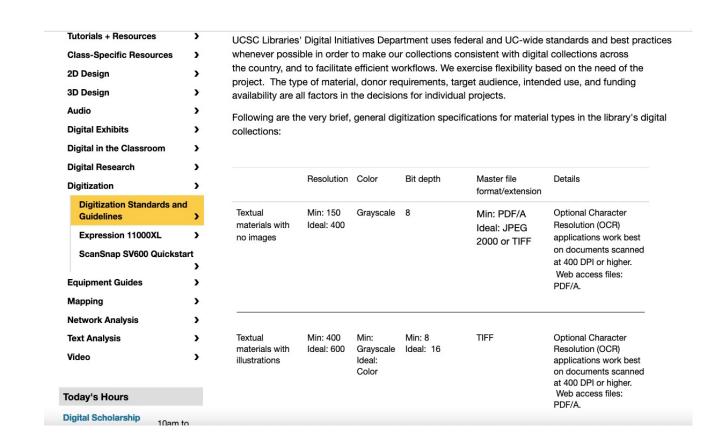
For enhancing access or improving **preservation of material, TIFF** format 400 DPI is needed.

FAIR Data Principals

A key element in the context of Open Science

Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability

Reuse of digitised material.













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At the end of WWI, the French government authorized the University of Paris to create institutes dedicated to the study of foreign languages and cultures. Among the establishments born from the institutional advent of areal studies was the Institute of Slavic Studies of Paris whose centenary is celebrated this year. A library, research centre, educational establishment associated with the university and a scientific society, were and still are gathered together in a single place devoted to Slavic studies and embracing all the fields of humanities and social sciences.

The Institute of Slavic Studies (IES) keeps a rich archival collection of the highest interest. Professors, researchers, scholars as well as heirs and beneficiaries, have donated their personal archives and correspondence, all of which cover a whole century of scientific production in various fields: history, philology, literature, linguistics, technology... These archives represent an output in a close-knit network across many countries, primarily from Central and Eastern Europe. Indeed, the founder of the Institute, Pr. Ernest Denis, who held a chair at the Sorbonne, had played an active role in the creation of Czechoslovakia after November 11th, 1918. In 1921, the Czechoslovak Parliament granted the University of Paris a donation of one million francs, half of which to purchase Pr Denis' house in order to turn into an institute, the other half to create a chair of history and civilization of the Slavic peoples at the University. As soon as diplomatic relations between France and the Soviet Union were established in 1925, the IES, under the impetus of André Mazon, set up a system of exchanges between scholars, libraries and journals. The funds reflect these scientific relationships.

On the occasion of the Institute's centenary celebrations, we have launched a vast digitization project under the name NUMERISLAV. This project has received the technical support of the Eur'Orbem Group, a research center dedicated to Central and Eastern Europe and to the Balkans based at Sorbonne University, as well as funding support from Sorbonne University itself. We aim at putting online our archives, so as to make them available to scholars, students and the larger audience.

The sets of archives housed at the IES form a coherent corpus offering a broad sample of Slavic studies from the 1920s to the 1980s.



A short biography of André Mazon

- André Mazon (1881-1967), a Slavist, was at the forefront French Slavic studies for half a century.
- The son of a journalist Albin Mazon, he studied at the Practical School for Higher Studies with the renowned linguist. Antoine Meillet and at the Special School for Oriental Languages with Paul Boyer. He taught French at the University of Kharkiv, Ukraine (1905-08). During his stay, the university of Kharkiv was closed by the imperial government for a year, for political purposes and Mazon took advantage of this interruption to leave for Praga, where he studied czech language at Charles University.
- He then worked as a Library Secretary at the Paris School for Oriental Languages (1909-1914).
- During World War I, he served as an interpreter on the Eastern Front in Macedonia. After Russian revolution, he spent several months in Petrograd in 1918. He was arrested and imprisoned there by the Bolsheviks. While in prison, he tried to write down all the new words and expressions he heard, the acronyms and the linguistic borrowings of those revolutionary times.
- Returning to France in 1919, he became a professor at the University of Strasbourg (1919-23), then at the Collège de France (1924-51). He was later appointed as the honorary President of the Institute of Slavic Studies of the University of Paris (1937-59), as well as Vice-President of the International Committee of Slavists (1958-67).
- Together with Antoine Meillet and André Vaillant, he founded and edited the Revue des études slaves in 1921, which remains to this date a major journal in Slavic studies today.
- Specialist in philology and linguistics of Slavic languages and Russian classical literature.
- He published works on literature as well as on Russian and Czech grammar (e.g. on verbal aspects). He was a member of the Academy of USSR (1928) and of the Bulgarian Academy.
- He was one of the representatives of the VOKS in France [the Soviet Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries].



Mazon during WW1





Revue des études slaves, LXXXII, 2011 : A special issue dedicated to André Mazon



Picture of André Mazon by E. E. Levdikov, no date.



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FONDS ANDRÉ MAZON

André Mazon (1881-1967). Figure clef des relations scientifiques entre la France et l'URSS avant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, André Mazon est de ceux qui ont fait et dirigé la slavistique française pendant plusieurs décennies. Il est le fondateur de la bibliothèque, pilier de la Revue des études slaves et président de l'Institut de 1937 à 1959.

Fonds inventorié

Contenu: Correspondance, manuscrits, coupures de presse.

Volumétrie : 56 boîtes.

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In 1928 Mazon was elected a member of the Academy of USSR.

- A cartoon from the satirical journal *Hippopotamus* (1928).
- *Hippopotamus* was published from 1925 to 1929.







The Great Russian language

- André Mazon, a specialist in Slavic languages, came to Leningrad to study new words that had appeared in recent years.
- And Mr. Mazon dig his mouse nose into science, looking for new words. Science didn't have a clue, when it came to new words: it could not figure out terms like 'the kid' or 'the pissing girl'.
- "You bet, science!" thought Mazon, "An office job, yes. You have to get to grips with everyday life... "
- That's how Mazon went to rub shoulders with life.
- He groped life like this.
- He groped it like that.
- And again like this.
- And even like that.
- And having rubbed himself in such a way, he prepared to leave. But still, he made a speech in Russian at the departure banquet. "Guys," he said, "get lost!

 Let's have a good drink to the prosperity of the Russian language. Why should we muddy the waters and then, as it were, grumble, open our mouths and spoil the mood."
- And science opened its mouth wide and thought: "Oh, those foreigners! With such an accent, you can't get a single word! And famous on top of all of that!"



A link between the older generation of philologists and the new one

- Jiří Polívka (1858-1933)
- After attending high school in Prague, Polívka studied Slavic philology at the University of Prague and the University of Zagreb. At that time he was particularly interested in the major works of the Bulgarian language. In 1882 he submitted his thesis to the University of Vienna and received his doctorate from Charles University in Prague two years later.

Velectěný pane kolego Kol. Tille projevil mi onehdy Vaše přání, abych pro Vaši revui sepsal článek. Připomenul mi tím můj dávný slib, který dosud nemohl Na jaře dodělal jsem konečně svoje dílo o slovenských pohádkách Potom pustil jsem do jiné práce, sice ne právě přísně vědecké, ale pro nás velmi potřebné. Před časem utvořili jsme plán slovanské knihovny a získali podporu ministerstva školství, zvolena redakce ustanovena ministerstvem z kol. Máchala a Vašeho oddaného ctitele Já převzal jsem sestavení výboru z ruských pohádek s gramatickými poznámkami a slovníčkem, a ovšem kratičkým úvodem. Touto prací byl jsem od jara zaměstnán, a dosud ovšem nejsem s ní hotov. Sestavil jsem poměrně obsáhlou sbírku, celkem 45 čísel. Sestavena jest sy stematicky, následují za sebou bájky a zvířecí látky, legendy, báchor ky polomytického rázu, povídky z obecného života, látky novelistické povídky humoristické a žertovné. Teksty jsou ovšem vesměs akcentovány. Gelkový plán řídí se podle znamenité rukověti Boyerovy. drama-

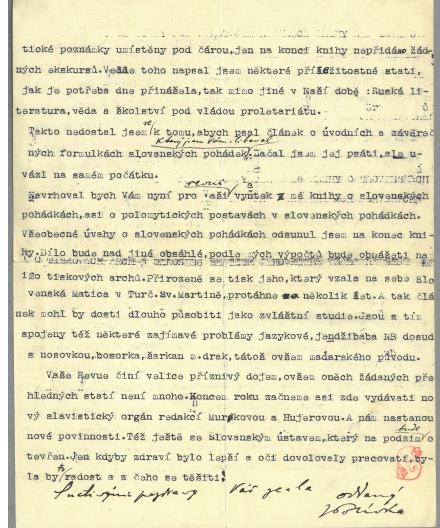
Letter of Jiří Polívka to André Mazon, July 16th, 1921.

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Jiří Polívka (1858-1933)

- He then undertook several study trips to several Slavic countries. Starting from 1885, he taught Slavic languages at various universities in Bohemia (later included into Czechoslovakia).
- His *Slavic Tales* (1932) and other major works on the Slavic folk tales dedicate a good deal of attention to the artistic form of the tale. Polívka studied the history of the ancient and modern literature of the Slavic peoples and the works of 19th-century Russian authors. His works on Slavic dialectology are of immense value.
- From 3 March 1920 to 12 October 1932 he was vice-president of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences.

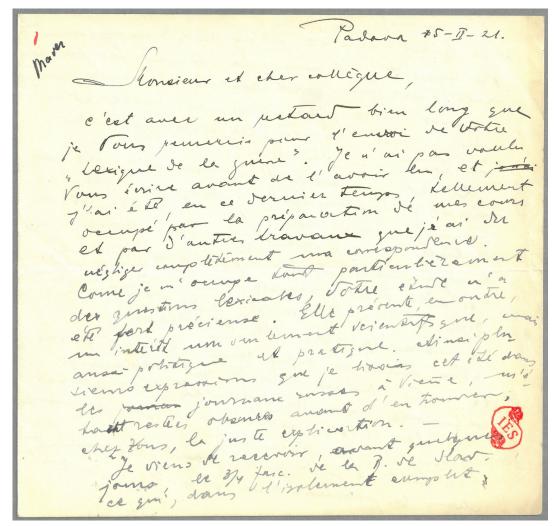


Letter of Jiří Polívka to André Mazon, July 16th, 1921.



Towards establishing a European network for Slavic studies

- A letter from Giovanni Maver (1891-1970), professor of Slavic philology at the University of Padova, then professor of Polish language and literature at the University La Sapienza in Roma.
- The letter was written in Padova, in French.
- Please do note that Maver studied in Vienna (Austria), then in Firenze, Paris, and wrote his PhD thesis in Vienna.

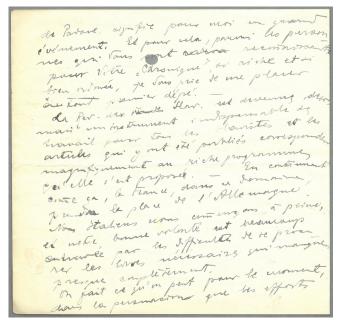


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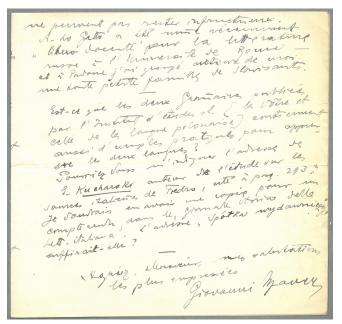
Towards establishing a European network for Slavic philology:

The crucial role of journals

- « The Revue des études slaves has now become an indispensable working tool for all Slavists, and the articles published in it correspond exactly to the rich programme it has set out to achieve.
- Should France carry on, it will take Germany's place in this field. We, Italians are only beginning, and our goodwill is much hampered by the difficulties of obtaining the necessary books that are completely lacking ».

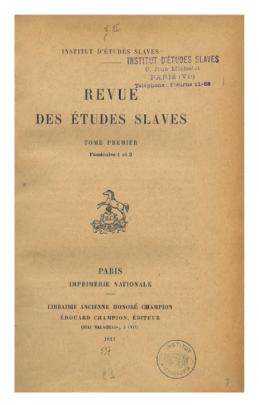


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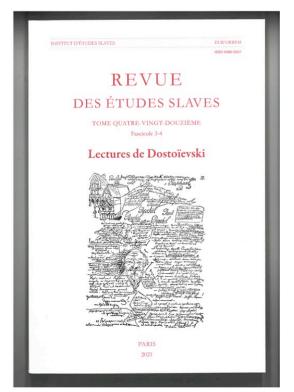




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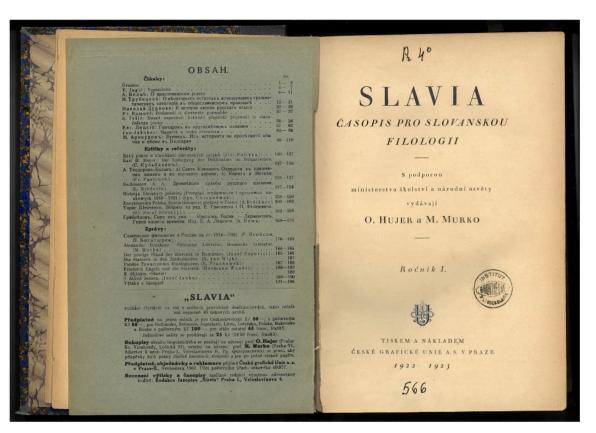
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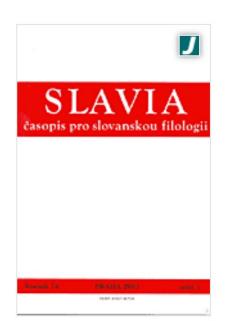
SLAVIA (journal published since 1922)



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The journal Slavia, first launched in the year 1922, presents results of comparative Slavic research focused mainly on diachronic and synchronic linguistic and literary topics, but also on folkloristic and ethnologic diversity of the Slavs and historical and cultural relations among Slavic nations. The articles are printed in all Slavic languages as well as in English, German, French or Italian with English, French or German abstracts.

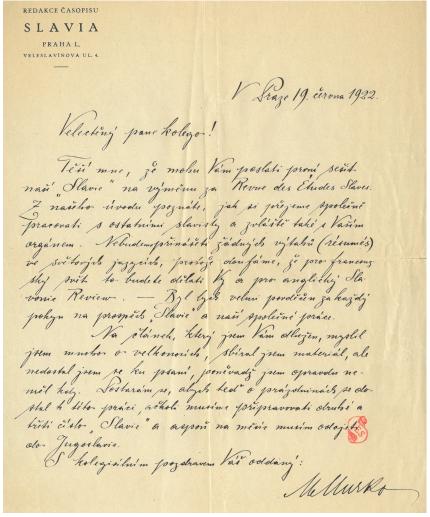


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Letter from Matija Murko, coeditor of SLAVIA



Letter from Matija Murko to André Mazon, June 19th, 1922.

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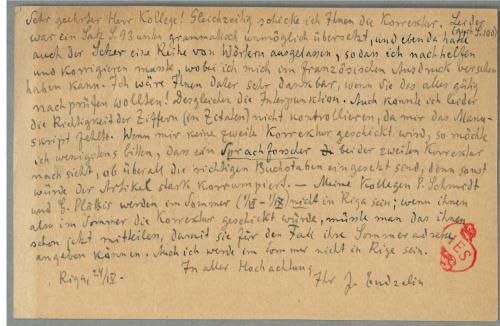
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Lettre of Stanisław Szober to André Mazon, March 23rd, 1922.

Stanislaw Szober (1879-1938), a Polish slavist





Postcard of Jānis Endzelīns to André Mazon, April 24th, 1922.

Jānis Endzelīns (1873-1963), a Latvian slavist



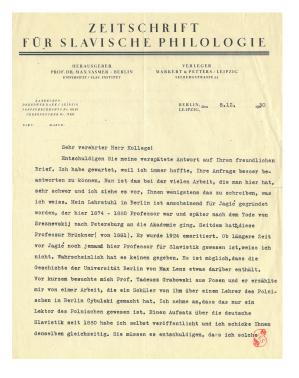


Postcard of Stoân Romanski to André Mazon, May 25th, 1922.

Stoân Romanski (1882-1959), a Bulgarian historian and linguist

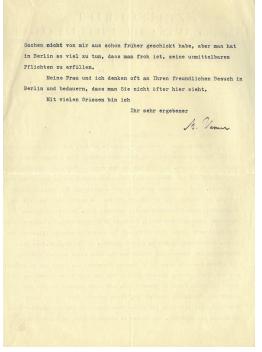


Max Vasmer (1886-1962) Editor of Zeitschrift für slavische Philologie (1924)





• Born in St. Petersburg in a German family. He graduated in St. Petersburg university. After the Russian revolution, he taught in Saratov and Dorpat (Tartu, Estonia). He settled in Leipzig in 1921 and moved to Berlin in 1925. He taught in New York in 1938-1939.



Letter of Max Vasmer to André Mazon, December 8th, 1930.







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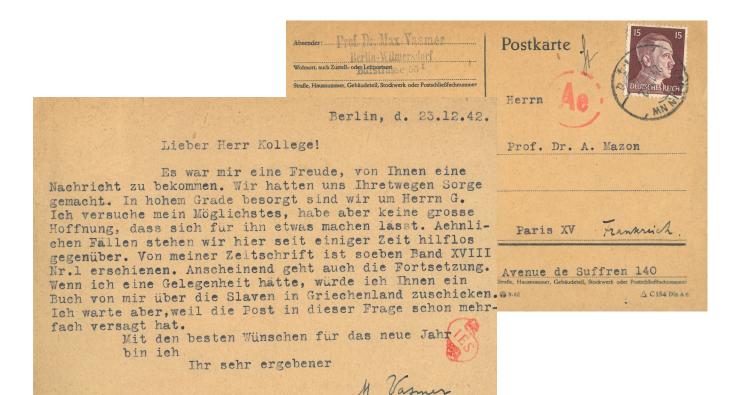








A postcard from Max Vasmer (Berlin, 1942, Dec. 23rd)

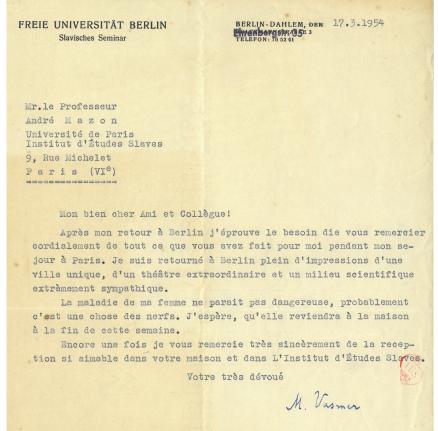


« It was a pleasure to receive a message from you. We had been worried about you. We are very worried about Mr G. I am doing my best, but I do not have much hope. We have been helplessly confronted with similar cases here for some time. Volume XVIII No. 1 of my journal has just been published ».

Postcard of Max Vasmer to André Mazon, December 23rd, 1942.



A letter of Max Vasmer (Berlin, 1954, March 17th)



Letter of Max Vasmer to Mazon, March 17th, 1954.

Mon bien cher ami et collègue!

Après mon retour à Berlin, j'éprouve le besoin de vous remercier cordialement de tout ce que vous avez fait pour moi pendant mon séjour à Paris. Je suis retourné à Berlin plein d'impressions d'une ville unique, d'un théâtre extraordinaire et un milieu scientifique extrêmement sympathique [...]. Encore une fois je vous remercie très sincèrement de la réception si aimable dans votre maison et dans l'Institut d'études slaves.

My dear friend and colleague!

After my return to Berlin I feel the need to cordially thank you for all you have done for me during my stay in Paris. I returned to Berlin full of impressions of a unique city, an extraordinary theatre and an extremely friendly scientific environment [...]. Once again, I thank you most sincerely for the kind reception in your house and in the Institute of Slavic Studies.