HOW DO UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES SERVE THE NEEDS OF GENDER STUDIES PROGRAMS?

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The more women's and gender studies courses are offered as special curriculums at various universities the more urgent it is to focus on the role of university libraries in this process. How university libraries serve the needs of gender studies students and staff today?

There isn't any discussion and literature about this theme in Germany till today. Every institution solves the problem it's own way.

To answer the above question I will analyse a second questionnaire which I sent to more than 20 gender studies centers at universities in Germany, Austria and Switzerland (the first one started in February 2000 with no utilisable results). All the centers are different in case of how long they exist, how many students and staff they have, how they affiliated to the university structur. Therefore it is a wide range of possible answers and worthful to look at similarities or to discuss possibilities in order to generalise them.

Comparing the answers of various centers against the background of relevant literature in this field I hope to be able to suggest some useful general methods in planning, supplying and providing gender studies literature in or together with university libraries.