An introduction to PARALLEL ARCHIVE beta
Parallel Archive is a space where researchers can upload, study, and share their scanned archival sources. It facilitates scholarly research, collaboration, and a critical approach to documents.

**It is at once**

- **A DIGITAL ARCHIVE**
  - PA is a digital repository made by end users where you can upload and search for documents

- **A PERSONAL WORKSPACE**
  - PA is a personal workspace where you can store your documents, work with them directly online, and access them anywhere through the internet

- **A COLLABORATIVE NETWORK**
  - PA is a collaborative environment for scholars where you can discuss documents and general research themes
PA was created to address the problems scholars face when working with archival material.

**Obstacles scholars face during research**

- **Locating Archival Collections**
  - It is often hard for scholars to find collections of interest for their research. PA provides information on the physical source of material, helping scholars locate relevant archival collections.

- **Rigid Organization of Archival Collections**
  - The hierarchical organization of traditional archives makes research difficult for the non-initiated. With its library-type search, PA gives access to individual archival documents.

- **Absence of Archival Content Online**
  - Archives have been slow to digitize their content. PA proposes to capture scholars' individual efforts to give general access to archival material.

- **Lack of Tools to Study Documents Directly Online**
  - Scholars' digitized archival material often ends up disorganized on their desktops. PA creates PDFs, offers tools to organize and view them, provides OCRRed text, and allows online page annotations.
SO, HOW IS PA USEFUL FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS?

1. A repository to find archival sources
2. Useful working tools for your research
3. A permanent URL for access and citation
4. A network of scholars and ideas
A REPOSITORY TO FIND ARCHIVAL SOURCES

1: WHAT SORT OF DOCUMENTS CAN YOU FIND IN THE PA REPOSITORY?

- documents of historical value, testimonies of the past
- original documents, somehow unique, generally non-published

HOW DOES PA HELP YOU TO FIND ARCHIVAL SOURCES?

- Search for individual documents by type, subject, name, language, country, date, source, etc.
- Locate collections of interest relevant to your research through information on original sources.
- Collect and store documents of interest in your PA personal workspace.

EXAMPLES:
- official, legal, and organizational records and reports
- manuscripts, letters, journals
- photos, maps, prints, plans
- newspaper clippings, annotated publications
- ephemera and grey literature
Search by typing in a word or using advanced search options.

Narrow your results by type of document, language, or country.

Click on a tag to find documents related to specific topics.

Click on a document to see its full description and collect it.
PA allows you to upload your digitized archival material and offers you tools to work with it.

- **Organize Documents**: Organize your documents in thematic folders and sub-folders.
- **Edit Text**: Obtain, edit, and search the text version of documents.
- **Annotate Pages**: Annotate your documents page by page as you read them.
- **Email and Download**: E-mail a citation or download any document to your computer.

**NB**: You can benefit from these functions whilst keeping documents private, for example until you publish your research.
CREATE A DOCUMENT ON PA (1)
Upload your document

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SEARCH
Advanced Search

MyCollections
MyShoebox
MyTags
MyForums
MyProfile

REPOSITORY

TAGS

FORUMS

ABOUT PA

UPLOAD

Standard Upload
Drag and Drop
Simple Upload

Choose your upload method

Upload

Click “Browse...” to select files. For multiple selection, please use the “Ctrl” or “Shift” key.

File
Size
Remove

Accepted Formats: TIFF, JPG, PDF
Maximum File Size: 10MB
Maximum Files per Upload: 100
Temporary Storage Limit: 500MB

Need help?
Improve your Results

Browse...
Upload

Browse and....
...upload your archival material
CREATE A DOCUMENT ON PA (2)

Describe your document

Give as much information on the document as you can and be sure to fill in all required fields!

At the end of this process, you must:
- decide whether to keep your document private or make it public
- submit your document
ORGANIZE YOUR DOCUMENTS

Here you will find the documents you’ve uploaded and collected.

**MyCollections**

Permanent copies remain in your Uploaded and Collected Documents. Drag and drop to copy documents into your Virtual Collections and to move them between folders.

- **My Uploaded Documents (9)**
- **My Collected Documents (18)**
- **My Virtual Collections (23)**
  - Hungary 1956 (4)
  - samizdat (9)
  - Yugoslav War (6)

**Add Collection**

Create thematic virtual collections for your uploaded and collected documents.

**Add Collection allows you to add, move, rename, and delete virtual collections**
WORK WITH YOUR DOCUMENTS

- Annotate individual pages and edit/view the text version of your document
- Download your document or e-mail citation
- Tag your document
- Add public comments to your document
- Start a forum on your document or join forums started by others
3: PERMANENT URLs FOR ACCESS AND CITATION

- **PERMANENT ACCESS TO YOUR DOCUMENTS**
  - Upload, store, study, and manage your documents online anywhere through the internet

- **A TOOL FOR REFERENCE AND CITATION**
  - Provide direct links to primary sources in your publications or papers

- **CURATED SCHOLARLY CONTENT**
  - PA exercises curatorial control of content to maintain a scholarly standard
4: A NETWORK OF SCHOLARS AND IDEAS

WORK WITH OTHER SCHOLARS
- Find scholars with similar research interests and collaborate
- Form research groups around specific documents or broader topics

ENRICH PA THROUGH NETWORKING
- Tag documents of interest to enhance access
- Comment on others' documents to share advice or expertise
Forums

Start or join general research or document related discussions

Report bugs and share your ideas with the developers

In MyForums you will find the forums you’ve started and joined

PA Research Communities
Community news, events, and general research related discussions.
20 comments in 5 discussions, latest 19 January 2009, 22:01 by cavics

About PA Documents
Initiate or join discussions on specific PA documents.
7 comments in 4 discussions, latest 9 September 2009, 11:31 by cavics

Troubleshooting and Feedback
Report bugs, post feedback, and share ideas with PA developers.
7 comments in 2 discussions, latest 8 June 2009, 12:55 by Reho
The tag cloud shows the top 150 tags in the repository. The size reflects the number of documents with this tag. In MyTags you can view, delete, or change the tags you created.
CONCLUSION:
A TOOL FOR SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

- Upload and Store Documents
- Organize Documents
- Share Documents
- Search for Documents
- Collaborate with Others
- Edit OCR'd Texts
- Annotate Pages
- Refer to Documents