

PROCAT and CASBAH

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Agenda

- PROCAT
- CASBAH
- use of UNESCO Thesaurus by both
- problems germane to each
- compare and contrast
- show how UKAT is bringing things together.....



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PROCAT

- PROCAT Catalogue at the National Archives
- UNESCO Thesaurus since 1998 following survey
- LCSH, UNESCO, SHIC, GAAT, JISC...
- recommend UNESCO ...
- with the additional of terms from other standards
- And from our own

UNESCO usage

- use down to piece level but mainly at series.....
- terms mainly from **6: Politics, Law and Economics**
- central government functions...
- **5: Information Communication**
- **3: Culture**
- relatively few 1 or 2

PROCAT indexing

- have added terms: 600+
- general to archive community
- particular to TNA
- record types
- inquisitions post mortem
- first fruits
- Acts of Parliament and local Railway Acts

Added terms database

Public Record Office | New terms added to the UNESCO Thesaurus | Where in Thesaurus - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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New terms added to the UNESCO Thesaurus

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Where in Thesaurus

UNESCO microthesaurus:	6.70
Microthesaurus description:	Finance and trade
Where in microthesaurus:	Finance
Term	first fruits
NT1	Fiscal policy
NT2	Taxation
NT3	Clerical taxation
NT4	first fruits

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scope note/definition

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first fruits

Type	Subject
Name	first fruits
Validation	PRO/UNESCO (6.70)
Definition	The profits of an ecclesiastical benefice for the first year after a voidancy.

issues

- aliens
- warfare
- colonialism
- history
- meaning changing over time
- dates

questions

- what about large topics not addressed by UNESCO?
- landholding
- practice elsewhere?
- what level might we go to?
- retain local?

Microsoft Internet Explorer window titled "About the CASBAH Project". The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.casbah.ac.uk/about.stm>.

The website content includes a navigation menu with the following items: HOME, ABOUT, DATABASE, REPORTS, IMAGE GALLERY, SITE MAP, CONTACTS.

Below the menu is a banner image featuring historical photographs and the CASBAH logo. The logo text reads: CARIBBEAN STUDIES, CASBAH, BLACK AND ASIAN HISTORY.

The main content area lists the following links:

- [About the CASBAH Project](#)
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CASBAH

- demonstrator project funded by the Research Support Libraries Programme (RSLP)
- identifying and mapping national research resources relating to Caribbean Studies and the history of Black and Asian people in the UK
- January 2001 to June 2002

CASBAH .

- rationale...
- libraries and archives
- collaborated with 16 partner institutions
- pilot surveys of archives
- record groups
- and materials

Methodology....

- national collections strengths and weaknesses
- regional archives
- archive tool
- indexing report

CASBAH Project

- Project Director Julie Evans
- Project Researcher Roiyah Saltus Blackwood
- Project Archivist Carol Dixon
- Steering Advisory Group
- inc BASA and...

Thesaurus Survey

- *HASSET Thesaurus*
- *OECD Macrothesaurus*
- *LCSH*
- *UNESCO Thesaurus*

UNESCO Thesaurus

- collection description...
- need to add terms..
- Institute of Race Relations
- Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Institute
- Butetown History and Arts Centre ...
- specific terminology compiled by CASBAH staff.....

Subject Index for CASBAH database

- 300+ terms
- UNESCO and added
- abolition of slavery, asylum seeker, dual heritage peoples, institutional racism, tobacco plantations
- every added incorporated into hierarchy

example of CASBAH added

http://www.casbah.ac.uk/IndexingMay2002.doc - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Public Record Office

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***Abolition of slavery**

UNESCO microthesaurus: → 4.25

Microthesaurus description: → Social policy and welfare

Where in microthesaurus: → Social reform

Term: → *Abolition of slavery

SN → Used in relation to the economic, political, legislative and social events and processes that brought about an end to the system of slavery in specific countries. Within the context of the United Kingdom the term is used to refer to events occurring in the decades following the passing of acts of parliament to abolish the slave trade and slavery throughout the British Empire, in 1807 and 1833 respectively.

BT → Social reform

RT → Resistance to oppression

RT → *Slave emancipation

RT → Slavery

RT → Social change

Unknown Zone

issues

- ethnic and cultural
- asian peoples
- religion and cultural movements
- heritage
- diaspora
- dual/multiple heritage?

Compare and Contrast

- quite different databases: aims and functions
- different stress on microthesauri
- CASBAH use only at collection level
- PROCAT's proportion of added terms to UNESCO terms
- both made those available to others

Completed: ongoing

- CASBAH completed demonstrator project
- PROCAT ongoing catalogue
- usage may change?
- CASBAH remains an essential source for other related projects

UKAT

- making all terms available
- terms from finished projects now available
- CASBAH terms useful in indexing CO
- PROCAT terms adopted elsewhere?
- *Moving Here* and relevant heritage resources

Useful urls

- <http://www.casbah.ac.uk/>
- <http://catalogue.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>
- <http://www.movinghere.org.uk/>