



Press Release

Walter de Gruyter acquires K. G. Saur und Max Niemeyer creating the largest humanities and social sciences publisher in Continental Europe.

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Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co. KG has with immediate effect acquired the complete publishing programme of K. G. Saur Verlag GmbH, which since 2005 has also included the programme of Max Niemeyer Verlag. Through this acquisition Walter de Gruyter will become the market leader in the subject areas classical studies, philosophy, German studies, linguistics and English and Romance studies, as well as in library sciences and general library reference works. The headquarters of the company will be located in Berlin.

In the words of Prof. Dr. Klaus G. Saur, Managing Partner and Chief Executive: "This merger represents a publishing highpoint. The lists complement each other perfectly. Through synergies both at the editorial level and in all areas of sales worldwide we see extremely strong future potential."

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Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co. KG has been an independent, Berlin-based academic publisher for over 250 years and annually publishes some 250 new titles in humanities, medicine, natural sciences and law, of which half are in English, as well as 64 academic journals and a range of electronic products.

K. G. Saur Verlag GmbH is known internationally as one of the leading publishers of biographical and bibliographical reference works serving the academic and library community. Other areas of publishing are classical studies (including the Thesaurus Linguae Latinae), literature and linguistics under the Max Niemeyer Verlag imprint and politics, contemporary history and library science. The product range includes books and journals as well as CD-ROMs, DVDs, eBooks and online databases, along with a range of major microfiche collections containing rare and not easily accessible primary source and archive material