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Publishing a Cumulative Dissertation in Open Access on BORIS Theses: Requirements and Workflow

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How dissertations are published

Cumulative and monograph publications

Cumulative

- Chapter(s) or results can (or have to) be published as articles in journals ahead of dissertation submission
- *Introductory Section* (or umbrella – in German: "Mantelpapier") binds the chapters/articles together but is rarely published on its own
- More prevalent in the natural and life sciences

Book-form

- The dissertation is an organic whole
- Aim is to publish the entire work at once in book-form
- More prevalent in HSS

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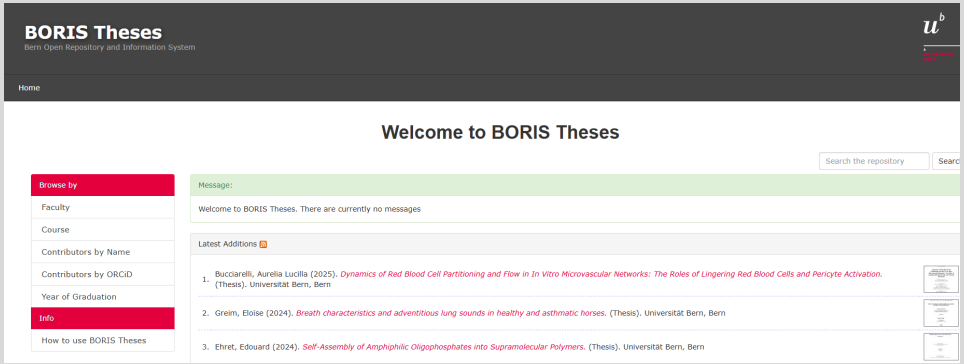

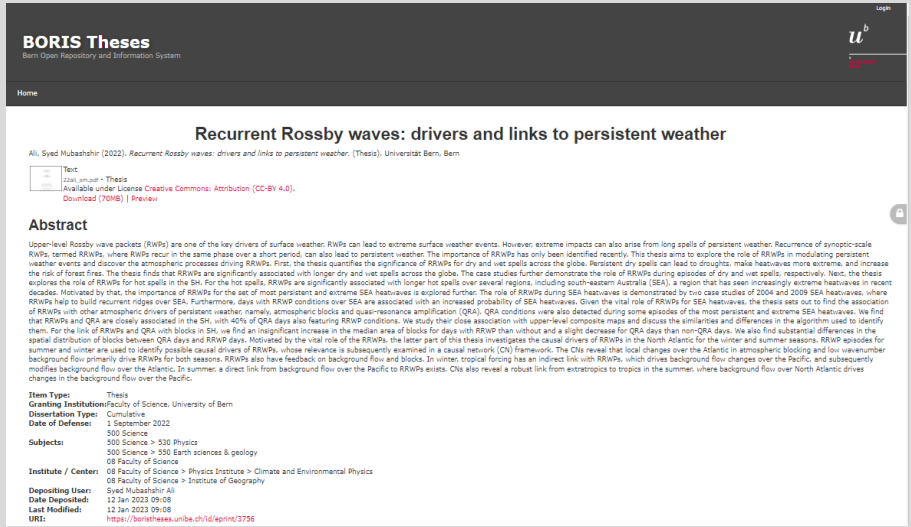

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