

# URN (UNIFORM RESOURCE NAME)

PLEASE NOTE: *The Uniform Resource Name (URN) is a Persistent Identifier (PID) that, unlike a URL, can be used to uniquely and consistently identifying online resources regardless of where they are stored. The URN ensures the long-term availability of online resources. The German National Library ([DNB](#)) manages and assigns the URN from the namespace "urn:nbn:de" and offers a URN Resolving Service for Germany and Switzerland.*

The German National Library needs the URN to ensure long-term preservation of articles. Currently these URN cannot be generated automatically in OJS. Therefore, the URN of your articles must be entered manually until the corresponding plugin that supports the automated process is updated.

## CREATE AND ENTER ARTICLE-URN MANUALLY

For manual entry of the article-specific URN please follow this click path in the backend:

**Submissions → All Active → *Select the article* → Publication → Identifier**

*You should then see the following stage:*

The screenshot shows the OJS 'Publication' stage for an article by Mustermann. The 'Identifiers' tab is active. The 'URN' field is empty and highlighted with a red box labeled #1. A red box labeled #2 points to the article ID '131' in the top left. A red box labeled #3 points to the 'Add Check Number' button. A red box labeled #4 points to the 'Save' button. A warning message states: 'You can not generate a DOI because one or more parts of the DOI pattern are missing data. You may need to assign the publication to an issue, set a publisher ID or enter page numbers.'

### Step 1

In the empty field of the URN (#1) you enter the following:

urn:nbn:de:gbv:18-~~X~~- or ...-~~XX~~-      example: urn:nbn:de:gbv:18-10- (corresponding to your URN prefix).

*INFO: ~~X~~ or ~~XX~~ stands for an individual one or two digit number for each OJS installation. The correct number for your journal can be found in the list on page 2.*

### Step 2

In the next step, add the individual item ID assigned by OJS. This is displayed at the top left of the image (#2). The article ID can consist of 1 to 4 digits depending on the OJS installation.

urn:nbn:de:gbv:18-**XX-articleID**→ *example:* urn:nbn:de:gbv:18-**10-98****Step 3**

Now add the check digit calculated by the system by clicking on the “Add check digit” button (#3).

urn:nbn:de:gbv:18-**XX-articleID-check digit** → *example:* urn:nbn:de:gbv:18-**10-983**

*INFO: Important, you may only add a single check digit.*

**Step 4**

Click the “Save” button (#4). The manually created URN is now part of your article’s metadata.

**APPENDIX**

**List of the individual URN prefix for each OJS installation.**

| Journal   | number | URN-Prefix                    |
|---|--------|-------------------------------|
| Aethiopica                                      | 8      | urn:nbn:de:gbv:18- <b>8-</b>  |
| API Magazin                                     | 11     | urn:nbn:de:gbv:18- <b>11-</b> |
| apropos [Perspektiven auf die Romania]          | 8      | urn:nbn:de:gbv:18- <b>8-</b>  |
| EdeR. Educational Design Research               | 8      | urn:nbn:de:gbv:18- <b>8-</b>  |
| EthnoScripts                                    | 8      | urn:nbn:de:gbv:18- <b>8-</b>  |
| Hamburger Journal für Kulturanthropologie (HJK) | 8      | urn:nbn:de:gbv:18- <b>8-</b>  |
| IJRVT   | 10     | urn:nbn:de:gbv:18- <b>10-</b> |
| Jahrbuch für Geschichte Lateinamerikas (JbLA)   | 9      | urn:nbn:de:gbv:18- <b>9-</b>  |
| kommunikation@gesellschaft                      | 10     | urn:nbn:de:gbv:18- <b>10-</b> |
| Journal of Language and Aging Research (JLAR)   | 10     | urn:nbn:de:gbv:18- <b>10-</b> |