

Defended thesis about university institutional repositories in Scandinavia freely accessible over the Internet brings theoretical and practical overview and description of this subject. Thesis is divided into two main parts. Theoretical part describes the most important information about development, progress and running of institutional repositories in general. This part is focused on basic questions, whose are necessary for good comprehension of repositories throughout the world. Part of this section contains description about open access, copyright and appropriate software. Practical part then contains analysis of eight Scandinavian repositories.

These are: Danish Roskilde University Digital Archive (<http://rudar.ruc.dk/>), Finnish archive Teknillisen korkeakoulun elektroniset väitöskirjat, eng. TKK electronic academic dissertations (<http://lib.tkk.fi/Diss/>), Icelandic archives Landspítali University Hospital research archive Hirsla (<http://lsh.openrepository.com/lsh/>) and repository of University of Akureyri and Icelandic University of Education Skemman (<http://skemman.khi.is/>), Norwegian archive Center for European studies on University of Oslo ARENA Publications (<http://www.arena.uio.no/publications/>) and Norwegian repository Publications from Norwegian University of science and technology (<http://www.diva-portal.org/ntnu/>), archive Publications from Lund University (<http://www.lu.se/lund-university/research/dissertations-and-publications>) and repository Publications from Uppsala University (<http://publications.uu.se/>) from Sweden. This practical parts brings overview of each mentioned repository. Their integration into directories and registries is described as well. Finally the thesis concludes by evaluation of repositories their future progress and perspectives.