

## Thomas Mann correspondence (reference code B-I and B-II)

### 1. Background

The correspondence of Thomas Mann (1875-1955) is part of the holdings of the [ETH Zurich Thomas-Mann-Archives](#). The collection contains about 24,000 units of descriptions of letters written by or to Thomas Mann and covers the period from 1887 to 1955. The complete inventory with a detailed information is available [online in the Thomas Mann Archives' database](#).

The correspondence lists provided here consist of:

- Outgoing correspondence: letters, (post-)cards, telegrams, etc. sent by Thomas Mann
- Incoming correspondence: letters, (post-)cards, telegrams etc. from third parties to Thomas Mann

### 2. Structure of data extract

The two parts of correspondence are reflected in the data extract consisting of two CSV-files:

- ETHZ\_TMA\_B-I\_Thomas\_Mann-outgoing.csv (15'777 records)
- ETHZ\_TMA\_B-II\_Thomas\_Mann-incoming.csv (8080 records)

The extract was produced in January 2018 on the basis of the descriptive metadata available online. The two files contain the same ISAD(G) data fields:

Field label (German)	English (Explanation)	Example
Signatur	reference code	B-I-ALBER-3
Titel	title ([sender to addressee])	Thomas Mann an Elisabeth Albert
Form und Inhalt	scope and content (generally structured [correspondence item from place]; [additional information])	Brief, Original, aus Zürich, maschinenschriftlich
Entstehungszeitraum	date (DD.MM.YYYY or MM.YYYY or YYYY, a preceding „ca.“ indicates inaccuracy“)	ca. 12.12.1952
Bemerkung zur Datierung	notes on date	ohne Datum, Anfang Januar 1947 - gemäss Regest, Datumsangabe wurde recherchiert
Bemerkungen zum Umfang	extent of the unit of description („Bl.“ = sheet of paper; „S.“ = written pages)	2 Bl./3 S.
Sprachen	language(s)	Deutsch
ID	identifier of the record	41065