

**Lasker project – Introduction by Michael Negele
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Lasker project - schedule

**Milestones of the „Lasker biography“,
sponsored by Emanuel Lasker Society (ELG), Berlin (mainly Stefan Hansen)**

Schedule (Updated 20-01-2007)

Start of the project (after signing the contract)	01-01-2006
Approval project plan by ELG	31-03-2006
Finalisation and approval of work concept	31-01-2007
Delivery personal contributions (latest)	31-07-2007
Delivery chess part and game collection (latest)	31-10-2007
Finalisation backbone biography (latest)	31-12-2007
Finalisation complete printout for layouting in German language	29-02-2008
Approval of layout (as pdf-file) by ELG	15-07-2008
Approval of the corrected final layout	15-09-2008
Print/binding of first edition (in German)	01-11-2008
The book should be published by ELG (latest) (during Chess Olympiad at Dresden)	15-11-2008

Lasker project – core team

Editorial core team

The coordinator, **Michael Negele (Germany)**, is supported during his further work by **Richard Forster (Switzerland)** who will do also the later proof-reading.

Richard Forster has already compiled a „**technical guideline**“ – **Vademecum** –, which should help the several authors to have a mostly homogenous manuscript design.

Richard Forster has also created a „**manuscript-template**“, which describes a „**standard page**“ (1800 signs) with a document header.

Technical assistance is provided by **Ralf Binnewirtz (Germany)**, who has created a special forum site using a Google feature, to make the exchange of information between the authors and researchers easier.

Ralf Binnewirtz will also compile a „**canon of sources**“ and a „**game documentation**“, which will include the available sources on Emanuel Lasker.

Lasker project – structure of the book (I)

The „Lasker biography“ is composed of three main parts:

**Ia) Biographical appreciation of Emanuel Lasker
by the main author Johannes Fischer (Germany)**

Aiming on a lively written appealing biographical description of Emanuel Lasker's life,
which should also evaluate critically his main motifs.

many original sources and high quality photos will be used.

Especially **Hannak's somehow misleading biography** has to be evaluated in relation to
later research results and the contributions of part Ib)

Editorial support by **Michael Negele** and **Richard Forster**

(Selection of documents and photos will be considered with the main author)

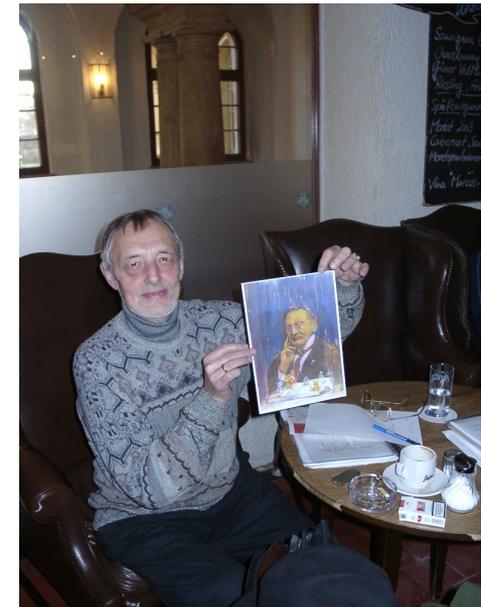
planned number of pages part Ia)

appr. 100 (to 150) pages in the book

Lasker project – authors and contributors (I)



Lasker project – authors and contributors (II)



Lasker project – structure of the book (II)

Ib) Additional 15 (or more) focus-contributions

1.2 Lasker's Youth and Family – Genealogy of Lasker family – time line till 1888
group of authors (coordination Wolfgang Kamm):

Tomasz Lissowski (Poland), Wolfgang Kamm, Richard Dill (both Germany)
30 (to 50 pages, including documents) (in close contact to the main author)

1.3 Lasker in Great Britain

Tony Gillam (England) 20 (to 25) pages

1.4 Lasker from the US-view

John Hilbert (USA) 20 (to 25) pages

1.5 Lasker in Russia / Soviet-Union

Wladimir and Isaak Linder (Russia); 20 (to 25) pages

- already finalised in Russian language (translation by **Thomas Lemanczyk, Germany**)

1.6 Lasker from the Dutch point of view

Peter de Jong (The Netherlands); 20 (to 30) pages

Lasker project – structure of the book (III)

**1.7 Lasker and Austria till end of First Republic – the 'Vienna school'
Karl Kadletz (Austria); 15 (to 20) pages**

**1.8 Lasker's columns
Toni Preziuso (Switzerland); 20 (to 30) pages (in close contact to some other authors)**

**1.9 Lasker as a philosopher
Bernd Gräfrath (Germany); 20 (to 25) pages (already finalised)**

**1.10 Lasker as a mathematician
Jurgen Stigter (The Netherlands)
(and Norbert Schappacher, Uni Strasbourg, France) 20 (to 25) pages**

**1.11 Lasker the „cultural man“: Lasker and the Berlin Boheme / His Berlin years
Susanna Poldauf (Germany); 20 (to 25) pages**

**1.12 Laskers studies
Harrie Grondijs (The Netherlands); < 20 pages (already finalised, has to be shortened)**

**1.13 Laskers problems
Ralf Binnewirtz; < 10 pages (nearly finalised)**

Lasker project – structure of the book (IV)

Other games

1.14 Laska

Wolfgang Angerstein (Germany); 10 (to 15) pages
(based on his article in “Board Game Studies 2002”)

1.15 Lasker plays Go

Christian Wohlfarth (Germany); 10 (to 15) pages

1.16 Lasker and the game of Bridge

Robert van de Velde (The Netherlands); 10 (to 15) pages

Total number of pages part Ib) appr. 285 (to 325) pages in the book

(Harmonisation of these contribution by the main author and the editorial team.)

Additional contributions (not decided)

Second view on **Lasker in Russia** (e.g. by Genna Sosonko or others)

Laska in Cuba / South America

Lasker and Correspondence Chess (by Tim Harding)

Lasker project – structure of the book (V)

II. Laskers Chess

GM Robert Hübner (Germany) will contribute important articles on Lasker's chess, the exact length of his work will be fixed during further considerations.
(minimum **150 to 200** pages)

- 1) Lasker's early chess career**
- 2) Match Lasker-Schlechter 1910 (already finalised)**
- 3) further contributions of Hübner on specific Lasker games**

IM John Donaldson (USA) – Lasker's Come-back
will deal mainly with **New York 1924**, the border lines to Hübner's work will be fixed by the redaction. [**20 (to 25) pages**]

IM Richard Forster will contribute an article dealing with
„**Lasker's late years**“ (and his relation to Switzerland)
starting with Zürich 1934. [**20 (to 25) pages**]

total number of pages part II) appr. 190 (to 240) pages in the book

Lasker project – structure of the book (VI)

III. Game collection

All tournament games of Emanuel Lasker which were not used by the authors will be given [partly with (original) comments].

This part will be reviewed by **GM Raj Tischbiersek (Germany)**, he will check the comments and do some own evaluations.

The number of pages of this part isn't fixed yet as it's relating to the number of games and length of comments used.

estimate:

total number of pages (part III) appr. 110 (to 160) pages in the book

IV. Bibliography of Emanuel Lasker will be compiled by **Egbert Meissenburg (Germany) ca. 30 pages**

V. Comprehensive canon of sources and several indices (ca. 100 pages)

mainly compiled by Ralf Binnewirtz

overall estimate 815 – 1005 pages (folio formate); max. 1024 (32x32) pages.