

# Observatory on Knowledge Organisation Systems, Valletta 1-3 February 2017

Location: Spazju Kreattiv (St James Cavalier building, Valletta)

Preliminary programme (version of 25 January 2017)

## 1 February (Wednesday)

9:30 Registration

9:45 Welcome

Melchior Cini, MCST; Andrea Scharnhorst (chair of KNOWeSCAPE); Toni Sant (Spazju Kreattiv), Milena Dobrevá (University of Malta)

10:00-11:00 **ADVANCES IN KOS** (Chair: Andrea Scharnhorst)

**Philipp Mayr** (GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim, Germany)

*Measuring the usefulness of Knowledge Organization Systems in Information Retrieval applications*

**Wouter Beek** (VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

The 'K' in Semantic Web stands for 'Knowledge'

11:00-11:30 coffee break

11:30-13:00 **KOS, CONCEPTUALISATION AND VISUALISATION ASPECTS** (Chair Richard Smiraglia)

**Rob Koopman** and **Shenghui Wang** (OCLC)

*Semantic indexing techniques and their application in studying concept drift*

**Peter Hook** (Wayne State University, USA)

*Visualizing Knowledge Organization Systems: Context, Frameworks, Steps, and Exemplars*

**Marc Koscijew** (University of Malta)

*Materializing Knowledge: Distinctions Between Documentation and Classification*

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:30 **INVITED TALK** (Chair Andrea Scharnhorst)

**Richard P. Smiraglia** (School of Information Studies of the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee)

*KOS on a space-time continuum: Empirical Implications for a KOS Observatory*

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 Discussion: trends in the development of KOS (Chairs: Richard Smiraglia and Rob Koopman)

## 2 February (Thursday)

10:30-12:30 **NEW DIMENSIONS AND INSTRUMENTS OF CATALOGUING** (Chair Suzanne Barbalet)

**Jan Kozłowski** (Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland)  
*"Distant cataloguing"—a step towards digital and qualitative humanities*

**Aida Slavic** (UDC)  
*Universal knowledge classifications: from linking information to linked data*

**Inkyung Choi** (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, USA)  
*Map of cross-cultural bibliographic classifications: the adaptation of the KDC into the DDC*

**Panayiota Polydoratou** (ATEI, Thessaloniki, Greece)  
*Some of the challenges and lessons learned from the translation of UDC in Greek*

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 **INVITED TALK** (Chair Andrea Scharnhorst)

**Joseph T. Tennis** (Information School of the University of Washington)  
*Do We Have All the Terms for this Art?: Exploring the Nature and Continued Conceptualization of KOS through their Collective and Individual Histories*

**Paul Groth** (Elsevier Labs, The Netherlands)  
*New sources of change in knowledge organization systems*

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-17:30 **KOS, MEMORY INSTITUTIONS, AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES** (Chair Jan Kozłowski)

**Birte Christensen-Dalsgaard** (Digital Humanities Lab, Denmark)  
*Designing a website for digital humanities, including the use of the taxonomy TaDiRAH*

**Kalpana Shankar** (University College Dublin, Ireland)  
*Social Science Data Archives, institutional sustainability, and implications for KOS*

**Rebecca O'Neill** (Wikimedia Ireland)  
*Wikipedians and other citizen curators*

18:00-19:30 **Debate followed by a glass of wine "Documenting Maltese heritage through Wikipedia – added value or waste of time?"** (Chair Seamus Ross; contributors Sandro Debono, Xabier Cañas, Birte Christensen-Dalsgaard, John Cummings, Velislava Hillman, Rebecca O'Neill, Vincent Zammit)

## 3 February (Friday)

10:00-12:30 **TECHNICAL ASPECTS AND NOVEL APPLICATIONS** (Chair Joe Tennis)

**Owen Sacco** (University of Malta, Malta)

*Semantic-based game generation*

**Sarven Capadisli** (University of Bonn, Germany)

*dokieli: decentralised authoring, annotations and social notifications*

**Sahar Vahdati** (University of Bonn, Germany)

*OpenResearch: Collaborative Management and Analysis of Scholarly Communication Metadata*

AFTERNOON – closing discussions and planning for the future; discussions in smaller groups

Morning (parallel session)

Edit-a-thon on cultural content related to Malta on Wikipedia (registration on <https://goo.gl/forms/Qs0hI0HMDejzvqMa2> )