

INTERNATIONAL and COMPARATIVE LIBRARIANSHIP



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Why...

- should US librarians be interested in what happens at WIPO in Geneva or at the IGF in Sharm El Sheikh, Hyderabad or Vilnius?
- may sending a million books to book-starved Africa do more harm than good?
- are there Carnegie libraries in South Africa and Zimbabwe but not in Tanzania?
- do international surveys of library practices and conditions often yield wrong answers?
- has exporting public libraries to some developing countries been a failure?
- can't scholarly authors from developing countries get published in international journals?
- should you consider an international job exchange?

These are some of the questions we debate and seek to answer in L&I Sci 891 International and Comparative Librarianship, a three credit graduate level course offered by the UW-Milwaukee, School of Information Studies (SOIS)





International librarianship deals with international relations in the field of library and information services, covering aspects such as:

- international influences and the diffusion of library theories and technology
- the digital divide and information flows between developed and developing countries
- library and information development aid
- post-colonial critiques of western library models
- indigenous knowledge and appropriate librarianship in developing countries
- the role of international organizations in library development and advocacy
- international cooperation and standardization in LIS
- opportunities for job exchanges, study abroad and development work abroad

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Comparative librarianship deals with international, cross-cultural and cross-societal comparisons of library and information theories, practices and organizations within their political, socio-economic and cultural contexts with the aim of developing library and information science theory.



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The course is worth considering if you are interested in what happens elsewhere in the world (e.g. before or after doing one of our study abroad programs), planning a PhD dissertation involving international comparisons, or thinking of an overseas job exchange or a career in area studies.

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