

Peter Johan Lor

International and comparative librarianship: concepts and methods for global studies

Contents

List of Tables

List of Figures

List of Acronyms and Initialisms used in the text

PART I: CONCEPTS

Chapter 1

From local to global: the expanding horizons of libraries and related information organizations

- 1.1 Introduction
- 1.2 Periodization of library development
- 1.3 Libraries – from local to global horizons
- 1.4 Horizon 1: Local
- 1.5 Horizon 2: Imperial
- 1.6 Horizon 3: Universal
- 1.7 Horizon 4: National
- 1.8 Horizon 5: International
- 1.9 Horizon 6: Global
- 1.10 Conclusion

Chapter 2

A field of study and research

- 2.1 Introduction
- 2.2 Emergence of a professional literature
- 2.3 Themes, genres, motives, and values
- 2.4 The literature of international librarianship
- 2.5 The literature of comparative librarianship
- 2.6 Definition and scope of international librarianship
- 2.7 Definition and scope of comparative librarianship
- 2.8 Distinction between international and comparative librarianship
- 2.9 The nation state, methodological nationalism and globalisation
- 2.10 Towards global library and information studies
- 2.11 Conclusion

Chapter 3

Conceptual exploration

- 3.1 Introduction
- 3.2 The need for theory
- 3.3 The library concept
- 3.4 A universal concept?
- 3.5 The conduit metaphor: transmission as a conceptual framework
- 3.6 Systems frameworks

- 3.7 Ecosystems and the LIS environment
- 3.8 Culture
- 3.9 Libraries and culture
- 3.10 Conclusion

PART II: METHOD

Chapter 4

Preparing for research: metatheoretical considerations

- 4.1 Introduction
- 4.2 Method, methodology and metatheory
- 4.3 Metatheory, methodology and methods: the Iceberg Model
- 4.4 Metatheoretical dimensions
- 4.5 Major research paradigms
- 4.6 The sociological dimension
- 4.7 The teleological dimension
- 4.8 The ontological dimension
- 4.9 The epistemological dimension
- 4.10 The ethical dimension
- 4.11 Evaluation of metatheoretical assumptions
- 4.12 Towards methodology

Chapter 5

Methodological decisions

- 5.1 Introduction
- 5.2 Methodological decisions and metatheory
- 5.3 Quantitative and qualitative methodologies
- 5.4 Mixed methods
- 5.5 The comparative method
- 5.6 Theory and mechanics of comparison
- 5.7 Terminology
- 5.8 Comparative strategy
- 5.9 Comparative research designs
- 5.10 Selection of countries
- 5.11 Typologies and country groupings
- 5.12 Selecting an appropriate level of analysis
- 5.13 The time dimension
- 5.14 Evaluation of methodology
- 5.15 Conclusion

Chapter 6

Method: procedures, techniques, instruments

- 6.1 Introduction
- 6.2 Data sources
- 6.3 Concepts
- 6.4 Defining concepts
- 6.5 Concepts and defining attributes: the qualitative approach
- 6.6 Variables and indicators: the quantitative approach
- 6.7 Concepts across boundaries
- 6.8 Framing questions across cultures

- 6.9 Survey design and execution
- 6.10 Documentary sources
- 6.11 Documents as primary sources
- 6.12 Content analysis
- 6.13 Bibliometric and related techniques
- 6.14 Secondary sources
- 6.15 General country information
- 6.16 International comparative data – general
- 6.17 International comparative data – LIS
- 6.18 Information on LIS in specific countries
- 6.19 Information on international organizations
- 6.20 Challenges in using secondary sources
- 6.21 Researching in other countries
- 6.22 Evaluation of methods
- 6.23 Conclusion

PART III: POLITICAL ECONOMY

Chapter 7

The political economy of LIS

- 7.1 Introduction
- 7.2 Political economy
- 7.3 International political economy
- 7.4 Civil society
- 7.5 The business sector
- 7.6 The public sector
- 7.7 Intergovernmental organizations
- 7.8 The digital divide
- 7.9 Information/knowledge as an economic good
- 7.10 Information as a resource
- 7.11 Intellectual property
- 7.12 Intellectual property in international context
- 7.13 Contesting intellectual property
- 7.14 Conclusion

Chapter 8

Access to knowledge and global flows of information

- 8.1 Introduction
- 8.2 The access to knowledge movement
- 8.3 Mitigating intellectual property restrictions
- 8.4 Pushback: international advocacy for access
- 8.5 Open access
- 8.6 Other legal strategies
- 8.7 Radical and extra-legal resistance
- 8.8. Globalization and information flows
- 8.9 Global information flows: North—South
- 8.10 Global information flows: South—North
- 8.11 Global information flows: South—South
- 8.12 Global information flows: North—North
- 8.13 Conclusion

PART IV: INFLUENCE

Chapter 9

International influence and diffusion of ideas in LIS

- 9.1 Introduction
- 9.2 Influence
- 9.3 Diffusion
- 9.4 Diffusion of innovations: the Rogers model
- 9.5 Limitations of the Rogers model
- 9.6 Other research traditions
- 9.7 Diffusion in LIS
- 9.8 Diffusion in ICT and information systems
- 9.9 Diffusion of policy
- 9.10 Policy transfer in applied social science disciplines
- 9.11 Policy transfer in education
- 9.12 Towards a framework for studying transfer in LIS
- 9.13 Exhibit A: *Le retard français*
- 9.14 Conclusion

Chapter 10

Colonialism, development, and aid

- 10.1 Introduction
- 10.2 Colonization and colonialism
- 10.3 Political-economic consequences of colonialism
- 10.4 Decolonization
- 10.5 After colonialism
- 10.6 Developing countries
- 10.7 Poverty
- 10.8 Development
- 10.9 Theories of development
- 10.10 Development aid
- 10.11 Donors
- 10.12 Donor motives
- 10.13 Forms of aid
- 10.14 Process
- 10.15 Recipients
- 10.16 Context
- 10.17 Outcomes
- 10.18 Conclusion

Chapter 11

LIS development and aid (1)

- 11.1 Introduction
- 11.2 LIS development questions
- 11.3 Factors influencing LIS development
- 11.4 LIS development trajectories
- 11.5 Historically literate realms
- 11.6 Exhibit B: China
- 11.7 Latin America

- 11.8 Former colonies of large-scale European settlement
- 11.9 Exhibit C: The Carnegie Corporation, Canada, and New Zealand
- 11.10 Conclusion

Chapter 12

LIS development and aid (2)

- 12.1 Introduction
- 12.2 Former colonies of limited European settlement
- 12.3 Exhibit D: Francophone Africa
- 12.4 The former Russian Empire and Soviet sphere of control
- 12.5 Exhibit E: The European Union and Central and Eastern Europe
- 12.6 Five dimensions of LIS development and aid
- 12.7 Systemic aid
- 12.8 Conclusion

Conclusion

- 1 What have we learned?
- 2 Reflections on the generalized development trajectories
- 3 Reflections on the use of theory
- 4 Has international and comparative librarianship failed?
- 5 Is there a future for international and comparative librarianship?

Bibliography

Index