Standards in changing times

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Our world is changing faster and faster.
Cataloguing Traditions
What is the situation in the libraries?

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Cataloguing of printed resources

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What’s about the rest?

- Online Publications
- Digital Publications
- Audiovisuel Media
- Films
- und many other types of Resources
What does this mean for the development of standards?

Cataloguing is not a science and not an end in itself

Librarian Bomber by Banksy

Cataloguing is a service
Framework standards and models

For future development, we need flexible international standards that have more the character of a framework model and that are supplemented by local or community-specific application profiles.
Overcoming barriers, thinking across disciplines and internationally
Let’s make a more concrete check

Requirements

• According to international models
• Community specific
• Flexible
• User-focussed
• For linked data applications
• Creating library and cultural heritage resource metadata
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Todos for the near future

• Internationalisation
• More cooperation with other standardisation bodies for compatibility
• Community based application profiles
• Broadening the focus on cultural heritage
Can AI help?

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Thinking from the collection

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What do we need for all this?

• Motivated and open-minded colleagues from all around the world
• Experience in traditional cataloguing
• Knowledge of new technologies and new forms of publication
• Networking with other cultural institutions and acceptance of existing standards
Thank you for your attention and grateful for your input!

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