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LIBRARIANSHIP. HUMAN RIGHTS. ACTIVISM.

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Human rights advocacy in librarianship asks for a strong professional engagement in the field of information policy which marked the last decades of 20th century in which the shift from an industrial to an information society happened. Concerns about the outcomes of social, political, legal, and intellectual (re)arrangements of information society indicate importance of establishing the close professional relationship to the role of information flow and access in order to respond to the basic pillars of democracy: freedom, equity and justice.

Librarians have a choice between an instrumental view of their profession and principled engagement. Without reaffirming civic professional responsibilities finding solutions for library and information problems such as censorship, social exclusion (bridging the gap between informational haves and informational have-nots), commodification of information, privacy, to name just a few, would not be possible if traditional occupation boundaries are not reexamined and repoliticized. Neither would be expectable to contribute to international dialogue furthering the goals of emergent global information justice movements without cultivating new approaches that could challenge social relations of power and wealth by networked means of communication.

For that reason our conference will endeavor to initiate better public understanding why culture of library activism is being central for pro-active professional commitment to social justice issues. Moreover, in its radical contributing, critical referencing, progressive manifesting librarians advocate for intellectual freedom values that encourage library and information workers to more actively participate in „dialogue, collaboration, organization, empathy, decision-making, practice, philosophy, and policy development to promote the amelioration of social problems“ (Samek, 2008). It is indispensable for the reliable orientation of information profession. Such a mission in the post-conflict, transitional societies like Bosnia and Herzegovina, indeed, should be essential.

In order to foster conditions under which would be possible to develop strategies for rising commitment in regard to librarians' activism this conference strive for initiating and establishing fundamentals for progressive professional arena in which closer and more fruitful connection with law, technology, public policy, information economy and ethics would take place.

With the aim of negotiating barriers in the support of human rights and librarians' recognition of political context of information work we ask you to submit us papers that would help us in creating critical library community ready to discuss professional concerns and dilemmas, as well as, policy proposals by which contemporary struggles my benefit, locally and internationally.

Papers will be presented during the group sessions and results of working teams will be delivered at the final day of the conference.

ICSL welcomes papers on relevant research topics covering various aspects of human rights advocacy in librarianship, as well as intersections between social power, knowledge economy, new public sphere, digital democracy, information literacy, and communicative action of netizens in the era of participatory culture.

▶ **SESSIONS:**

- I. **Information Capitalism and Libraries**
- II. **Human Rights Librarianship and Politics of Professionalism**
- III. **Digital Activism**