

Domain Analytic Contributions to Knowledge Organization.

A Special Issue of *Knowledge Organization* on Domain Analytic Methods and Contributions.

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Call for papers

The last few years have seen a growing interest in more contextual, social and cultural approaches to *Knowledge Organization*. Concepts such as discourse analysis, epistemological and historical perspectives, and hermeneutics have gained ground in knowledge organization as in library and information science in general. Such new approaches supplement more traditional approaches.

In the forthcoming special issue of *Knowledge Organization*, DOMAIN ANALYSIS will be understood in an open way as encompassing different approaches to studying the organization of knowledge fields. Many different approaches may be used and may contribute to the construction and evaluation of systems for knowledge organization including facet analysis, and bibliometrical, historical, sociological, linguistic, epistemological and pragmatic approaches. Any given method may be applied to different domains, and contributions to the study and construction of knowledge fields broad or narrow, scientific, scholarly, applied, commercial or private are welcome.

Papers that are able to interpret concrete systems for knowledge organization (such as traditional thesauri, classification systems and indexing) in the light of more general perspectives are particularly welcome.

This Special Issue of *Knowledge Organization* (scheduled as volume 30, number 3/4) will aim at bringing together the community of researchers working with special approaches to domain analysis as well as scholars interested in specific subject fields. It will aim at providing an overview of different approaches as well as of substantial knowledge about knowledge organization in specific fields. Further, it will provide initiatives for strengthening international cooperation in these areas.

We invite original and unpublished submissions to the special issue covering any of, but not limited to, the following topics. Contributions previously published in a language other than English may be considered.

Possible Topics

A: Approaches to domain analysis

- Empirical approaches (e.g., bibliometric approaches)
- Epistemological, pragmatic or critical approaches
- Historical approaches
- Sociological approaches
- Discourse analytic and linguistic approaches (languages for special purposes, composition studies, genre analysis)
- Rational approaches (e.g., facet-analytic approaches)

B: Investigations of specific domains

- **Humanities**
e.g., arts, history
- **Social sciences**
e.g., sociology, law, economics
- **Sciences**
e.g., chemistry, mathematics
- **Technologies**
e.g., information technology, building research
- **Applied fields**
e.g., nursing

Also welcome are:

- Descriptions of ongoing projects
- Book reviews
- Brief communications

Submission Information

Deadline for submissions is: 1 May 2003

Submissions will be refereed by a special committee of experts in the field. Manuscripts should be submitted electronically in Word, WordPerfect or RTF format in English only and should be accompanied by an indicative abstract of 100-200 words.

Submissions via e-mail are preferred; submissions will be accepted via post provided that four copies are submitted or that submissions are accompanied by a 3.5" diskette encoded in Word, WordPerfect or RTF format.

Please refer to the instructions for authors published in each issue of *Knowledge Organization*.

Please use the subject line: KO DOMAIN

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