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Steffen Ducheyne. **Paul Otlet's Theory of Knowledge and Linguistic Objectivism.** *Knowledge Organization*, 32(3). 110-116. 19 refs.

ABSTRACT: In this paper, I point to the importance of an often neglected objectivist strand in Paul Otlet's (1868-1944) thinking: his linguistic objectivism. Linguistic objectivism consists in the view that linguistic atoms uniquely correspond to certain discrete and well-defined elements in the world and further combinations of these linguistic atoms can objectively capture "the order of the world". This analysis tempers some of the past claims on the influence of positivism on Otlet.

Fernando Elichirigoity and Cheryl Knott Malone. **Measuring the New Economy: Industrial Classification and Open Source Software Production.** *Knowledge Organization*, 32(3). 117-127. 32 refs.

ABSTRACT: This paper analyzes the way in which the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) handles the categorization of open source software production, foregrounding theoretical and political aspects of knowledge organization. NAICS is the industry classification scheme used by the governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States to carry out their respective economic censuses. NAICS is considered a rational system that uses the underlying economic principle of similar production processes as the basis for its classes. For the Information Sector of the economy, as formulated in NAICS, a key production process is the acquisition and defense of copyright. With open source, copyleft licensing eliminates copyright acquisition and protection as major production processes, suggesting that the open source software industry warrants a separate NAICS category. More importantly, our analysis suggests that NAICS cannot be understood as a taxonomy of objective economic activity but is instead a politically and historically contingent system of data classification.

Tzu-heng Chiu. **Attributes and Factors Affecting the Organization of Knowledge Resources: A Case Study of the Library and Information Service Industry in Taiwan.** *Knowledge Organization*, 32(3). 128-134. 8 refs.

ABSTRACT: Using a qualitative research method, in this study we investigated the attributes and factors that might affect the organization of knowledge resources in the library and information service industry. The findings from this study suggest that, in addition to "document/content" attributes (i.e., author, title, subject, etc.) traditionally emphasized by the library and information science field, the library and information service industry may also take "disposition," "situation," and "order/scheme" attributes as additional standards for organizing knowledge resources.

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The more scientific data is generated in the impetuous present times, the more ordering energy needs to be expended to control these data in a retrievable fashion. With the abundance of knowledge now available the questions of new solutions to the ordering problem and thus of improved classification systems, methods and procedures have acquired unforeseen significance. For many years now they have been the focus of interest of information scientists the world over.

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- (2) describing practical operations connected with indexing/classification, as well as applications of classification systems and thesauri, manual and machine indexing
- (3) tracing the history of classification knowledge and methodology
- (4) discussing questions of education and training in classification
- (5) concerning themselves with the problems of terminology in general and with respect to special fields.

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I am most pleased to invite you to the 10th ISKO General Assembly which will take place in July 2006 in Vienna, Austria, at the 9th ISKO Conference. All ISKO members are encouraged to attend both the Conference and the General Assembly.

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I look forward very much to seeing as many ISKO members as possible at the 9th International Conference in Vienna and at this 10th General Assembly.

Ia McIlwaine, ISKO President

10th German ISKO conference (Wissensorganisation 2006)

The 10th German ISKO conference (Wissensor-
ganisation 2006) will be held from July 3rd to 5th
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