

## What is IFLA?

IFLA (The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession.

Its aims are to:

- ◆ Promote high standards in the provision and delivery of library and information services
- ◆ Encourage widespread understanding of the value of good library and information services
- ◆ Represent the interests of its members throughout the world.

IFLA offers a professional home for library associations, libraries and information centres, and information professionals whatever their type or expertise. The Federation is dedicated to informing its members on current research and development in the field of all library activity. By keeping its members up-to-date on the latest trends in the field and future expectations, IFLA provides its membership with a basis for professional growth.

## IFLA Publications

IFLA Journal  
IFLA Directory  
IFLA Medium-Term Programmes  
Council Report (biennial)  
Conference Proceedings  
Division and Section Newsletters  
Division & Section Journals, such as:  
*INSPEL: International Journal of Special Libraries*  
IFLA Publications (series)  
IFLA Professional Reports (series)

## Core Programmes

- ◆ Universal Dataflow and Telecommunications (UDT)
- ◆ Universal Availability of Publications (UAP)
- ◆ Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC (UBCIM)
- ◆ Advancement of Librarianship in the Third World
- ◆ Preservation and Conservation (PAC)

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## Section 5 Social Science Libraries

### *Building Global Communities of Practice*

anthropology, *communication science*,  
**CRIMINOLOGY**, demography, economics,  
*education*, environmental planning, **FUTUROLOGY**,  
geography, history, labour science, **law**,  
library and information science,  
linguistics, *managementsciences*, philosophy,  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**, PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION, **PSYCHOLOGY**, social  
policy, sociology, **STATISTICS**, **science of  
religion, science of science**



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## Section 5: Social Science Libraries

### Scope

Social science libraries are special libraries supporting research and practice in the broad domain of the social sciences. Thus, the section includes libraries and information centers serving large business enterprises and corporations as well as small research institute libraries in such fields as criminology, linguistics, and anthropology.



Following the extended definition by H. P. Hogeweg de Haart (FID, 1981, i. e., the UNESCO definition plus other disciplines), the social sciences include the following disciplines:

...anthropology, communication science, criminology, demography, economics, education, environmental planning, futurology, geography, history, labour science, law, library and information science, linguistics, management science, philosophy, political science, public administration, psychology, social policy, sociology, statistics, science of religion, science of science...

### General Goals of the Section

- ◆ Provide a platform for professional exchange and communication for special libraries and information centers in the social sciences worldwide, in an interdisciplinary way and without regard to the media support of the information provided by each library for its users.
- ◆ Foster international cooperation across disciplinary and national boundaries.
- ◆ Offer professional development opportunities like conferences, workshops and seminars for all people involved in social science information services.
- ◆ Maintain library and information related professional standards and values worldwide.



Making global connections

- ◆ Support of the IFLA core programs, especially the work of the Committee on Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE), as social science libraries often deal with socially or politically sensitive information.
- ◆ Operate with other interest groups to lobby for professional requirements in the social science library and information environment, thus enhancing the quality of information work in the social sciences in general.

### Make Professional Connections

Get in contact with other members and professionals in the field:

Visit our home page at:

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Linking Professionals Globally

### Seven Reasons to Become a Member

- 1 To share common interests with a worldwide network of information professionals.
- 2 To develop plans to help advance the social sciences field.
- 3 To expand knowledge of social science resources.
- 4 To become involved in social science projects that have worldwide impact.
- 5 To share concerns about access to social sciences information.
- 6 To provide programs in an international setting for social science librarians and information managers.
- 7 To better serve the social science information needs of one's institution.

If your institution is already an IFLA member, consider registering for the section for only an additional 100 NLG.

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