

Editor's Note: Because of pragmatic necessity, the Informing Science Institute limits its publications to those written in English. However, much research important to the development of the transdiscipline is first written in another language. Below is a book review of highly relevant book both written in Bulgarian. It provides the reader with a glimpse of alternative ways of perceiving knowledge and research. The review was translated into English by Dr N. Kazanski.

Picture of the Bibliographical Information of the Planet to the XXI Century

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Kumanova. A. V. Introduction into humanitarian bibliography: In 2 parts: Pt I-II.: Studies in Bibliography: A Course of Lectures in General Bibliography. / State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies – Bulgaria; Saint Petersburg State University of Culture and Arts – Russia New Edition – Sofia: Gutenberg, 2007. – 1401 p

The monograph is based on the publication of P. II from the 1st edition, expanded and abridged in 2005-2007. The culturological-phenomenological planetary entity of the world of the secondary-documentary information to the 21st century (encompassing all the subjacent levels of information modeling – primary-documentary and factual) is shaped for reference and information purposes to a visible meta-phenomenology, achieved by the intelligible (rhizomatic) prism of relations (meta-systematical – philosophical-scientometrical) between the information realities (in the kaleidoscope: bibliographical information – bibliographic index – bibliographic data base).

The arising secondary-documentary information map in the culture (in a timeline: past – present – future) through the classification concepts (knowledge – science – information) as a result of the polyphonic conceptual syntagma of coincidence of the history-theory of the bibliography and the chronotope-synarchy of the international universal bibliography possesses a utilitarian-proscopic nature.

The secondary-documentary hyper-transmission of the knowledge – episteme-techne, named with the end of particularly precise information modeling “humanitarian bibliography”, is shown in the focal point of the retrospective bibliography of II-III potential – current national bibliography of II potential – special (branch) bibliography of II potential – universal multilevel recommend advisable bibliography.

P. I: Philosophical-scientometrical picture of the non-science knowledge. – 252 p. 1 Ed. – Saint-Petersburg, 1995.

The book is based on expanded in 1995 monography deposited in NIO Informcultura of Russian State Library 30.01.95. – N 2920 (Saint-Petersburg, 1994), and is basis of Chapter II: “The correlation of the problem of the non-science knowledge and the specificity of the bibliographical information about it” of the doctoral thesis (Dr.Sci./Pedagogics) “The form of bibliographical information in the system of non-science knowledge: Theoretical and methodological aspects” (Saint-Petersburg, 1996), defended on 13.02.1996.

The presented culturological and phenomenological draft of the problem of man in the history of philosophical and scientific thought and in the contemporary documentary flux, that arose in the course of the world historical-cultural process, is interpreted here as an outline of the informative structure of humanitarian bibliography in accordance with the great philosophic idea of the multi-level integrated universe.

Stress is laid on philosophic anthropology, anthropological trends in psychology and sociology; anthropological studies as such, structuralism and semiotics of the end of the XIX century – the beginning of the XX century and interdisciplinary movement of our time – 1980-1990s.

Based on the synthesis of the character, the composition and the place of non-scientific knowledge in the modern system of sciences, the analysis of its disciplinary field in the scientific-philosophical movement of the 20th century and of the concepts developed in this field, has been conducted. Concepts of "humanitarian knowledge", "humanitarian approach" and "humanitarian bibliography" are synthesized.

P. II: Bibliographical picture of the humanitarian bibliography. – 1106 p. 1 Ed. – Sofia, 2005. –Published also in < <http://www.svubit.org> >

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On the basis of the ratio between the problem of the humanitarian knowledge (= nonscience) and the specificity of the bibliographical information about it has been synthesized the bibliographical picture of the humanitarian bibliography, representing the culturological-phenomenological view of the world of the secondary-documentary information through the prism of relations between things arising as a result of the polyphonic conceptual syntagma of the theory of bibliography being at the level of subjective form of expression. The comparison of the problem of the systematization and the classification of knowledge and its reflection in the bibliographical information is indicated in its quality as an intellectual model of the world in connection with which examination was made of the formalization of the knowledge fixed in the primary- and secondary-documentary information of the multilevel-built reality and consciousness.

Postulates are deduced for the analysis of the archetype of information in the context of the multilevel structured information space. The problem and the concept of “form of bibliographical information” are revealed. The levels of the unified information space are deduced. The correlation of the form of the bibliographical information along its horizontal and vertical is shown by information realities of other orders. The mechanism has been elaborated for building of reticular relations between the information realities. The described rhizome structure is limitless and its information labyrinths are codes for system-orientated effective formation, storage, retrieval and dissemination of the bibliographic information.