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Brainstorming Session on Reimagining the Information Profession: iSchools, The Way forward!

Organized by the Somaiya Vidyavihar University Library & Department of Library and Information Science in collaboration with
Department of Data Science and Technology, K J Somaiya Institute of Management
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The convergence of information science, information technology, library science and knowledge resources management is revolutionising education, its content, and delivery at various levels across the globe. Imaginative and flexible curricular structures will enable creative combinations of disciplines for study and offer multiple entry and exit points, thus, removing currently prevalent rigid boundaries and creating new possibilities for life-long learning. Graduate-level, master's and doctoral education in large multidisciplinary universities, while providing rigorous research-based specialization, would also provide opportunities for multidisciplinary work, including in academia, government, and industry.

During the last two decades, the philosophy and origins of the iSchools around the world harness on this convergence of Information Science, Technology and Management of the diverse kind of knowledge resources. Many old LIS schools metamorphosed into iSchools, some Computer Science schools, communication studies, psychology, and media & journalism departments also joined the bandwagon.

The iSchool movement is characterized by the following: Expansion and broadening the domain of LIS by harnessing the power of data/information through technologies; Integration of some of the schools/departments in related domains across the spectrum – from communication studies to cultural studies to the computer sciences, but with an interweaving thread of 'information'; Academia's collective response to the impact of the Internet and efforts to develop educational programs to confront the concomitant challenges; Branding the unique identity of the iField and the iSchools as defined by its shared fundamental interest in the relationships between information, people, and technology. Maximising the visibility and influence of iSchools by promoting the information field as an interdisciplinary domain for creating innovative systems and designing information solutions that benefit individuals, organizations, and society.

iSchools across the world promote an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the opportunities and challenges of information management, with a core commitment to concepts like universal access and user-centered organization of information. The field is concerned with design and preservation questions across information spaces, from digital and virtual spaces such as online communities, social networking, the World Wide Web, and databases to physical spaces such as libraries, museums, collections, and other repositories.

In addition to traditional LIS programs, the degree programs at iSchools include course offerings in areas like: Information architecture, design, policy, and economics; Knowledge organization and management, user experience design, and usability; Information/data management, enterprise content management, e-governance, big data & analytics, eScience and research data management; Preservation and conservation; the sociology of information; human-computer interaction and computer science; and Domain-specific courses such as health informatics; geoinformatics, cheminformatics, bioinformatics; and Digital Libraries, archives, and museums.

With the objective of charting a new path to education in these areas, the Somaiya Vidyavihar University and its constituent institutions, including the University Library and Departments related to information sciences and technology propose a Virtual Brain-Storming Session inviting renowned national and international experts in the field.

Leading Experts Participating in the Session:

Prof. Michael Seadle

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Director, HEADT Centre
Executive Director, iSchools, Inc.
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Prof. George Buchanan

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Australia
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Prof. Deepak Phatak,

IIT Bombay, Professor,
Computer Science & Engineering
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Prof. Sugimoto, Shigeo

Professor Emeritus
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Prof. Gobinda Chowdhury

Professor of Information Science,
Department of Computer & Information Sciences.
University of Strathclyde,
Glasgow, UK
Chair, iSchools Organization
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Scientist, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram & Honorary Professor of A P J Abdul Kalam Technological University.
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Prof. Shalini Urs

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Somaiya Vidyavihar University

With over six decades of rich experience in building and managing educational institutes of great repute, Somaiya Vidyavihar, located in the Vidyavihar Campus, Mumbai, has become a Private University in 2019, bringing all of its self-financing higher education institutions and the self-financing programmes at the undergraduate and post-graduate level under one umbrella. The University was enacted by an Act of the Maharashtra State Legislature, and approved by the University Grants Commission, Government of India. It is a comprehensive Multi-Faculty University with the Faculties/Institutes/Centres of Management, Engineering and Technology, Dharma Studies, Commerce and Business Studies, Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences, Education, Science and Technology, Languages and Literature, Journalism & Mass communication Sports & Physical Education and Visual & Performing Arts. In addition to UG, PG and Ph.D. Programmes, the University offers a wide range of options to students for certificate, diploma, minor and major in industrially and socially relevant subjects of studies and training. The University has 27 recognised depts/centres for Ph.D. research and about 100 recognised research supervisors under the various Faculties, co-ordinated by the R&D division of Somaiya Vidyavihar and the Somaiya Institute of Research and Consultancy.

Join the session on <https://bit.ly/3esQi5t>

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