



Looking for Transcendental Information in the Context of Serious Leisure



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This presentation is part of Dr Mansourian's current research program about Human Information Behaviour (HIB) in the context of Serious Leisure Practice (SLP). This work-in-progress report will include early findings about the dynamic nature of information in SLP and how it fundamentally differs from other forms of information, such as orienting and practical information in daily life and workplace settings.

Dr Mansourian will also introduce the concept of 'Transcendental Information' as a new term to explain the value of information beyond everydayness. A review of the literature indicates that most scholars in information science define 'information' as either a tool for problem solving or a source for satisfying basic needs. This is not the whole story and only depicts a partial picture of a larger horizon. In many arenas of life, such as Serious Leisure, people look for information to truly enjoy a hobby or participate in an entirely volunteer activity rather than to solve a problem or satisfy a need. They also do not always need the information solely for themselves but in order to share it with peers. Dr Mansourian aims to gain a better understanding of the value of information in facilitating profound and pleasurable experiences and helping people to experience deep and delightful aspects of life and develop new forms of identity.

EVENT DETAILS

12:00-1:00pm

Wednesday 20 February 2019

School of Information Studies Seminar Room, Building 05
Charles Sturt University
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This session can be attend remotely via Adobe Connect:
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