

6th UNICA Scholarly Communication Seminar: **LIBRARIES AS DRIVERS FOR CHANGE**

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The 6th UNICA Scholarly Communication Seminar: "Libraries as Drivers for Change" addresses issues related to the **evolving role and place of the library in the University**.

University teaching and learning practices as well as information technologies certainly shape the evolution of libraries regarding their services, spaces and contents. The Seminar will address the **visions of the university library from different points of view**: What is the academic leadership vision of the library? What is the ideal library as seen by students? Which services are expected by researchers? How are professors using library collections and spaces as learning support and teaching environment?



Based on these different visions, the Seminar will look **at how libraries design their services to meet the users' changing needs**, and how **to reconcile the different visions**. It will explore the ways of redefining library contents, developing collections in times of change, dealing with open linked data and sustaining open access publications. The speakers will also approach the skills required from both users and librarians necessary to fit in the library of the future. The Seminar's programme features a **panel session on rethinking library spaces**, from refurbishing an old library, through preparing, building and opening a new one.

The Seminar will provide an excellent platform and an opportunity for the participants to reflect on and share their experience with other colleagues in the broad international context of UNICA member Universities. The participants will gain insights into the issues at stake in rethinking the library and benefit from the experience of others in order to **bring their own vision of the library to reality** in their University.



Target participants: Directors of Libraries, Information Services and Learning Centres, Librarians, Vice-Rectors for Research or Teaching from UNICA member Universities.

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