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Topic: “(Not only) Turning an Idea into a Book” – International Aspects of a Successful Lecture Series at the Institute of Library and Information Science at Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

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Abstract:

Since 2002 the Institute of Library and Information Science, Berlin, Germany, offers undergraduate students a seminar on the aspect: „Turning an idea into a book“ during every summer term.

The goal of the seminar is to produce a comprehensive exhaustive volume on a subject relevant to library science. The articles of the volume are written by authors in their area of expertise in library science and related fields. Students learn the basic aspects of publishing project management:

- Finding the right topic
- Acquisition of articles
- Contacting and communicating with the authors
- Professional layout
- Set-up and structure of a publication
- Possible forms of a publication
- Financing; Editing an article
- Advertising and public relations.

These classes prepare students for an academic career, including skills needed for publishing or editing scientific books or articles, and develop their understanding of quality aspects in the world of publishing. They get in contact to professional librarians and authors outside the university which is an important bonus for their professional career prospects. Presenting the results on national and international congresses – like the German Library Congress, IFLA, and BOBCATSSS, they learn to look and go outside their own world to find ideas for new projects and for their professional future.

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