

On Information Science as a Discipline

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The characteristics necessary for a body of knowledge to constitute a discipline are enumerated. It is then pointed out that what is now called information science can in no sense pass as a discipline.

The nature of a discipline which could be called information science is discussed in terms of

1. what kinds of problems are involved,
2. what kinds of methods must be developed or employed to address these problems, and
3. what kinds of applications would be expected from such a discipline.

Finally, it is speculated as to the likelihood of a discipline which could be called information science ever coming into being.