

Special Sessions of QQML 2018 Conference

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SESSION TITLE: Quo Vadis eXtended Reality (XR) in Academic Libraries

Scope & rationale: The variations of XR: Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR) and Mixed Reality (MR), are steadily establishing their place in education. The importance of the academic library for the XR adoption in education is manifold. The academic library can establish itself as the leader in the academic adoption of XR by creating campus makerspace / sandbox with activities for students across campus. The library also can be the curator of content creation with XR. Last but not least, the library is the gate keeper and archivist of new type of voluminous data for the XR content. The character and functions of the library and the librarians make them most suitable mediators between the budding XR movement and other promising endeavors, such as, e.g., Open Educational Resources, Big Data for libraries, etc.

This Special Sessions seeks to explore the mechanisms and the processes around a very new educational trend, such as XR, discuss and shape directions for libraries and librarians on the path of XR development.