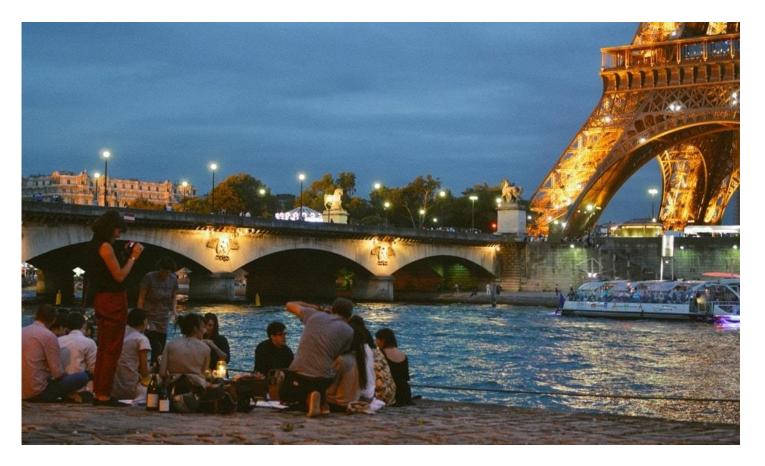
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Faculty's understandings of information literacy

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AMICAL Faculty Focus Groups 2015 (AUBG)

Two faculty focus groups about Information Literacy

Discussion focused on

- Information Literacy concepts and definitions
- Information Literacy integration

Each focus group lasted 1h and **eight** faculty members from **different disciplines** and **different AMICAL institutions** participated



Two ways of looking at data

- 1. Quantitative way
- Word count (wordle.com) visualizing what each faculty member said with regard to information literacy

2. Qualitative way

• Clustering topics and "thick description" (Geertz)

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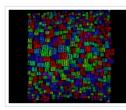
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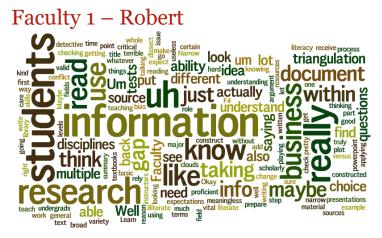
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Visualization of what each faculty member said with regard to IL



Faculty 2 - Chris



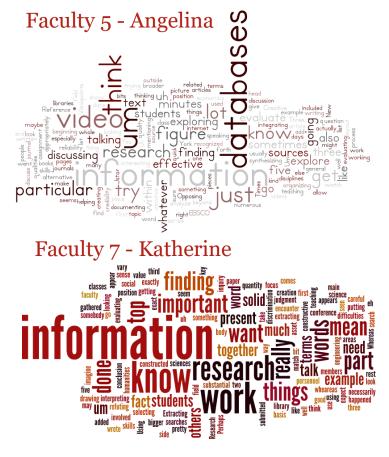
Faculty 4 - Isabelle



Faculty 3 - Roberta



Visualization of what each faculty member said with regard to IL



Faculty 6 - Sarah



Faculty 8 - Alexandra



tried date

IL – recurrent ideas

 "Search" – "finding" – "using keywords" – "ability to do a word search" – "understand how to do a keyword search"

"know how to read" – "understand" – "analyze" –
"dissect" – "evaluate"

"incorporate" – "respond to" - "use" – "be productive" –
"create knowledge" – "something new"

Faculty's understandings of information literacy

Large understanding of information literacy

Narrow understanding of information literacy

ACRL skill understanding

Faculty has **less of a theory** in mind about what information literacy **is but teaches information literacy** in class

IL – some more discussion topics

- Information Literacy micro and macro level
- Information Literacy in **different disciplines**
- Information Literacy & research skills, efforts, methods

Thank you

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