

The aim of this thesis is to describe current situation of information science and librarianship in Arab countries. To introduce and depict common ground, important historical moments for information science and librarianship in Arab countries will be described. Afterwards, field organizations operating in these countries will be mapped and characterized. The main part of the thesis will analyse the situation in each of twenty Arab countries. The analysis will map the most important libraries and universities, where the field of information science and librarianship is studied. Where needed, other important facts and figures will be provided to enhance the analysis so that the aim of the thesis is fulfilled.