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• to analyse current trends in librarianship and information work
• to critically review the transformation of libraries and information services resulting from the introduction of the new information technologies and working methods
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