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# Semantic content retrieval in digital cultural heritage objects

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**Abstract:** Digital libraries contain increasingly multi-modal objects like image scans of documents aligned with transcriptions, maps, graphics etc. Search algorithms in such libraries rely often only on meta-data, which can describe only a small part of the content, or employ only on string manipulation. Thus the semantics of the content is neglected. Document annotation may improve the description of the content, as long as it is backboned by a proper knowledge base.  
In this talk I will describe, stating from a particular case study how ontological knowledge and document annotation (both image and text) can be used for semantic search of the content. A particular focus will be on the multiple levels of annotation and the construction of the ontology.

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