

Beacon for Freedom for Expression

Censorship and “Reference activism” in a Global Perspective

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Activism

“A policy of active participation or engagement in a particular sphere of activity; specifically the use of vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change.”



Reference activism

Choosing particular resources to communicate values for calculated reasons with a desired outcome in mind.



Glocality= local + global being

“People’s lives are neither wholly global nor wholly local—they are *glocal*” (Eriksen 2010). Thomas Hylland Eriksen



Library as infrastructure

Preserving, archiving, and providing access to information
Empower people so that they can access and contribute
to information and knowledge flows.



Reference services

Facilitating access to information and knowledge is an opportunity to **transfer values**.



Article 19

UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.



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- Free internet-based reference tool
- Books, newspapers, radio/television broadcasts & websites
- Banned on moral, religious or political grounds
- By a state, governing authority or state-related body



Beacon's three goals

1. **Preserve information** about historic and current censorship in a global perspective.
2. **Provide** a collaborative **learning resource** for researchers, students and activists.
3. **Facilitate dialogue** about censorship, freedom of expression and human rights through its website and programs.



Background

Norwegian Forum for Freedom of Expression

IFEX

National and university libraries worldwide

Norwegian volunteers



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[Beacon Search](#)

[Tunisia](#)

[Rushdie](#) (Salman Rushdie)

[Bambi](#) (Felix Salten)



Be a reference activist

1. Look for regular updates about censorship from a global perspective. [IFEX.org](https://ifex.org)
2. Learn about [ICORN](https://icorn.org) and Cities of Refuge in your country.



3. Learn more about activist/advocacy organizations.

Article 19

[FreeMuse](#)

4. Share information about [Beacon for Freedom of Expression](#) and submit information about censored media for registration in the database.

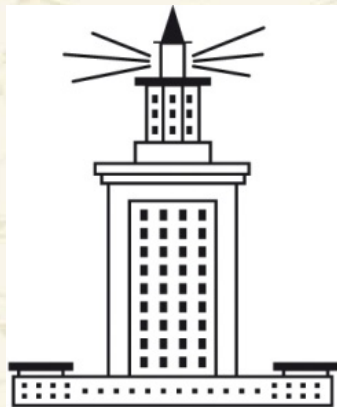


Thanks for your attention!

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