

# Tracing the Evolution of iSchools Through Language

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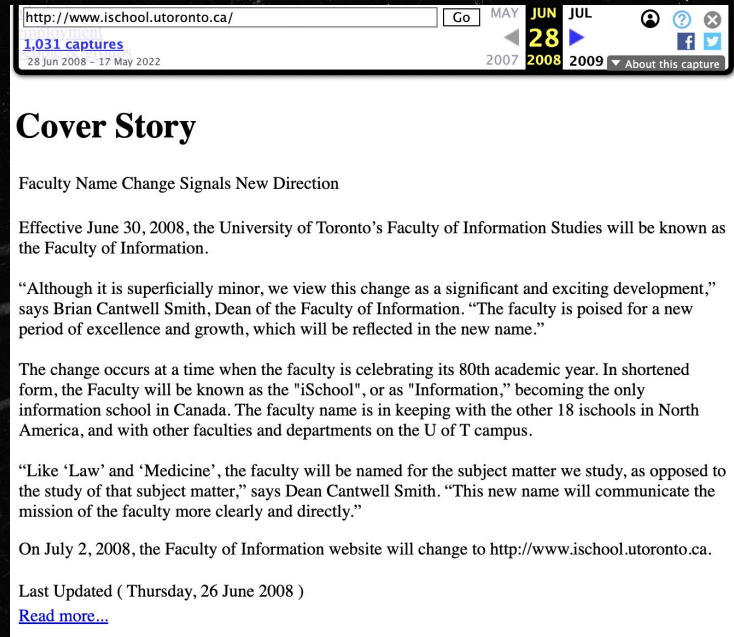
# PROPOSED METHODS

Discourse and semiotic analysis

# Data Collection

## Textual and Visual Materials

- Promotion material
- Newsletters
- Bulletin boards
- Faculty lists
- Agendas and meeting minutes
- List of events
- Logos
- Website pages



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### Cover Story

Faculty Name Change Signals New Direction

Effective June 30, 2008, the University of Toronto's Faculty of Information Studies will be known as the Faculty of Information.

"Although it is superficially minor, we view this change as a significant and exciting development," says Brian Cantwell Smith, Dean of the Faculty of Information. "The faculty is poised for a new period of excellence and growth, which will be reflected in the new name."

The change occurs at a time when the faculty is celebrating its 80th academic year. In shortened form, the Faculty will be known as the "iSchool", or as "Information," becoming the only information school in Canada. The faculty name is in keeping with the other 18 ischools in North America, and with other faculties and departments on the U of T campus.

"Like 'Law' and 'Medicine', the faculty will be named for the subject matter we study, as opposed to the study of that subject matter," says Dean Cantwell Smith. "This new name will communicate the mission of the faculty more clearly and directly."

On July 2, 2008, the Faculty of Information website will change to <http://www.ischool.utoronto.ca>.

Last Updated ( Thursday, 26 June 2008 )  
[Read more...](#)

UofT iSchool Homepage 2008  
(Internet Archive Wayback Machine)





# Future Directions



[Amsterdam, University of \(2\)](#)  
Graduate School of Humanities, Archives and Information Studies  
<http://gsh.uva.nl/ma-programmes/programmes/content32/media-studies-research.html>

Amsterdam, Netherlands  
European Region

Basic

[Arizona, University of \(3\)](#)  
School of Information  
<https://ischool.arizona.edu/>

Tucson, Arizona  
North American Region

iCaucus

[Bar-Ilan University \(2\)](#)  
Department of Information Science  
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iSchool Organization

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## Australia [\[edit\]](#)

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- [Open Universities Australia](#), online
- [RMIT University](#), Melbourne, Victoria
- [University of South Australia](#), Adelaide, South Australia

## Bangladesh [\[edit\]](#)

- [East West University](#)
- [National University](#), Bangladesh
- [Noakhali Science and Technology University](#)
- [University of Rajshahi](#)
- [University of Dhaka](#)

General List of  
Information Schools



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# EVOLUTION OF THE iSCHOOL

Faculty of Library  
Science (1973)

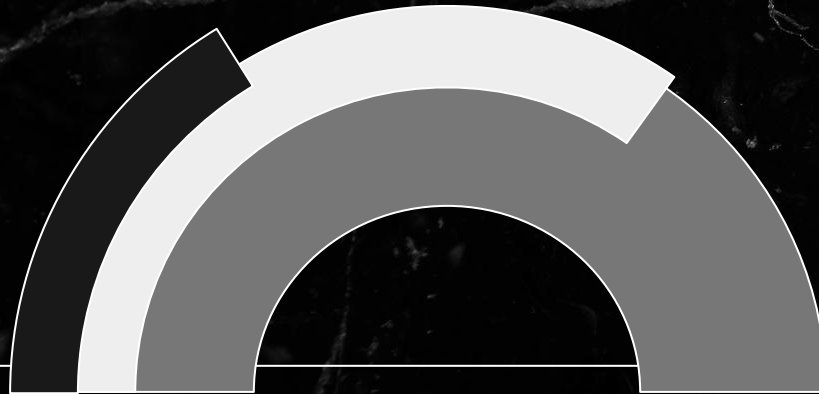
Faculty of Library and  
Information Science (1983)

School of Library  
Science (1966)

Faculty of Information  
Studies (1995)



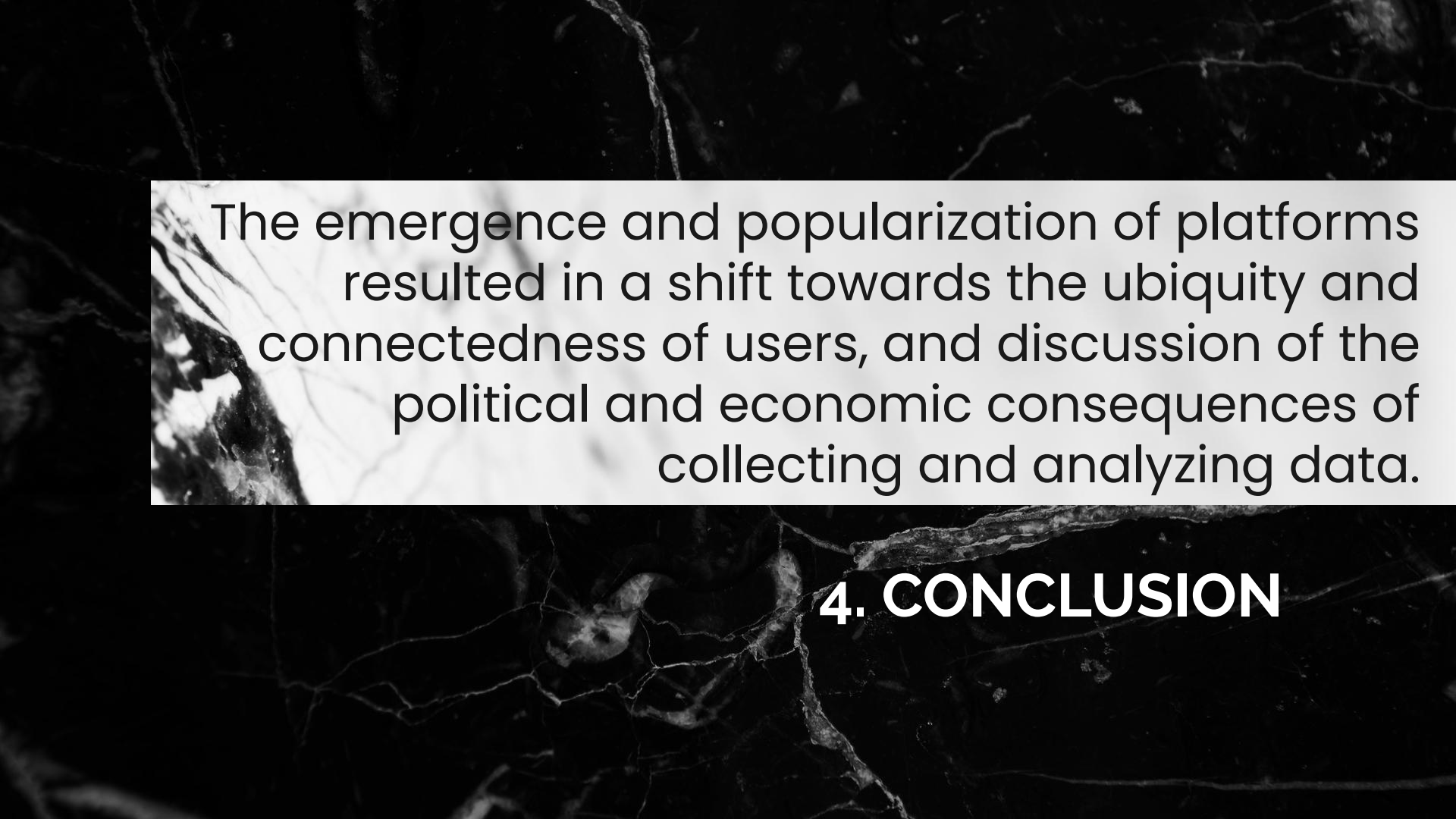
Library School  
Class (1928)



University of  
Toronto



Faculty of  
Information (2011)



The emergence and popularization of platforms resulted in a shift towards the ubiquity and connectedness of users, and discussion of the political and economic consequences of collecting and analyzing data.

## **4. CONCLUSION**



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