



Conceptual and terminological changes in the field of records management and archives

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Overview

1. Traditions
2. Theory
3. Current implementations

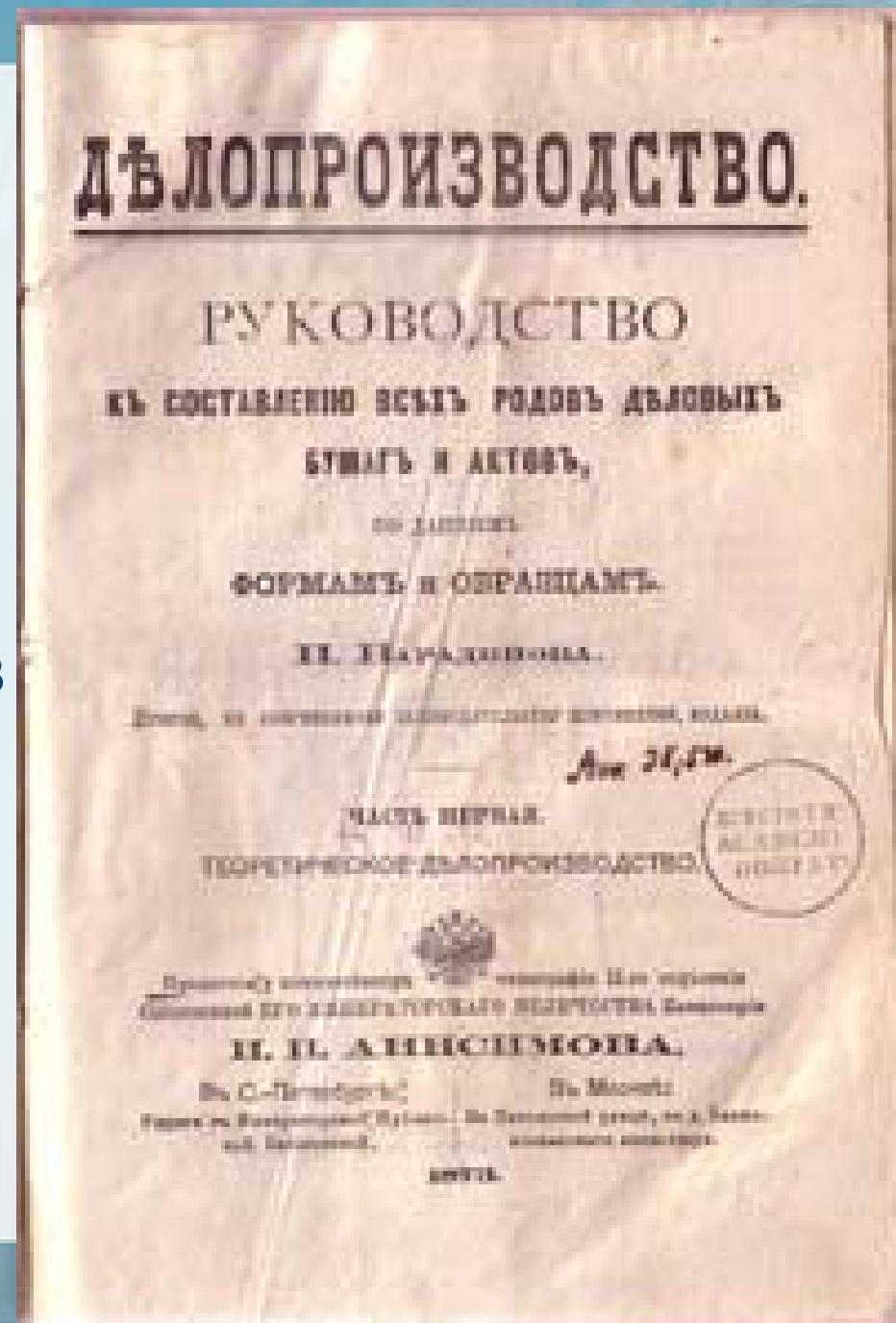


Traditions in records management and archives

- Old tradition
 - 19th century – Делопроизводство
 - between WW I and WW II
- Soviet tradition
 - ГОСТ 16487-70 "Делопроизводство и архивное дело. Термины и определения"
 - ГОСТ 6.38-72 "Система организационно-распорядительной документации. Основные положения"
 - etc
- Paradigma change
 - Estonian Archival act (1998) – Schellenberg's theory
 - Information technology in general
 - ISO standards and W3C standards

19th C

- Варадинов Н. В.
Делопроизводство.
Руководство по
составлению всех родов
деловых бумаг и актов
по данным формам и
образцам. (1873)



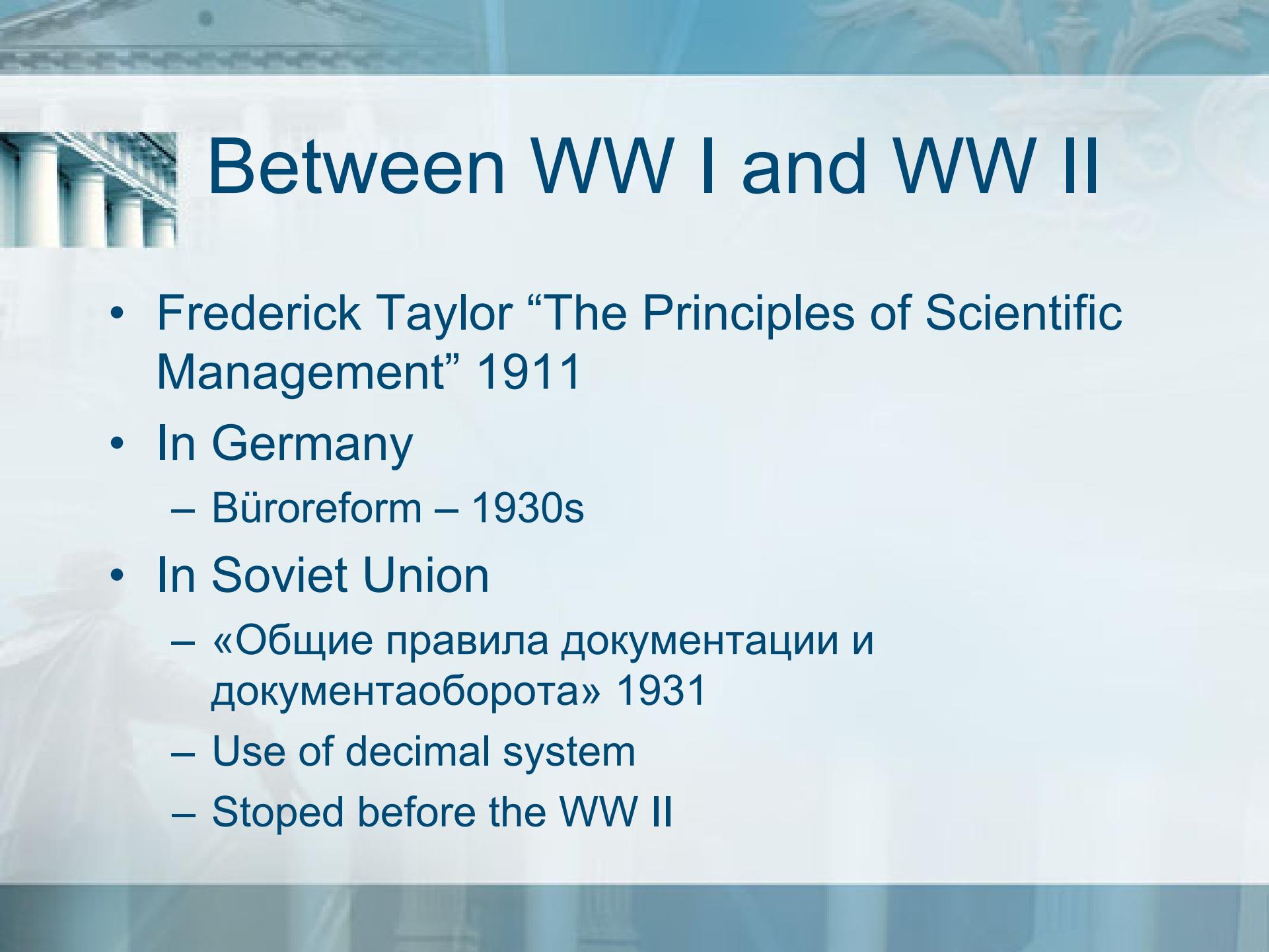
Дело – case management

НАСТОЛЬНЫЙ РЕЕСТРЪ

АПЕЛЛЯЦИОННЫМЪ, СЛѢДСТВЕННЫМЪ И ЧАСТНЫМЪ ДѢЛАМЪ Н ПАЛАТЫ
УГОЛОВНОГО И ГРАЖДАНСКОГО СУДА ЗА 1863 ГОДЪ.

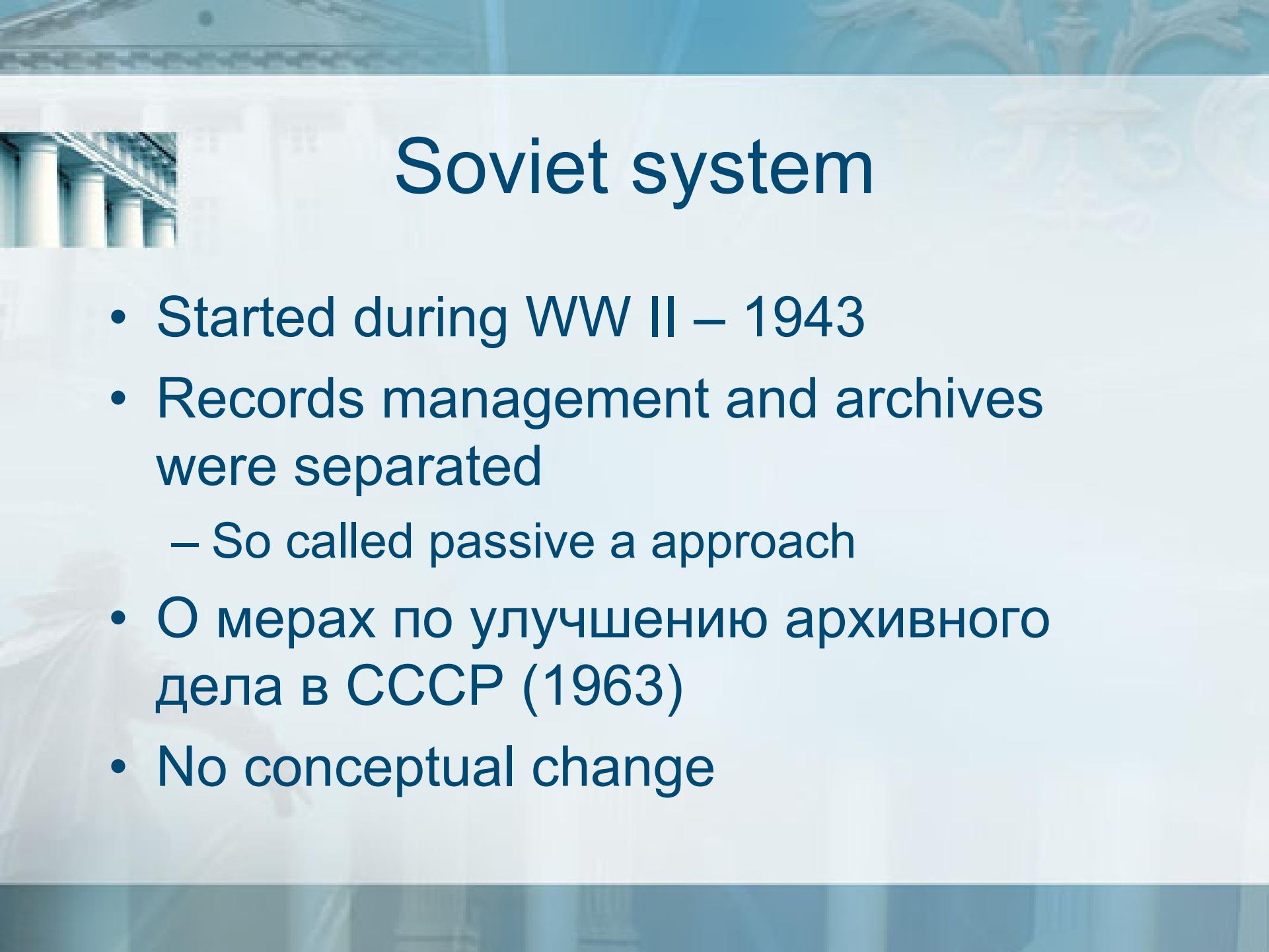
По I Столу, II Отдѣлению.

№ дѣла.	Время начала дѣла.	Содержание	Производство	Время слушания дѣла.	Содержа- ние реше- ния.	Время посыпки указъ.	Время получения допесенія о обзвѣ- женіи рѣшенія.	Время получения приведенія въ дѣ- ловомъ исполненіи.
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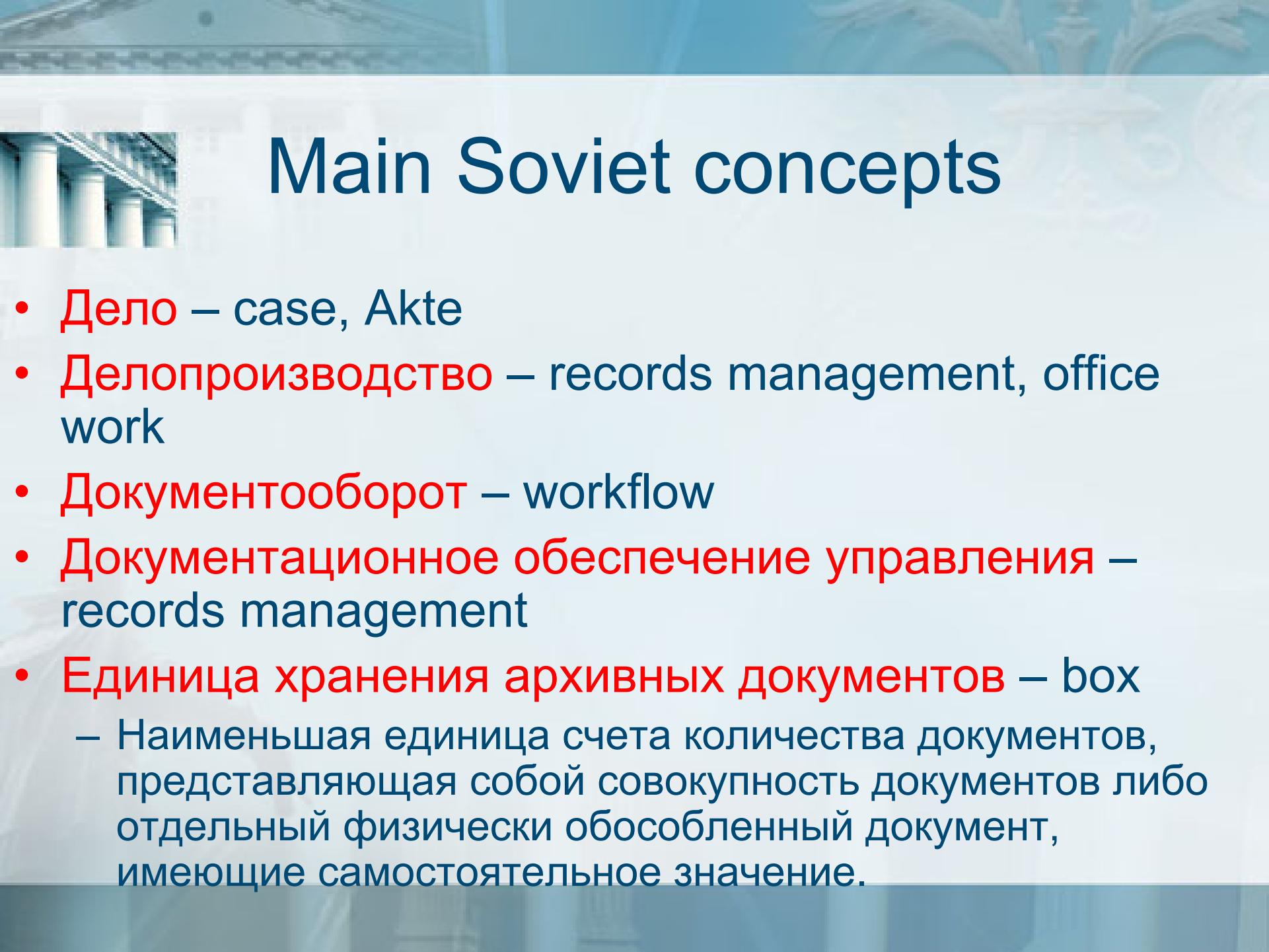
Between WW I and WW II

- Frederick Taylor “The Principles of Scientific Management” 1911
- In Germany
 - Büroreform – 1930s
- In Soviet Union
 - «Общие правила документации и документаоборота» 1931
 - Use of decimal system
 - Stopped before the WW II



Soviet system

- Started during WW II – 1943
- Records management and archives were separated
 - So called passive approach
- О мерах по улучшению архивного дела в СССР (1963)
- No conceptual change



Main Soviet concepts

- Дело – case, Akte
- Делопроизводство – records management, office work
- Документооборот – workflow
- Документационное обеспечение управления – records management
- Единица хранения архивных документов – box
 - Наименьшая единица счета количества документов, представляющая собой совокупность документов либо отдельный физически обособленный документ, имеющие самостоятельное значение.

Paradigma change (?)

- Archival science as normal science
 - up to 1980s – followed Schellenberg'e footsteps
- Methodological approaches
 - Information philosophy
 - Luciano Floridi. What is the Philosophy of Information?
 - Fenomenology
 - Rafael Capurro, Birger Hjørland. The concept of information
 - Pragmatism
 - ISO 15489:2002 “Records Management”
- In the field of terminology
 - Dryden, Jean. A Tower of Babel: Standardizing Archival Terminology. Archival Science, Volume 5, Number 1, March 2005, pp. 1-16

Conceptual schemes

Classical archival theory – Schellenberg
(based on structural-functionalism)

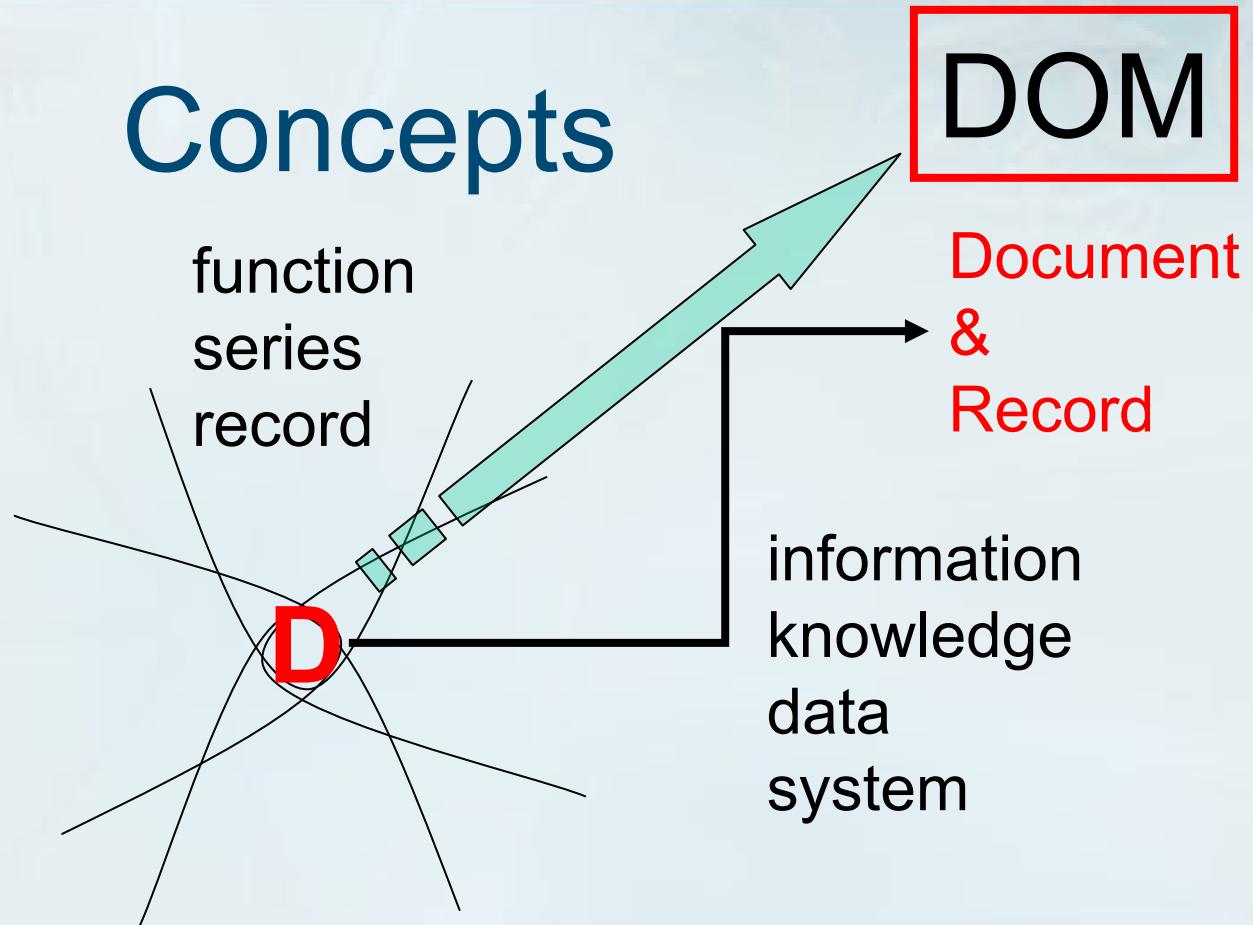
Old archival practice

IS / IT

Soviet records management and
archival science

Concepts

Archivalien
Дело – case file
Реестр – register

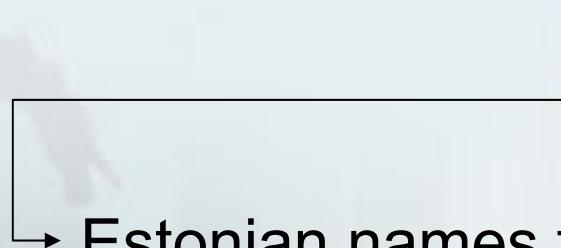
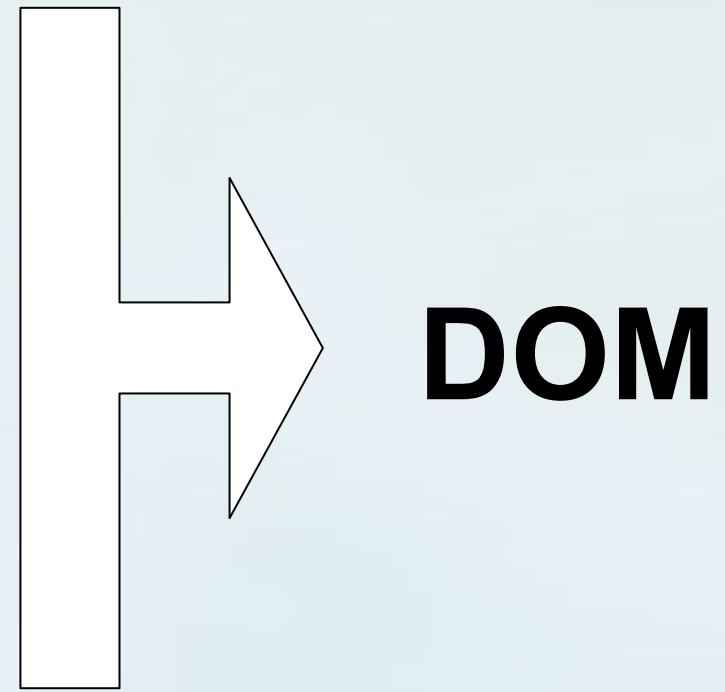


Дело – Case file
Единица хранения

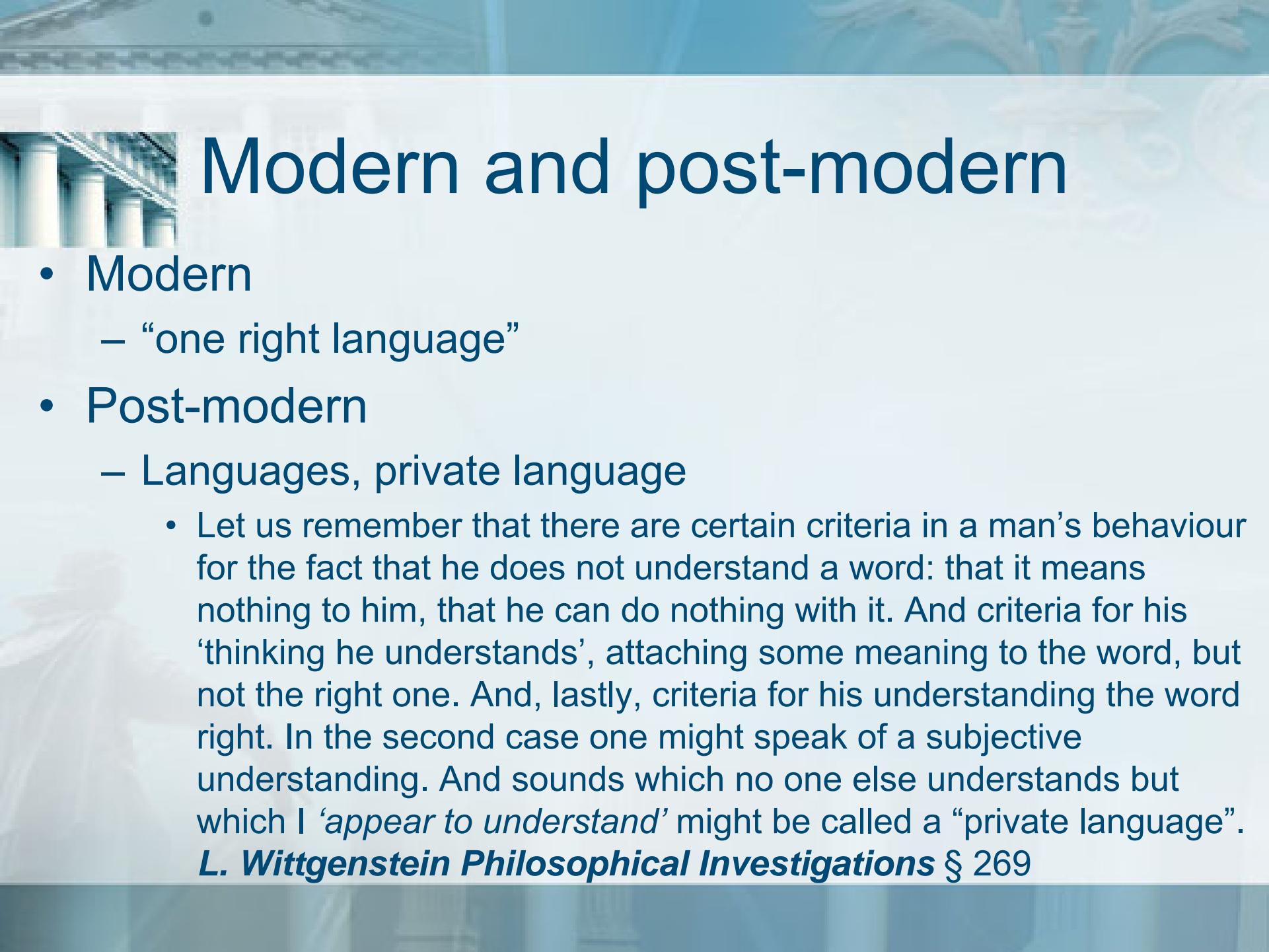
DOM stands for digital object management

Objects

- Archives – *arhivaal*
- Libraries – *teavik*
- Museums – *museaal*

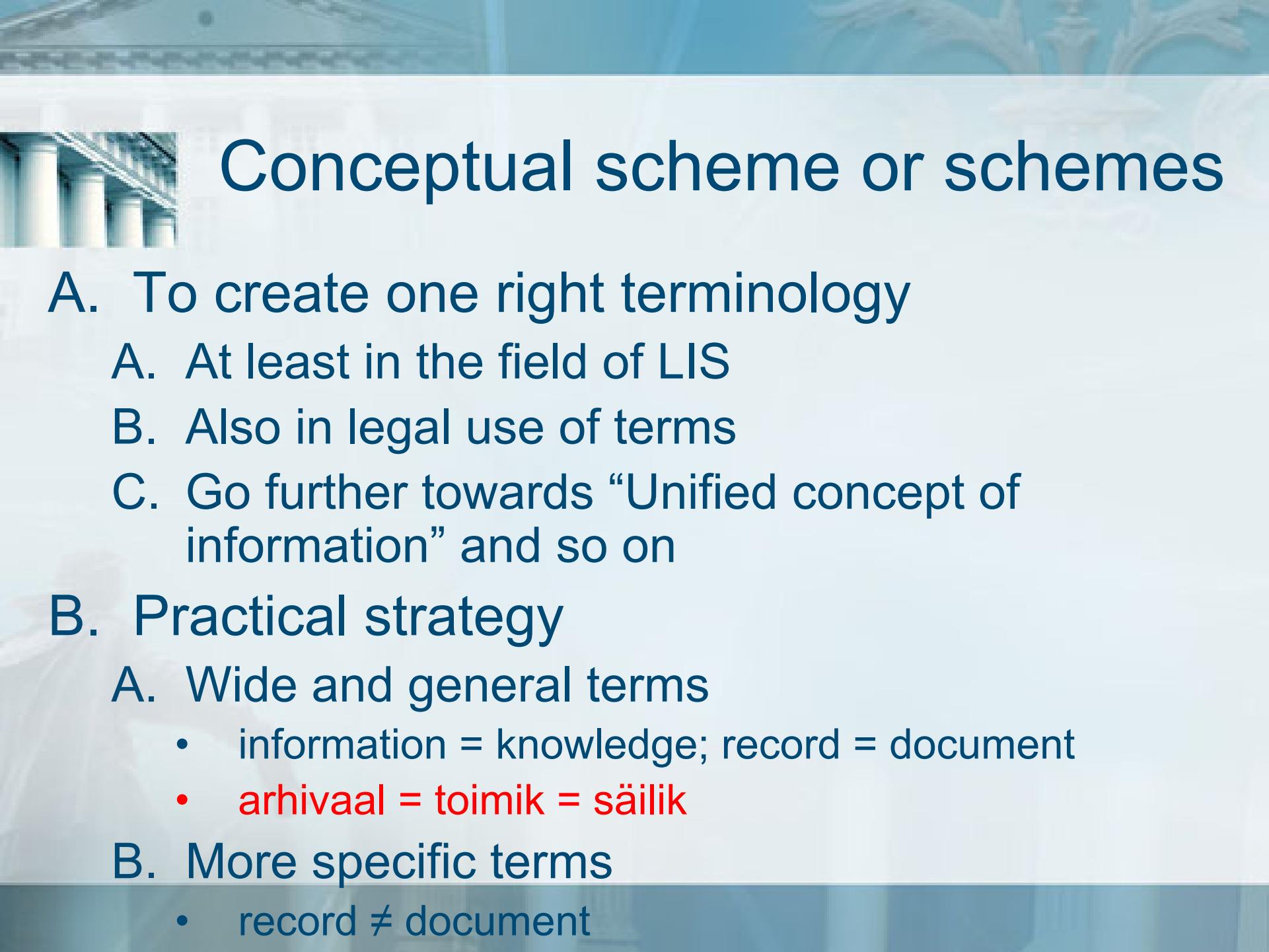


→ Estonian names for objects in ALM



Modern and post-modern

- Modern
 - “one right language”
- Post-modern
 - Languages, private language
 - Let us remember that there are certain criteria in a man's behaviour for the fact that he does not understand a word: that it means nothing to him, that he can do nothing with it. And criteria for his ‘thinking he understands’, attaching some meaning to the word, but not the right one. And, lastly, criteria for his understanding the word right. In the second case one might speak of a subjective understanding. And sounds which no one else understands but which I ‘appear to understand’ might be called a “private language”.
L. Wittgenstein *Philosophical Investigations* § 269



Conceptual scheme or schemes

A. To create one right terminology

- A. At least in the field of LIS
- B. Also in legal use of terms
- C. Go further towards “Unified concept of information” and so on

B. Practical strategy

- A. Wide and general terms
 - information = knowledge; record = document
 - **arhivaal = toimik = säilik**

B. More specific terms

- record ≠ document

Examples

1. Document – Record – *Arhivalien*
2. Series – Case (files)

Document / Record

- 3.10 **document**, (noun) recorded information or object which can be treated as a unit
- 3.15 **records** information created, received, and maintained as evidence and information by an organization or person, in pursuance of legal obligations or in the transaction of business
 - ISO 15489
- a **document** is evidence in support of a fact. (*Un document est une preuve à l'appui d'un fait*)
 - Suzanne Briet, 1951
- a **document** is a written evidence of a fact having a juridical nature, compiled in compliance with determined forms, which are meant to provide it with full faith and credit
 - Cesare Paoli “Diplomatica” (Firenze, 1942)
- **документ**: документированная информация: Зафиксированная на материальном носителе информация с реквизитами, позволяющими ее зафиксировать
 - Vene standard
- **Dokument** on mis tahes teabekandjale jäädvustatud teave, mis on loodud või saadud asutuse või isiku tegevuse käigus ning mille sisu, vorm ja struktuur on küllaldane faktide või tegevuse tõestamiseks
 - Legal definition Estonian Archival act (1998)

Arhivaal

- Archivalien (arhivaal) – Urkunde (ürik) – diploma (διπλοωμα) - record
- Arhivaal
 - on dokument, millele on kehtestatud säilitustähtaeg või mida säilitatakse tema väärtuse tõttu ühiskonnale, riigile, omanikule või teistele isikutele
 - eraarhivaal, avalik arhivaal
- архивный документ
 - Документ, сохраняемый или подлежащий сохранению в силу его значимости для общества и равно имеющий ценность для собственника
- Акт
 - Лаппо-Данилевский А.С. Очерк русской дипломатики частных актов
 - Все акты в целом делятся на три группы: 1) акты суверенных монархов (императоров и королей); 2) акты пап; 3) частные акты
 - С.М. Каштанов РУССКАЯ ДИПЛОМАТИКА (1988)
- Archivalien, Archivgut
 - A. Brennecke. Archivwissenschaft
 - “archivalischen” und “nicht-archivalischen” Akten
 - H. O. Meisner. Archivalienkunde vom 16. Jahrhundert bis 1918



Akte – дело

Preussische Aktenbildung

M. Amtsbuch-Registraturen

N. Die Serienakten – Registratur

O. Registraturen mit Serien von Sachakten

**Johannes Papritz. Archivwissenschaft
Band 2, Teil 2,2: Organisationsformen
des Schriftgutes in Kanzlei und
Registratur.**

дело:

Совокупность документов или
документ, относящихся к одному
вопросу или участку деятельности,
помещенных в **отдельную обложку**



Abb.12. Aktenheftung
auf gefaltetem Papier
als Rücken (S.20).

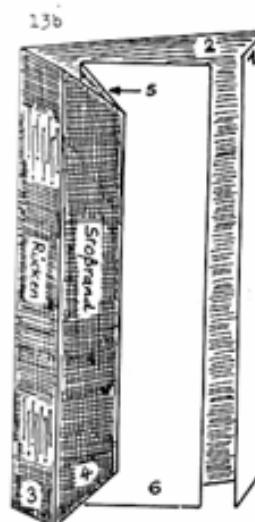
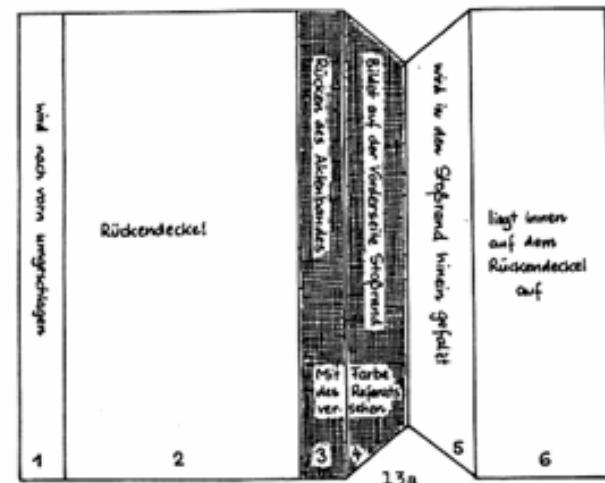
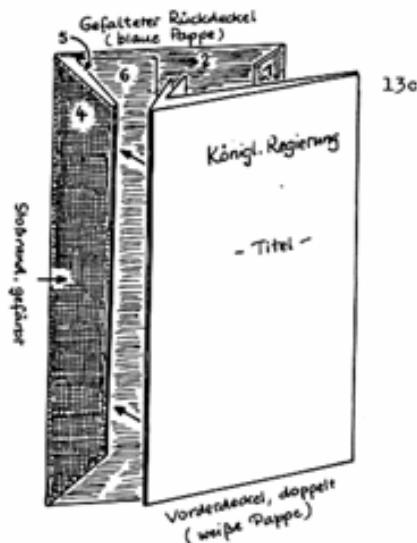


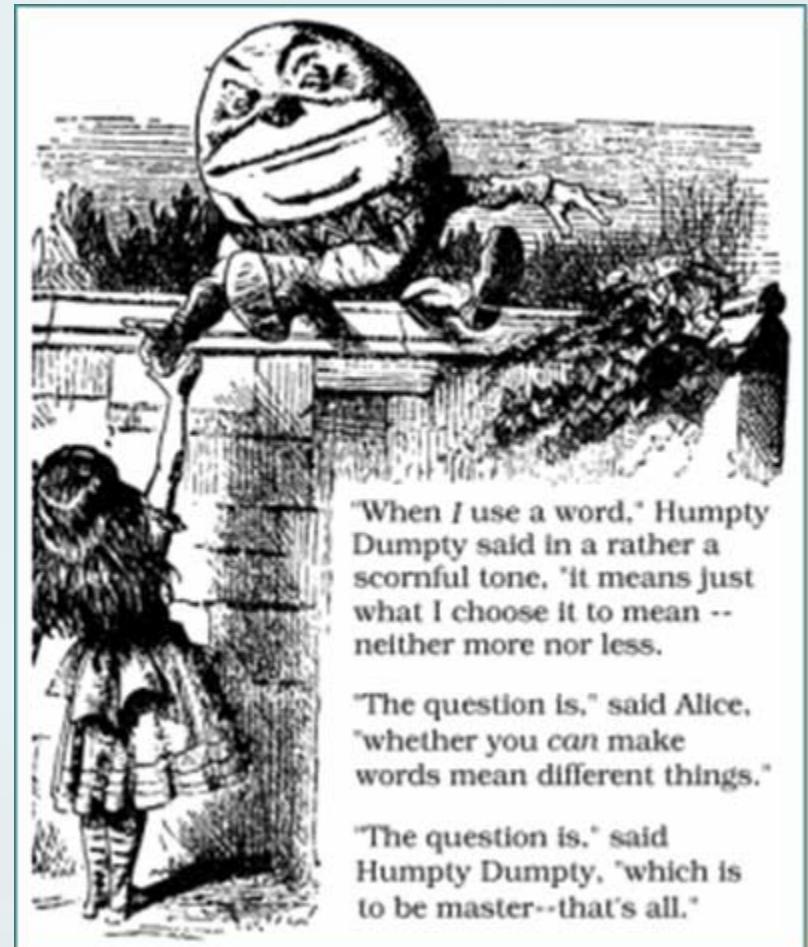
Abb.13. Preußische Aktenbildung (S.22). Maßstab 1 : 4 :

- der ausgebretete Rückendeckel,
- Faltung des Rückendeckels.
- Der doppelte Vorderdeckel wird eingehetzt. Die Heftung im Falz verbindet die beiden Vorderdeckel, die am linken Rand zu einem schmalen Falz umgebogen sind, zugleich aber auch die Verstärkung des Stoßrandes (5) und die des hinteren Deckels (6).



Summary: way forward

- Metaphysical
 - Discussion about terms as words
 - Discussion about ideas behind the terms
- Empirical
 - The criteria of the truth is the practice !
- How to change practice
- Humpty Dumpty world



"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in a rather a scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean -- neither more nor less."

"The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean different things."

"The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master--that's all."