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A view on scientific documentation and research
in the decade of 1930

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Abstract:

In 1936 the *Instituto para a Alta Cultura* requested mathematician Antonio Aniceto Monteiro, who had just returned from Paris, to report on the state of the collections of scientific periodicals in the main libraries of Lisbon and Porto. Three years later, and after acquiring considerable experience on these collections and on the new subject of scientific documentation, he published a report where he made a structural analysis of the current state of collections in these libraries. In addition, he discussed the more general question of the circulation of information in a scientific research community. In this talk I will mainly focus on this last part of the report, on the impact and modernity of his approach and, briefly, on a possible connection of these ideas with Monteiro's own interests in mathematical research.

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