Europeana and semantic alignment of vocabularies

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This presentation will focus on work in the domain of semantic alignments, in the context of the Europeana network of projects. Requirements and applications will be discussed for the various tasks at hand, in which alignment, in its various variants, can play a crucial role. Specific aspects such as multilingual issues, variability of alignment evaluations, and the lack of resources to invest in complex ontological modeling and large-scale manual alignment, will be touched. A particular point will be made on the need for intuitive and modular solutions, as well as the re-use of what is already available.