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Library Services

Guide to Library Resources for Postgraduates and Researchers in Politics, International Relations, Criminology and Sociology

LIBRARY SERVICES

For information on services available to all researchers see <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/info/research/index.htm>. This includes information about the SCONUL Access scheme for borrowing from other academic libraries; the Zetoc journal contents alerting service, and the RefWorks system of bibliographic referencing,

There is also a link from this page to information on the **Interlibrary Loans Service**, through which material not available in UWE libraries can be obtained (<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/info/subguide/using/newillinfo.htm>). Requests can be submitted online. Books must be collected from the Library in person, but photocopies will be posted or emailed to you.

RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

BOOKS

To locate books in the Library you will need to use the Library Catalogue <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/catalogue/>.

Social science books are mostly located on Levels 3 and 4 of the Bolland Library. Titles on research methodology are on Level 4. The Library subscribes to **Credo Reference**, an electronic collection of over 100 reference works, accessible from <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/resources/general/reference/#refcolls>.

There is a collection of older and lesser used works in the Library Store. These are listed on the Catalogue and can be retrieved for you for collection from the main Service Desk the following day. You can place a hold on these using the Library Catalogue, for which you will need your Library ID and PIN.

The **Official Publications** collection includes Hansard while the British Parliamentary Papers are available on microfiche.

The **Statistics Collection** contains some of the main UK, European, and

international statistical series. Many statistical series are also available on the Internet - follow the links from the Web pages at <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/resources/stats/>. You will find links here to the **Economic and Social Data Service**, the **DataArchive** and the **Census** as well as to international statistical sources.

TRACING BOOKS ON A SUBJECT

❑ **Library Catalogue** (<http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/catalogue>)

This gives details of all print and electronic resources available via all UWE libraries.

❑ **Other libraries' catalogues**

Searching these may help identify relevant titles. Links to individual academic and national libraries and to union catalogue collections are at <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/resources/general/libraries/>

❑ **Bibliographies**

These provide details of books currently in print, or published in the past:

WorldCat: a catalogue of books and web resources worldwide. Has a direct link to the UWE Library Catalogue to check our holdings and can be accessed from the Electronic resources A-Z link on the Library homepage.

Specialist bibliographies: these are specific to one subject area, and often produced by professional bodies or institutions. Their web pages can be a useful starting point. On the Library Catalogue enter 'Bibliographies' and your topic to identify those we hold.

Many **electronic indexes**, like the **International Bibliography of the Social Sciences** contain references to books or chapters in books as well as to journal articles (see the section below on tracing journal articles).

TRACING RESEARCH, THESES AND CONFERENCES

If you are doing original research you will need to check that it hasn't already been done, but this type of material can sometimes be difficult to trace.

British theses can be traced through the **Index to Theses** which is available from the Library homepage by selecting the Electronic resources A-Z link. Some are available in full text through **ETHOS**.

Information about ESRC funded research is listed on the **ESRC Society Today** at <http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/>.

UWE student dissertations are listed on the Catalogue, a growing number of which are available electronically, while UWE theses are available on request from the Service Desk. Both these forms of material are for reference only. There are a small number of postgraduate dissertations available on the Library's Digital Collections at <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/catalogue/hypellogin.htm>. You will need your Library ID

and PIN to access these.

Conferences are another source of information on recent research and developments. They can also help to identify and locate experts. **ISI Proceedings** is an index to scientific and technical conference proceedings (including environmental sciences) which is linked from the A-Z electronic resources page.

JOURNALS

All printed journals are shelved on Level 3, with some on display in the current journals area. Journal issues older than 10 years are usually transferred to the Store. Journals are retrieved from the Store daily by request at the Service Desk. Journals requested before 11.30am will be retrieved the same day.

All journals are listed on the Catalogue, giving their locations and the length of back files. Select **Browse**, type the journal title and click on the **Journal title** button. Those journals to which we subscribe in electronic format have **direct links from the library catalogue record**. For a complete list of electronic journals log into the **UWE eLibrary** at <http://elibrary.uwe.ac.uk/> and use the '**Find e-Journal**' section.

TRACING JOURNAL ARTICLES

Indexes, Abstracts and Full Text Journal Article Collections

Indexes to journal articles are increasingly available in electronic format.

Some of the electronic indexes and journal collections which are relevant for the Social Sciences are listed below. However because of the interdisciplinary nature of social science, it may be necessary to look at other subject areas. Links to electronic resources by subject can be found on the **Subject Resource pages** at <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/resources/ressub.htm>

Mainstream electronic indexes and full text journal collections for the social sciences include: -

ASSIA (Applied Social Sciences Index & Abstracts)

BEI (British Education Index)

BHI (British Humanities Index)

Business Source Premier (full text collection including economics journals)

IBSS International Bibliography of the Social Sciences

JSTOR (full text collection but most titles do not include the last few years)

Nexis (full text of all UK national newspapers except the Financial Times, many regional papers and numerous newspapers and magazines worldwide)

PsycINFO

Science Direct (full text journal articles published by Elsevier and associate publishers)

Social Science Citation Index

SocINDEX

Sociological Abstracts

Worldwide Political Science Abstracts

ZETOC (British Library electronic table of contents service)

These resources can be accessed by logging into the **UWE eLibrary** at <http://elibrary.uwe.ac.uk/> and using the '**Find Database**' or '**Subject search**' section.

If you are accessing databases off-campus you will need your UWE network username and password.

OTHER ON-LINE INFORMATION SERVICES

There are several other subscription databases which include data or information in the social sciences. Many of them like **Global Insight**, which provides business intelligence analysis, forecasts and reports on over 180 countries, are linked from the web pages for Business and Management.

Internet Resources

To find good quality websites use a subject gateway such as **INTUTE: Social Sciences**. This works in the same way as a search engine but will only retrieve good quality websites. This, and other gateways, can be accessed from the **Web links** connections on the **subject resources pages** at <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/library/resources/ressub.htm>

If you need any further help or information, you should contact Geoff Cole or Sarah Brain at library.hlss@uwe.ac.uk .

This guide can be made available in alternative formats on request.

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