Library Research Skills
Peace & Conflict Studies

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› FAQ available on Borrowing Tab
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› Check the Library catalogue first

› Enter as much information as possible

› Use the “Other Information” field if necessary

› Free service

› Must comply with Copyright
Library eBooks

Print vs eBook Comparison

› Print Library book

- Collect off the Library shelf
- Read it in the Library
- Borrow and take home for 12 weeks
- Return it

› Electronic Library Book

- Open online on Library Catalogue
- Read online
- Download to personal device
- Access Expires after 1-30 days
EBL (ebook Library)

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  - after 10 mins viewing you will be prompted to create a 24hr loan

› Download
  - can download for offline viewing
  - 1 day loan

› Print
  - You can usually print 20% of an EBL book

› Annotate
  - If reading online use Notes tab
  - If reading a downloaded book use Add Bookmark button in Adobe Digital Editions
Ebrary

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  - yes

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  - can download for offline viewing
  - 7-14 day loan

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  - You can usually print/copy 1 chapter or 60 pages of an Ebrary book

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Preparing Research Strategy

› Identify key concepts / ideas / themes

› Breakdown each concept into keywords or phrases, synonyms and word variations

› Identify limits – date, language, document types
Learn how to break your topic down.

Discuss the causes of Resource Conflict in West Africa

Main ideas
- Causes
- Resource Conflict
- West Africa

Alternative/related words
- Origins
- Source
- Mining Conflict
- Mineral Conflict
- Africa
- Liberia
- Ghana

Think about the different sources you may need to consult:
- library catalogue and collections,
- databases
- internet
- people
- organisations
Where to find Resources

› Catalogue
  - Provides access to print and electronic books held in the library collection
  - Multiple search options (keyword, author, title, subject, number)

› Databases:
  - provide access to the content of journals within broad or specific subjects areas
  - index articles, essays, conferences papers, websites, book reviews, reports and occasionally book chapters
  - sometimes provide full-text versions of articles

› EJournals
  - Searched either via the library catalogue, CrossSearch, EJournal collections

› Cross Search:
  - a simple and fast search engine that searches multiple collections at the same time,
  - Searches the library catalogue as well as a variety of bibliographic database
Selecting the right Databases

- The Library has access to over 400 databases

- Use the Subject listing to find databases specific to a particular topic

- Many different types of databases including:
  - General (eg. Expanded Academic or Proquest)
  - Subject Specific (eg. Worldwide Political Science Abstracts)
  - Resource Specific (eg. Factiva, or ABS)
  - Other (eg. JSTOR (retrospective) or Web of Science (citation))
Common Database Features

Using Databases

- Many databases look different, but they all have some common features:
  - Search a range of years
  - Search by subject headings or your own keywords
  - Download, print or email results
  - Limit references retrieved by date, language or document type
Boolean Searching

Using **AND** narrows a search by combining terms; it will retrieve documents that use both the search terms you specify.

- eg. Liberia **AND** Ghana

Using **OR** broadens a search to include results that contain either of the words you type in.

- eg. male **OR** female

Using **NOT** will narrow a search by excluding certain search terms.

- eg. Revenue **NOT** tax
Truncation

enter the beginning of a word and replace the ending with the truncation symbol.

Common symbols used are ; * or ? or $ or % or!

eg. Afric* will find Africa, Africa’s, African

Wildcards

Use the symbol to replace an unknown term(s) and then find the best matches.

Common symbols used are * or ? or $ or % or!

eg. Organis?ation will find either organisation or organization
COMMON SEARCH STRUCTURES AND TERMS

Phrase search (" ")

By putting double quotes around a set of words, you are asking for the exact words to be considered in that exact order without any change.

Nested Searches

When you need to use different connectors (a combination of ANDs and ORs) in one search box you need to “nest” your terms.

eg. Mining AND (tax OR tariff OR duty OR levy)
### Not happy with the results?

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<td>✓ Try different words in your search e.g. more general or fewer concepts</td>
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<td>✓ Limit to a particular field e.g. title or subject</td>
<td>✓ Remove any limits e.g. date, language</td>
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<td>✓ Add more concepts</td>
<td>✓ Try a different database</td>
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<td>✓ Use more specific words</td>
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Still not happy with the results?

Irrelevant…?

- Find irrelevant results and adjust your strategy to exclude them
- Consult a dictionary, textbook or expert in the subject for more appropriate words to use
- Read the material you have found so far to find more appropriate terms
- Use the subject headings of relevant articles to improve your searches. You can then search on these subject headings to find more relevant results
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  - Health Informatics
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  - Medical Radiation Sciences
  - Medical Sciences
  - Medicine
  - Medicine for students
  - Nursing
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Orthoptics
  - Pharmacy
  - Physiotherapy
  - Public Health
  - Rehabilitation Counselling
  - Speech Pathology

- Sciences & Technology
  - Agriculture and Environment
  - Architecture, Design and Planning
WHAT IS ENDNOTE?

› Endnote is a software program used to manage references and create bibliographies.

› Free to current staff and students of the University of Sydney,

› Macintosh and Microsoft Windows versions available.

› Introductory Classes available in the Library

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