How to use and find information when writing an essay

MASTER OF EUROPEAN BUSINESS LAW
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Find relevant sources

- All the resources I will show you are in your course library: [http://libguides.lub.lu.se/content.php?pid=482724](http://libguides.lub.lu.se/content.php?pid=482724)

- Law resources in database list A-Z: [http://www.jur.lu.se/#!databaserao](http://www.jur.lu.se/#!databaserao)

- Access LU: resources you can access from home with your Student account.

- Use Lund University Libraries' website to find more resources, [www.lub.lu.se](http://www.lub.lu.se).


- Book a librarian: jurbibl@jur.lu.se
Information searching techniques

How you write your search query influence the results

Search boxes in different databases don’t work in the same way
Boolean logic

construction AND (European OR EU) NOT breech

This search query will retrieve documents with the term construction and any of the other two words but not the word breech.
Truncation symbol/root expander

- child* = child, childs, children, childrens, childhood

- Truncation symbols/root expanders may vary by database

- Common symbols include: *, !, ?, or #

- Be careful with the truncation symbol. "Law*" also retrieves every article by Lawrence regardless of subject. Sometimes it is better to combine word variations with OR instead

- Some databases truncate your words automatically
LUP – Lund university student papers


LUP student papers: https://lup.lub.lu.se/student-papers/search
Different needs

- Latest case-law? (Eur-lex, Curia, Europa.eu)
- Similar cases? (Eur-lex, Curia)
- Cases related to certain legislation? (Eur-lex, Curia)
- Latest legislation? (Eur-lex, Europa.eu)
- Are there any proposals from the Commission within a certain area? (Eur-lex)
- Has the proposal become law? (Eur-lex)
- What does the national implementation look like? (Eur-lex)
- What does the research look like within this subject area? (LUBsearch, Google scholar)
- What research is made this far? (LUBsearch, Google scholar)
- How do I know about the important publication channels (journals, publishers, etc.)? (LUBsearch, Google scholar, Heinonline, SSRN, Web of science)
- Who has cited this article? (Google scholar)
How to find books

**Libris**: Swedish national library catalogue with books, journals and full text publications

Other library catalogues, **LUBcat, Find-Er (ECLAS), British library, Library of Congress**,

If you find a book that is not available in Lund you can make an **interlibrary loan request**. It is free to borrow books within the Nordic countries
Find-er - EU commission search tool

- Contains books, journals, articles, fulltext reports about EU and EU related subjects

- Advantage: it is easier to find relevant material

- Tips: when you have conducted a search look at the subjects and use them to search for more material
E-books

- Available in the library catalogue LUBcat
  
  In [LUBcat](#)- click the multimedia link

- E-books are also available in many databases and in [LUBsearch](#)
LUBsearch: to search across a range of library databases and material simultaneously

- Use **LUBsearch** to:
  - locate specific articles, books or journals regardless of source or format
  - to get a hint of what kind of information that is available and what resources you can use
  - to find something new and relevant
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Journals

➤ Locate journals in the library catalogue **LUBcat**

➤ If you want to find an online journal use **ePublications (LUBsearch)**

➤ Tips: Put titles in quotation marks or use the advanced search feature when you try to locate a specific article or book
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  - European human rights law review
  - European intellectual property review
  - European law review.

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- Access to some e-books
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Collection of libraries/databases

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  ◦ contains more than 1,700 law and law-related periodicals.

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  ◦ US treaties and international legal materials.

Index to foreign legal periodicals
  ◦ 500 legal journals published worldwide
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  ◦ all jurisdictions other than the US, UK, Canada, and Australia

Shows how many times an article has been cited/accessed within the database.
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- Rules of procedure
- Press releases
- Annual reports with statistics
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- Search for pending cases
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