Strategies to find relevant research

Review articles, follow citations & peer-review

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Today

- Strategies to find relevant research
  - Review articles
  - Follow citations
  - Set up alerts
  - Subject searches for peer-review articles
Subject Guide

• Resources and databases collected for Political Science

• Guidance in searching and evaluation of sources

• Resources about academic honesty, plagiarism and academic writing
Review articles

• **Review articles** are an attempt to summarize the current state of understanding within a topic.

• They describe, analyze or discuss research previously published by others within a specific subject field.

  - **Annual Reviews**

  But also in other databases such as **Scopus, Web of Science** and **LUBsearch**

• See under **“Scholarly Publications”**
Follow citations

• To follow an "academic trail"

• What previous research someone has built upon (references) and who built upon the current work (citations)

- Web of Science
- Scopus
- Google Scholar
Search and check for citations

Search in *Annual Reviews* or *LUBsearch* to find an article to check for citations in:

- *Web of Science*
- *Scopus*
- *Google Scholar*

a) Which database do you find most useful to follow citations for your article – why?

b) Check if your author/authors has written other works that has been cited more.
Shortcuts & alerts

• **Researcher profiles** in Google Scholar – create alert for new publications or new citations.

• **Alerts for citations**

• **Save search** – alert for new results (Google Scholar, Web of Science, LUBsearch)
Subject searches – peer review

• Interdisciplinary databases
  – LUBsearch

• Subject Specific databases
  – Political Science Complete
  – IBSS, International Bibliography of the Social Sciences
Additional resources

- Sage Research Methods Online
- Global Research Gateway
- Reference Management
- Library catalogues – Libris and Lovisa

If there is something you can’t access at Lund University you can order it as an interlibrary loan (ILL)
Scholarly communication & research

Different stages within the process → different publications:

– Funding applications (idea, presentation)
– Research overviews (ongoing research)
– Preliminary results (conference abstract/presentations, proceedings, working papers / pre-prints)
– Research reports
– Scholarly journal articles
– Books / edited books / book chapters
How can I find applications and ongoing research?

- **Research and project databases**
  Formas, Swedish Research Council, European Research Council, CORDIS

- **Websites**
  Universities such as LU: www.lu.se (Research Portal), www.svet.lu.se, Research Institutes, Organizations/NGOs, GRG, SSRN, Conference websites

- **Social media and networking**
  www.academicblogs.org, Academia.edu, twitter #, Researchgate.net, LinkedIn

See under "Search and Evaluate” → ”Information Monitoring” in the Subject Guide
RefWorks

• Refworks is an online reference management tool.
• You can access it from the Reference Management Guide
Follow citations

Current work

Cited references / References

Times cited / Cited by
AND

A \cap B

A och B

gender AND power

OR

A \cup B

A eller B

eller båda

“death penalty” OR “capital punishment”

NOT

A \setminus B

A men inte B

Liberia NOT ebola

legitimitet OR legitimacy
Sökord & söktips

Frassökning
”party politics”
”electoral system”
”representative government”

Maskering
organization wom?n
organization woman
organisation women

citizen* govern*
citizens govern
citizenship government
democra* governance
democracy
democratic
democracies
democratization
democratisation