Finding the information.
Master Essay in Economics

LUND UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
28 slides on

• Scholarly articles
• What to think of when searching for information
• Journal ranking
• Some selected search tools
  – Bibliographic databases
    » Citation index Scopus
    » EconLit
    » LUBsearch
    » Library catalogues Libris and LUBcat
  – Other types of search tools/databases –Statistics, Finance, Company information
• Useful databases within economics

• Use the library links to get access to the databases. Also access outside campus. Log in with your student account
Some Information Sources

Reference

The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics

Health Economics

European Health Care Outcomes, Performance, and Efficiency

NBER WORKING PAPER SERIES

SOCIAL PROXIMITY AND BUREAUCRAT PERFORMANCE: EVIDENCE FROM INDIA

Guo Xu
Marianne Bertrand
Robin Burgess

Working Paper 25389
http://www.nber.org/papers/w25389

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Scholarly Journals

• Scholarly journals (Peer reviewed, Academic, Scientific, Refereed…)
• Published by scholarly publishers or organizations
• Documented research, aimed for researchers and expert practitioners

Scholarly Articles

- are published in scholarly journals
- are written by scholars for scholars
- are signed by the author/s
- are based on documented theory
- are based on and refer to former research
- are peer reviewed by scholars within the field before accepted for publication
Peer Review Process

Other Scholarly Publications

• Conference proceedings - Conference papers
• Books: Monographs
• Book chapters: Anthologies
• Doctoral dissertations
• Review articles

• Still research, but maybe not peer reviewed
  – Working papers, reports…
    » NBER Working Papers, Reports from World Bank…
To think of when starting to search

- What kind of information do you need?
- What kind of sources are most likely to contain this type of information?
- What search tools are best to use to find these sources?

- What search terms will retrieve what you are looking for?
  - Adapt to type of source, language and search tool
Search and collect information

• Choose different terms to search for
  – Methodology
  – Theoretical perspective and discussion
    » Earlier studies, Definitions of concepts and theories
  – Application of theory to practice – case study
    » Industry, Country, Activity…

• Collect information about
  – Authors, Publications, Conferences, Organizations
  – Key words, JEL-codes
Evaluate

• Who, Where, When, Why
• Reliability
  – Peer reviewed/quality controlled?
  – Published by a reliable organization or publisher?
  – Something missing?
• For research articles
  – Results seem to be relevant and presented in a proper way?
  – References to information provided?
  – Published in a reliable journal?
Journal Rankings

**SJR** Scimago Journal & Country Rank

**InCites Journal Citation Reports**

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Rankings

• Highly ranked authors doesn’t automatically mean articles of high quality

• Critical voices and political views might affect if articles are accepted for publication in highly ranked journals

• Can’t find the journal in the ranking source?
  – Google for the publisher or the journal
Search Tools at LUB

• Journals: LUBcat; ePublications
• Databases for journal articles
  – LUBsearch
  – Web of Science, Scopus (covered in LUBsearch)
  – EconLit (covered in LUBsearch. Don’t use the filter Peer reviewed in LUBsearch)
  – Business Source Complete and other databases at the EbscoHost Platform (all covered in LUBsearch)
  – Asia Portal, Annual Reviews (NOT covered in LUBsearch)
• Databases for statistics, finance, industry information and more, are found in the subject guide (NOT covered in LUBsearch)
Citation Indexes

- Google Scholar (Not covered in LUBsearch)
  - [https://scholar.google.se/](https://scholar.google.se/)
  - Settings, Metrics
  - LU Full Text Finder
- Web of Science: Social Sciences Citation Index
- Scopus
**Document search**

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Search
"Real estate" "Financial crisis"

E.g., "Cognitive architectures" AND robots

- **Keywords:** "Real estate" "Financial crisis"
  - Analyze search result
  - Refine
    » Review articles
  - Sort by: Cited by
  - Search for a known article, to follow citations
EconLit: Bibliographic Database in Economics

Unemployment, Growth and Welfare Effects of Labor Market Reforms

Agenor, Pierre-Richard; Lim, King Young; Journal of Macroeconomics, December 2018, v. 58, pp. 19-38

Subjects: Employment; Unemployment; Wages; Intergenerational Income Distribution; Aggregate Human Capital; Aggregate Labor Productivity; General Welfare; Well-Being; Labor Force and Employment, Size, and Structure; Wages, Compensation, and Labor Costs; Public Policy; Macroeconomic Analyses of Economic Development; Economic Development; Human Resources; Human Development; Income Distribution, Migration; Empirical Studies of Economic Growth; Aggregate Productivity; Cross-Country Output Convergence

Full Text Finder
Full Text from Publisher’s Site

The Effect of Sex Work Regulation on Health and Well-Being of Sex Workers: Evidence from Senegal

Ito, Seiro; Lepine, Aurelia; Treibich, Carole; Health Economics, November 2018, v. 27, iss. 11, pp. 1627-52

Subjects: Health Behavior; Health and Economic Development; Health: Government Policy; Regulation; Public Health; Safety; Job Satisfaction; Related Public Policy; Economics of Regulation; Industrialization, Manufacturing and Service Industries; Choice of Technology; Economic Development; Human Resources; Human Development; Income Distribution, Migration

Full Text Finder
• Indexes
  – Subjects, Keywords, Subject Descriptors, Subject Codes, Subjects (all)
  – JEL-Codes

• Other databases at the EbscoHost platform
  – Academic Search Complete
  – Business Source Complete
  – Political Science Complete …
• Advanced search: Real estate (Subject) AND Financial crisis
• If you mark Peer Reviewed, posts from EconLit will disappear!
• Search history
• ePublications
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- NBER Working Paper (Not covered in LUBsearch)
- Annual Reviews (Not covered in LUBsearch)
- Asia Portal (Not covered in LUBsearch)
Library Catalogue Libris

• “The global financial crisis and its aftermath”
  – Subject words
    » Global Financial Crisis, 2008-2009…
  – New search: Index A-Ö: Subject: Global Financial Crisis, 2008-2009…

• Sort newest first. Choose a title
  » Cite
  – Interlibrary loan request via School of Economics and Management Library or create an account at Libris
    » Article copies cost 80 kronor/article
Library catalogue LUBcat

• Advanced search: **Subject - Global financial crisis**
  – Sort by newest to oldest
  – Pick a title. Subject(s)
  – Online access

• Advanced search in LUBsearch - Limit to Library catalogue (LUBcat)
  – No titles from LUBcat after June, 2018
Other Types of Databases: **Statistics and Trade**

- SCB (Statistics Sweden), EUROSTAT
- **Statista**: Ready made statistics
- OECD iLibrary
- IMF eLibrary
- World Bank
  - WDI (World Development Indicators)
  - WITS (World Integrated Trade Solution) …
- UN
  - ComTrade (United Nations Commodity Trade Statistics)
Other Types of Databases: Financial Information

- Orbis (with Zephyr): Company financials, financial strength indicators, stock data...; M&A
- WRDS: Send an e-mail for a “day pass”
  - Compustat: Financial accounting, economic and marketing data on US and foreign public companies
    » Execucomp
  - CRSP (Center for Research in Security Prices): Standard and derived securities prices, return, and volume data for the NYSE, AMEX and NASDAQ
- Retriever Business: Annual reports from Swedish companies
- Swedish House of Finance Research Data Center: FinBas; NASDAQ HFT; Serrano; Resility; Annual reports archive; PAtLink; Fama French Factors
- Modular Finance: Holdings (Swedish companies)
  - Students and staff have access to the database for studies and research. Each user needs to create an individual account by filling in a form https://www.holdings.se/public/university.html.
• The Finance Lab
  – Bloomberg: Price quotes, financial market, trade data, news. Covers all listed companies worldwide. Information on bonds, stocks, commodities, currencies, trusts and people
  – DataStream (also available in the computer room, Alfa 1): Current and historical financial and economic information, including data on stocks, bonds, derivatives, currencies, trusts, and macroeconomic issues
  – Eikon: Market information, news, analytics and trading tools
  – Capital IQ: Data on public and private companies, investment firms, capital transactions, and people
Analyzed company-, industry-, market- and country information

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  - Market information, analysis and forecasts by industry
  - Countries and consumers
  - Company reports, country reports and consumer trends.
  - Economic indicators, demographic data, foreign trade statistics
- Business Source Complete (LUBsearch)
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