Literature review

Finding and assessing quality research information

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Outline

- The Literature Review
- SAGE Research Methods
- Finding Information
- Different places to search
- Evaluating the quality of the Information
Literature Review follow-up

Examples of literature reviews:

• Emerald database

More information:

• SAGE Research Methods
Sage Research Methods

Useful for:
• Finding research methods
• Data analysis
• Examples

Format:
• Articles/chapters
• Videos
Challenges facing new HDR students

• Planning your search for different stages of your study
• Identifying which resources to use
• Searching effectively – making sure you “get everything”
• Keeping current in your research field
Information navigation

Google
Websites of governments, associations, artists, authors, companies, conferences, publishers, journal home pages, theses, YouTube

Google Scholar
Google Books, uni websites, journal articles in databases

Library catalogues
Books on research methods, theories, theses, reports, journal titles, newspaper titles, AV materials, dictionaries, encyclopaedias

Databases
Journal articles, newspaper articles, conference papers, theses, reports, company information, video databases
Indicators of quality

• Author affiliation?

• Publishers
  o University Presses, Routledge, Wiley etc

• Journals
  o Peer-reviewed
  o Indexed in Web of Science/ Scopus
  o Ulrichsweb Periodicals Directory
Google and Google Scholar: evaluate information

- Log in!
- What is its relevance?
- Are the sources cited – referenced?
- What is the purpose of the site?
- What type of site is it?
- How current is the information?
- Is the author or organisation reputable?
- Google ranking not necessarily by “quality”
democracy human rights global security
Google Scholar

- Additional hints –
- Metrics – locate journals on a subject
- Create an alert
- My library – save your results
- Advanced search option
### Catalogue search

**Catalogue search**

![Catalogue search interface](image)

**Library Catalogue**

**Library Collections**
- Exam Papers
- Find a Database

**Search Query**
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democracy "human rights" security
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**Search Options**
- All Collections
- Advanced Search
- Browse Search

**Search Results**

1. **Neodamocracy: ‘Useful I...**
   - Article
   - British Journal Of Criminology, 2016, Vol. 56(6), pp. 1087-1106 [Peer Reviewed Journal]
   - Available online
   - Online Resource
   - Full Record

2. **Policy Disputes, Political Survival, and the...**
   - Article
   - Available online
   - Online Resource
   - Full Record

3. **Human Rights As A Security Threat: Lawfare and the...**
   - Article
   - Available online
   - Online Resource
   - Full Record

4. **Intelligence Bound: The South African Constitution and Intelligence Services**
   - Article
   - Available online
   - Online Resource
   - Full Record

5. **Measuring Public Integrity**
   - Article
   - Available online
   - Online Resource
   - Full Record

6. **China and the Globalization of ICTs: Implications for International Relations**
   - Article
   - Available online
   - Online Resource
   - Full Record

**Sorting Options**
- Relevance

**Page Navigation**
- 1 2 3 4 5 6

**Show Options**
- Include records not available online

**Refine My Results**
- Resource Type
  - Articles (115)
  - Newspaper Articles (49)
  - Reviews (9)
  - Books (5)
  - Conference Proceedings (3)
  - Audio Visual (3)
  - Dissertations (1)
- Author or Creator
  - Anonymous (14)
  - Bush George (5)
  - Hanssen, Oz (2)
  - Nathan, Laurie (2)
  - De Schutter, Olivier (1)
- More options

**Topic**
- Human Rights (176)
- Democracy (175)
- National Security (91)
- Article (54)
- International Relations (44)
- More options
Manage your information

- Setting up alerts
- Save searches
- eShelf
- EndNote
Can’t find your resources?

• **Document delivery**
  Available to HDR students and staff at Curtin

• **Recommend an item**
  For any books you would like the library to add to its collection

• **Reciprocal borrowing**
  From other WA University libraries
• **Research support training videos:**

• **Research Support libguides:**
  “Search the literature”
  http://libguides.library.curtin.edu.au/c.php?g=202408
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