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Advanced Searching

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Aims of today's session

To strengthen your search strategy by exploring more advanced search techniques and methods using a range of library resources and Google.



- Consider advanced search options in the library catalogue.
- Locating and searching specialist databases.
- Grey Literature.
- Consider AI in your research.
- Find help and support.

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Links in presentation

- Our online information literacy skills content is linked (via the orange infoskills buttons) at key points throughout the presentation.
- Use these infoskills to support, expand, and refresh your academic skills during your studies.
- QR codes may also be provided throughout the presentation to enable quick access to relevant webpages, resources, or further information.

[Library infoskills Link](#)



Evaluating Information

Evaluating Information

Consider the source and quality of the information you are using.

Apply critical thinking and reasoning.

Currency

Relevance

Authority

Accuracy

Purpose

[CRAAP](#) (video)

Stop

Investigate

Find better coverage

Trace back to original context.

[SIFT](#) (video)

Accurate

Current

Objective

Relevant

Named

[ACORN](#) (article and video)

Library catalogue search.

Search for information.

- Good quality, up-to-date resources in your subject area.

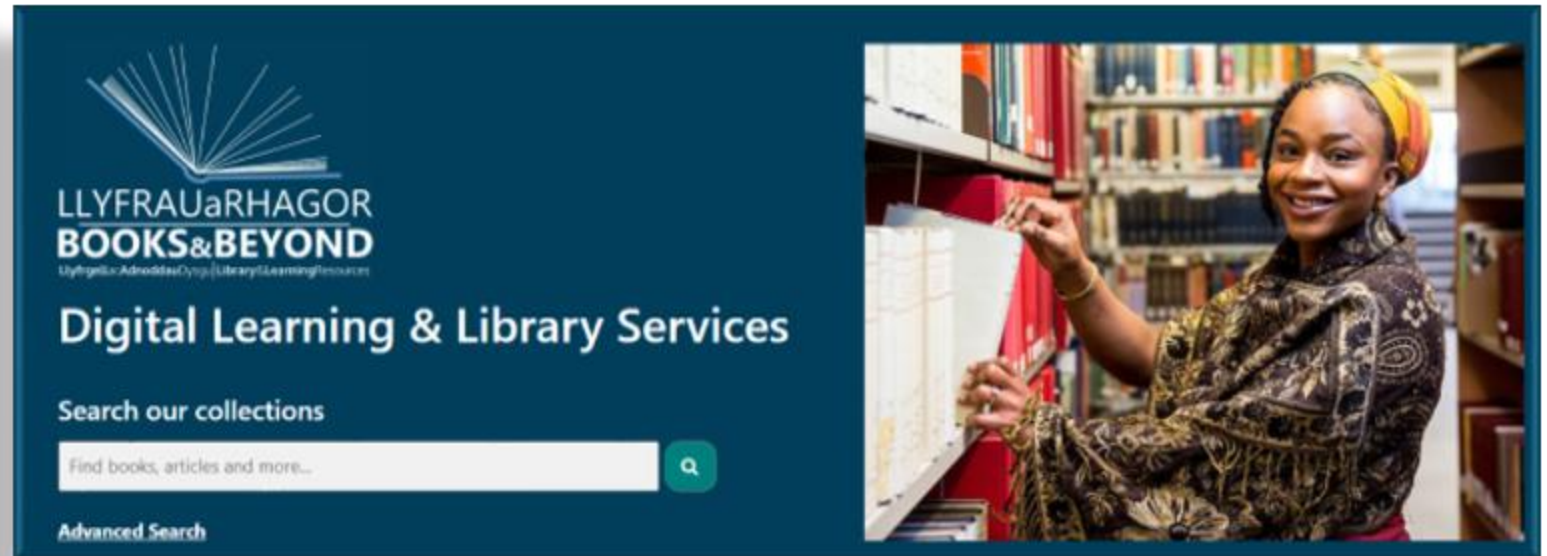
Manage information.

- Save and organise favourite items.
- Save queries and set alerts.

You can also access ...

- Research Assistant.
- Browse eJournals.
- Database Search.
- Need More?

Searching for information



[Library](#)



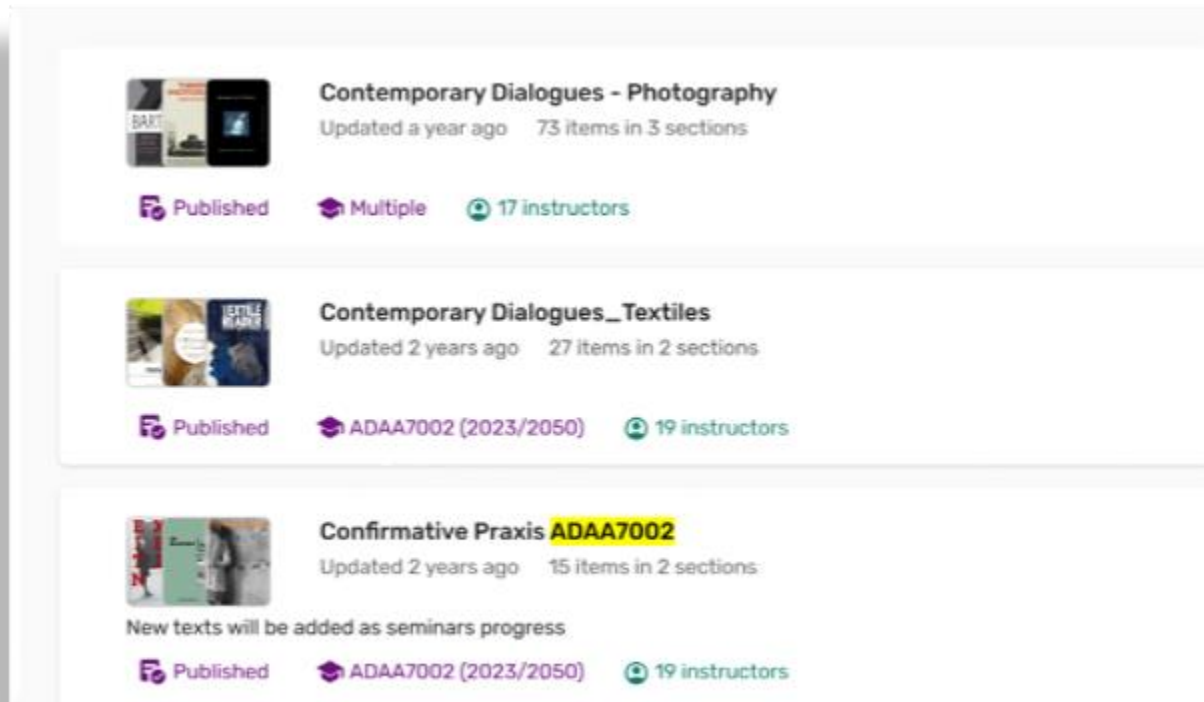
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Online Resource Lists – your shortcut

Online resource lists

Your lecturers have already selected key books, articles, and materials to begin your research and they are all in one place for easy access!



All managed by the library for:

- Easy and direct access.

Where to Find Them:

- On your [Moodle](#) course pages.
- Or via the [Library website](#).

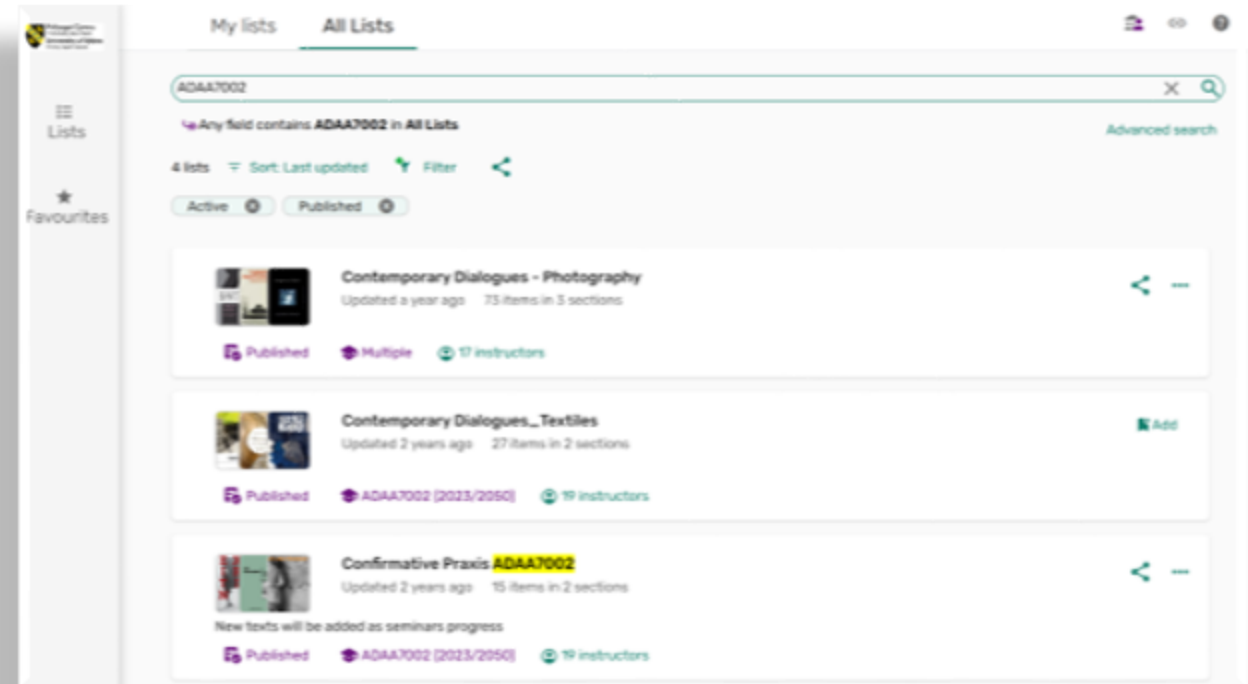


N.B. You must sign into your list to access!

Online Resource List (ORL) demo

Online resource lists

- Search for your reading list by course code in '**ALL Lists**'. E.g. ADAA7002.
- Click 'Add'(to add to '**My Lists**'). 
- Search and add 'LIB02' to your lists.
- Click on list title to open and access the contents.
- Choose a title and click  View online to read online.

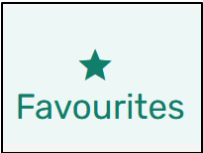


[Online Resource List Link](#)

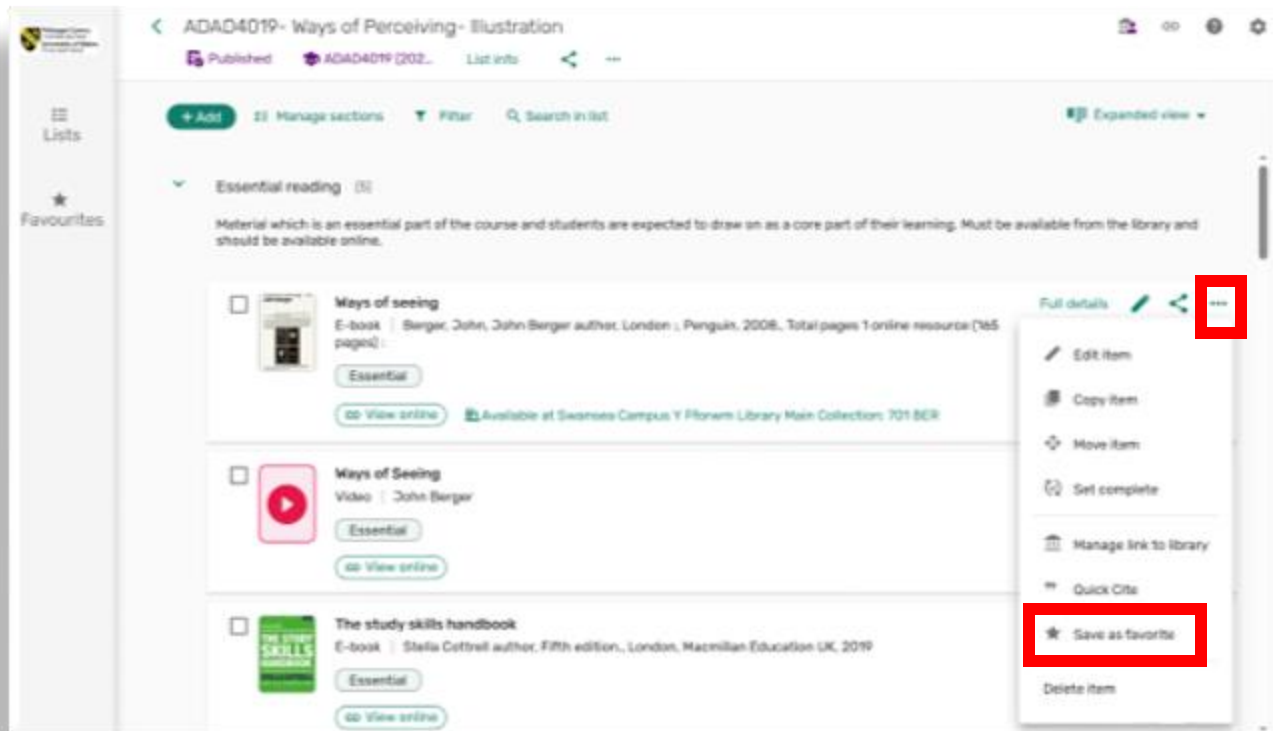


Saving favourites

Online resource lists



Using the favourites tool in the ORL, you can easily save, manage, and organise all your references you have used in your assignment.



- Click the ellipsis of a title [...] to open the drop-down menu.
- Choose 'Save as a favourite' to place into your favourites list.

Advanced searching

Advanced Searching

- Advanced searching helps you find more relevant and focused academic information on your topic.
- It allows you to combine keywords using Boolean operators to broaden or narrow your results.
- Search techniques such as phrase searching and wildcard symbols can improve retrieval of relevant literature.
- Applying filters such as date, publication type, subject area, and peer-reviewed content can help refine search results.

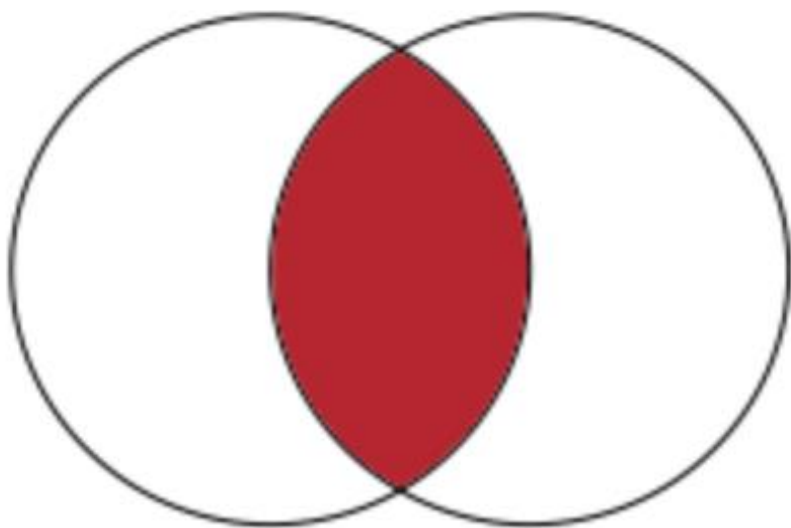
Phrase searching & terminology

Further Searching Techniques

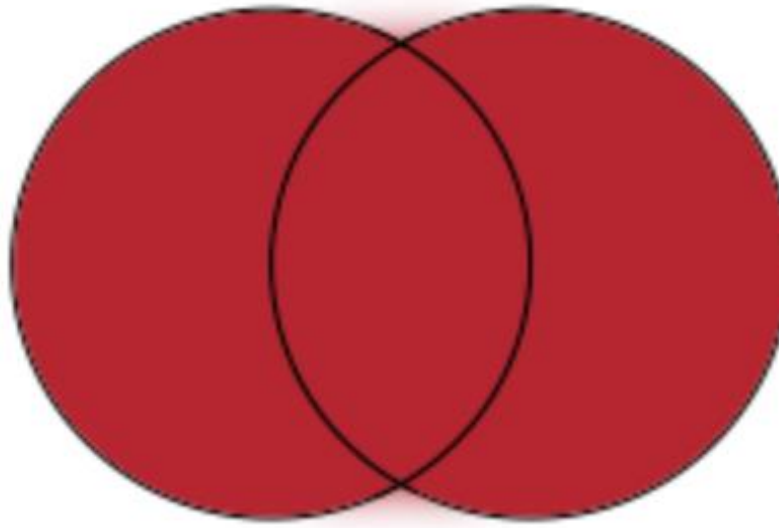
Consider different terminology that may be used.



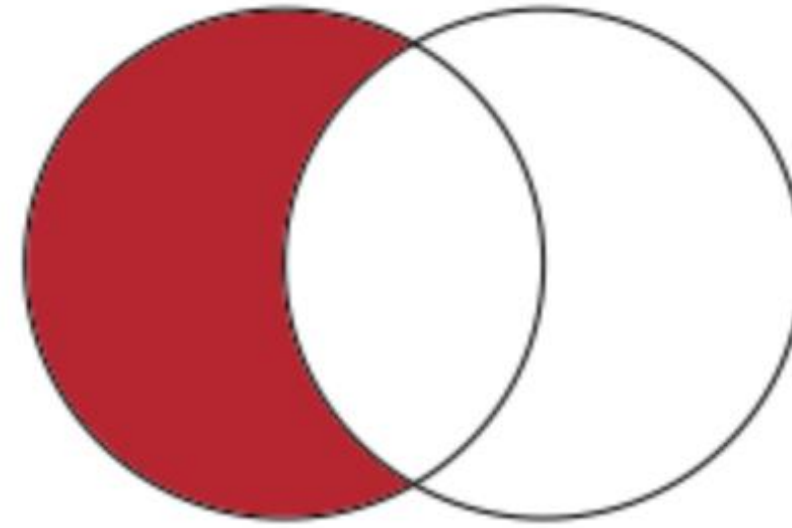
- **Alternative words:** Synonyms / Antonyms.
- **Phrase searching:** Search for a phrase in quotations “political art”.
- **Subject headings:** Look at the subject headings within an item record. Click on these to start new searches.



AND



OR



NOT

Boolean Operators allow you to **combine your keywords** to narrow or broaden your search.

- **AND**: narrows your search by only giving results where **ALL** your search terms are present.
- **OR**: broadens your search where **ANY** of your search terms are present.
- **NOT**: Excludes specific terms

Advanced Search

- Use Boolean Operators.
- Try truncation.
- Apply phrase searching.
- Experiment with drop down options.

The screenshot shows an advanced search interface with two tabs: 'SEARCH CRITERIA' and 'BARCODE SEARCH'. The 'SEARCH CRITERIA' tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a 'Search Scope' dropdown set to 'Search everything'. The main search area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Search Filters', contains two search criteria: 'Any field contains "political art"' and 'OR Any field contains "Propaganda in art"'. Below these criteria are buttons for '+ ADD A NEW LINE' and 'CLEAR'. The right column contains various filters: 'Material Type' (set to 'All items'), 'Language' (set to 'Any language'), 'Start Date' (with dropdowns for Day, Month, and Start Year), and 'End Date' (with dropdowns for Day, Month, and End Year). At the bottom right of the search area is a green 'SEARCH' button with a magnifying glass icon. A red rectangular box highlights the search criteria section on the left.

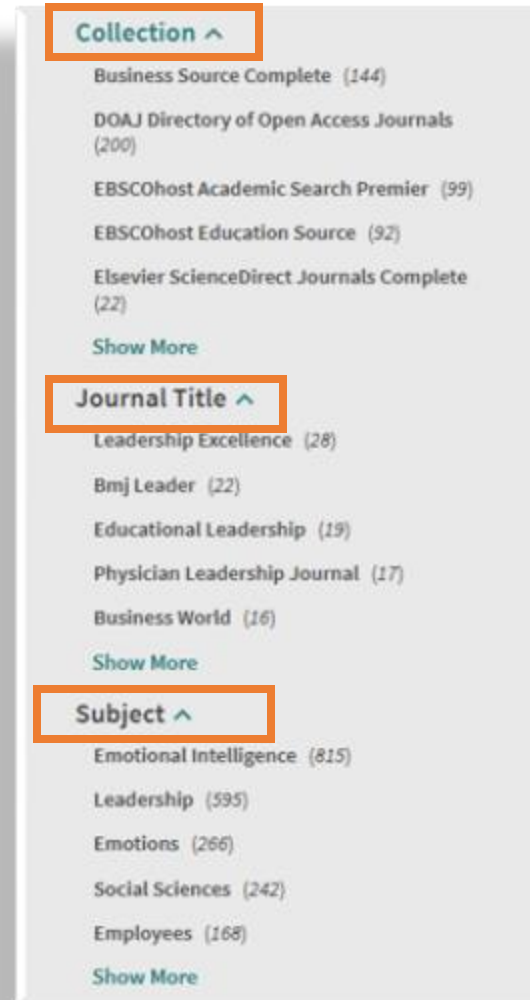
[Search results](#)



Explore filters...

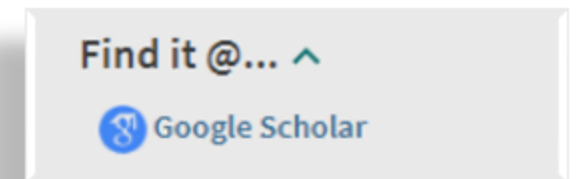
Check out the filters and note the:

- Databases
- Journals
- Subjects



that are hosting the articles and the key subject headings contained in your results.

Try exporting your search into Google Scholar



[Google Scholar result](#)

Subject Headings

 **ARTICLE**
Let's Build Our Own House: Political Art and the Making of Black and Muslim Worlds
Williams, Darien Alexander
Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press; Southern cultures, 2023-06, Vol.29 (2), p.48-67
[Insights](#)
[Download Article](#) [Online access](#)
[View Issue Contents](#)

Details

Title	Let's Build Our Own House: Political Art and the Making of Black and Muslim Worlds
Author	Williams, Darien Alexander >
Is Part Of	Southern cultures, 2023-06, Vol.29 (2), p.48-67
Subjects	African Americans > Appreciation > Black people > Civil rights > Essay > Evaluation > History > Immigrants > Islam > Islamic fundamentalism > Leadership > Migrant agricultural laborers > Migration > Muslims > Political art > Politics in art > Religion > Violence > White supremacy movements >

Explore subject headings
in the item record and
click on [hyper links](#) to
obtain a different search
result.

[Search results](#)



Results

Source

Find more linked sources

Export, save to reading list etc.

The screenshot shows a search result for an article. On the left, there is a small icon of the journal cover 'Antipode' and a box containing the number '21'. To the right of the cover is a red box containing the word 'ARTICLE'. The article title is 'The Political Art of Patience: Adivasi Resistance in India' by Johnston, Caleb. Below the title, it says 'Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing Ltd'. To the right of this, there is a red box containing 'Antipode, 2012-09, Vol.44 (4), p.1268-1286'. Below the title and author, there is a red box containing 'PEER REVIEWED' and an 'OPEN ACCESS' icon. At the bottom, there are links for 'Download Article' and 'View Issue Contents', and a green link for 'Full text available'. On the right side of the article entry, there are several icons: a red box containing two arrows pointing in opposite directions, a link icon, an email icon, a pushpin icon, and a red box containing three dots.

Look for peer reviewed

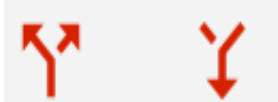
Title of Journal published in.

[Results page](#)

[Article Link](#)

Tips

Finding a relevant article / book can lead to many more resources.

- **Note** key words / concepts / terminology used in articles found.
- **Check** cited in and cited by 
- **Locate** key databases, journals and authors.
- **Explore** subject headings.
- **Use** filters: date, location, type of resource.

Also try...

Asking an AI tool (e.g. Perplexity, ChatGPT, or Co-Pilot) to:

- Provide a list of keywords to use in a library database search.
- Create a Boolean search string with those keywords.

[Perplexity example](#)

← Political Art and Propaganda Search Terms

Keywords for Library Database Search: Political Art & Propaganda

Core Keywords

Concept 1: Political	Concept 2: Propaganda	Concept 3: Art
political art	propaganda	art
politicized art	propaganda art	visual art
political art movement	propaganda poster	fine art
activist art	propaganda imagery	painting
protest art	state propaganda	sculpture
political posters	political propaganda	printmaking
political cartoon	wartime propaganda	graphic design
socially engaged art	ideological propaganda	poster art
public art (political)	propaganda campaign	mural
political symbolism	propaganda techniques	street art
satirical art	propaganda device	illustration
political iconography	disinformation	photography
art and politics	propaganda and art	collage

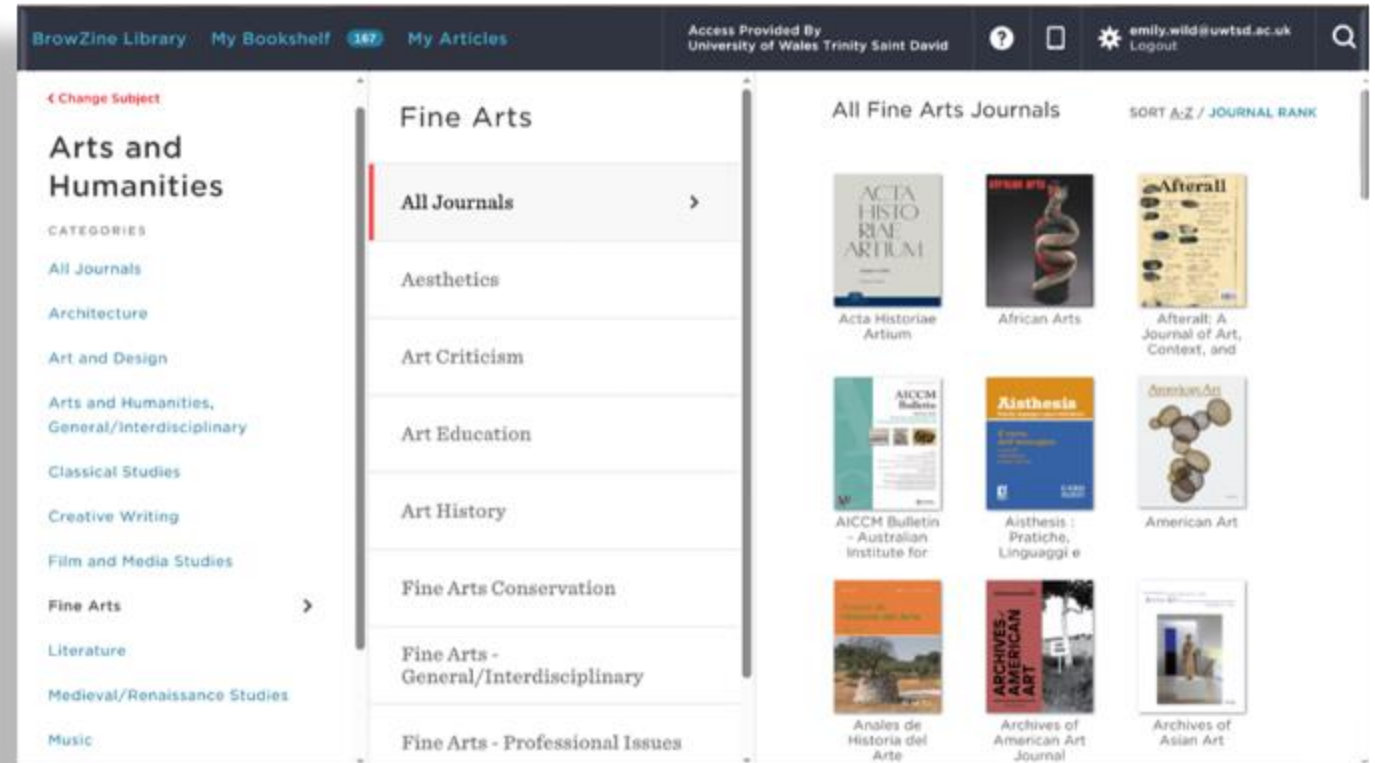
Search for journals - Browzine

Searching for Journal Articles

Keep up-to-date with the latest issues of your favourite journals.

Browse by subject or use the search box and search by title, subject or ISSN.

Use My Bookshelf and My Articles to save favourite content.



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Searching within a single journal

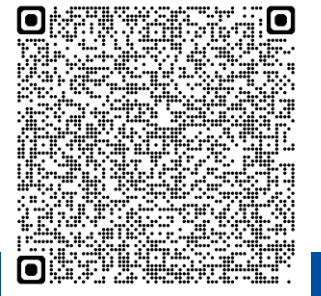
Search within a specific journal.

- Click on the journal title.
- Go to the 'Search inside' section.
- Put your keywords in the search box.
- This will bring up a set of results only from that journal.



The screenshot shows a journal record for 'Crafts'. At the top, there is a journal title 'Crafts.' with a description: '1973 - 2024; Crafts Council, etc.; Began with Mar. 1973 issue and ceased with Autumn/Winter 2024.' Below this, there is a 'COURSE' section with a link 'Online access (Coverage: 1997-2024)'. A 'Send to' section contains icons for 'READING LIST', 'EXPORT RIS', 'REFWORKS', 'PRINT', 'CITATION', 'PERMALINK', and 'E-MAIL'. The 'Search inside' section is highlighted with a red box and contains a search bar with the text 'ceramics' and a magnifying glass icon.

[Search results](#)



Why use individual databases?

The library catalogue searches most of our databases when it performs a search, so why choose to search an individual database?

Finding & Using Specialised Information

- More specialised content – fewer, more relevant results.
- More controlled indexing – filter results in greater detail.
- Not every specialist database is indexed by the library catalogue.



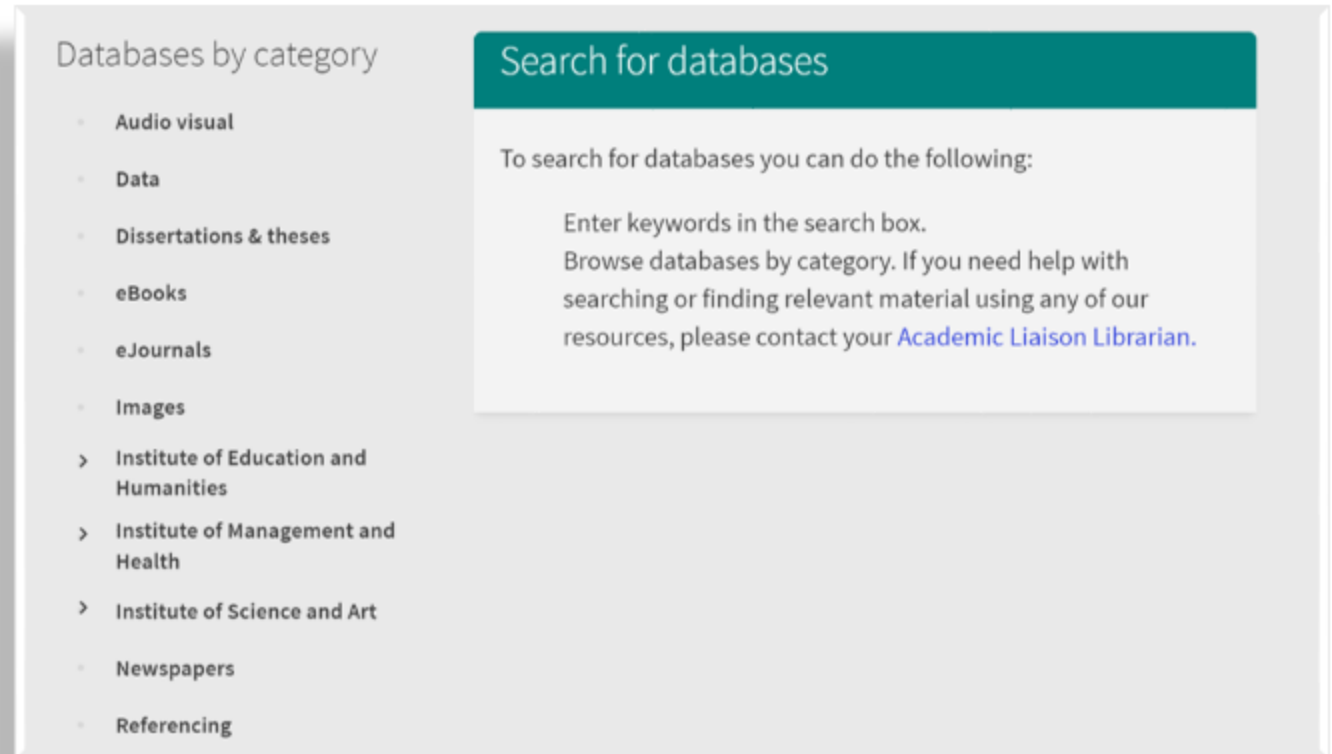
Database Search

Databases not searched by the library search:

- BoB.
- Bridgeman Education.
- Cite Them Right.
- Digital Theatre+.
- Human Anatomy Atlas.
- WGSN.

Subject databases:

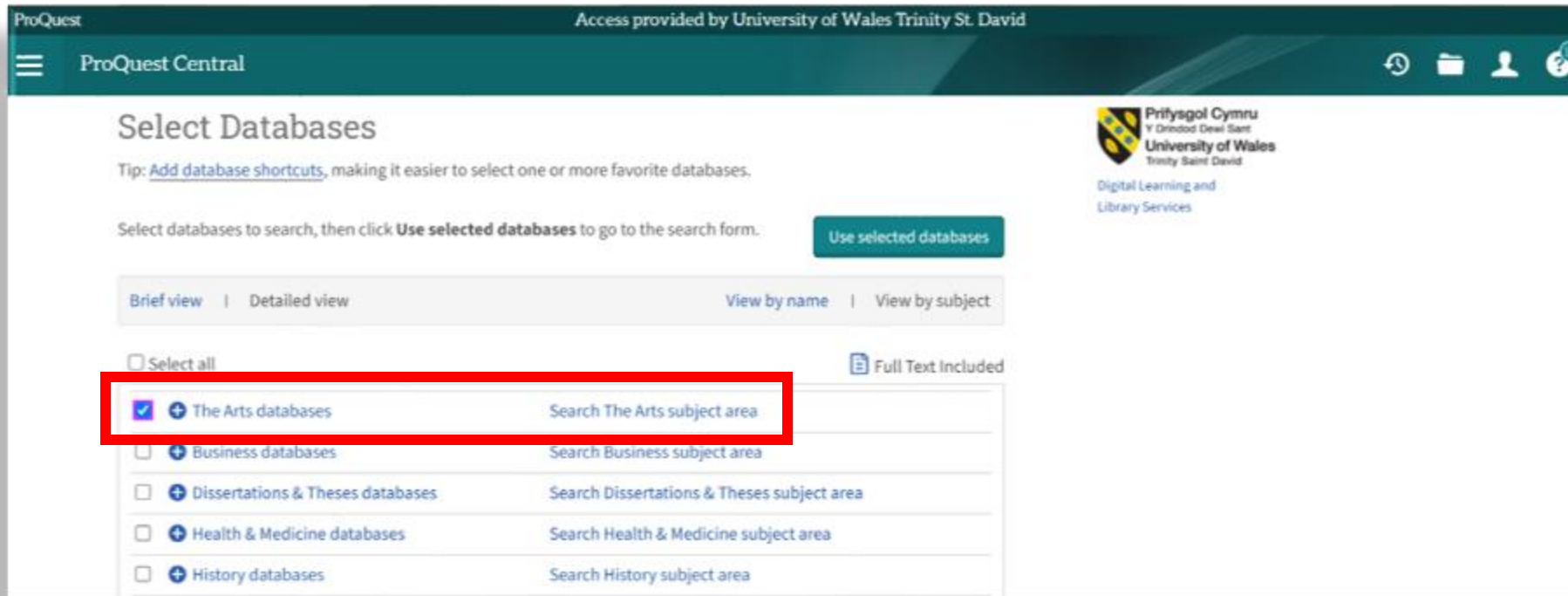
- Art & Architecture Source.
- Artstor.
- Proquest Central (Arts databases).



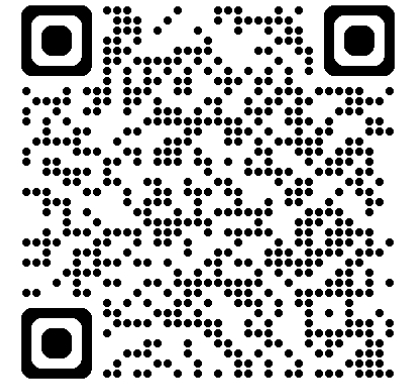
Database Search

Proquest Central

ProQuest Central is the largest single periodical resource available; it contains complete databases across all major subject areas. Go to Change Databases, View by Subject and select The Arts databases to limit your searches to this area.



[ProQuest Central](#)

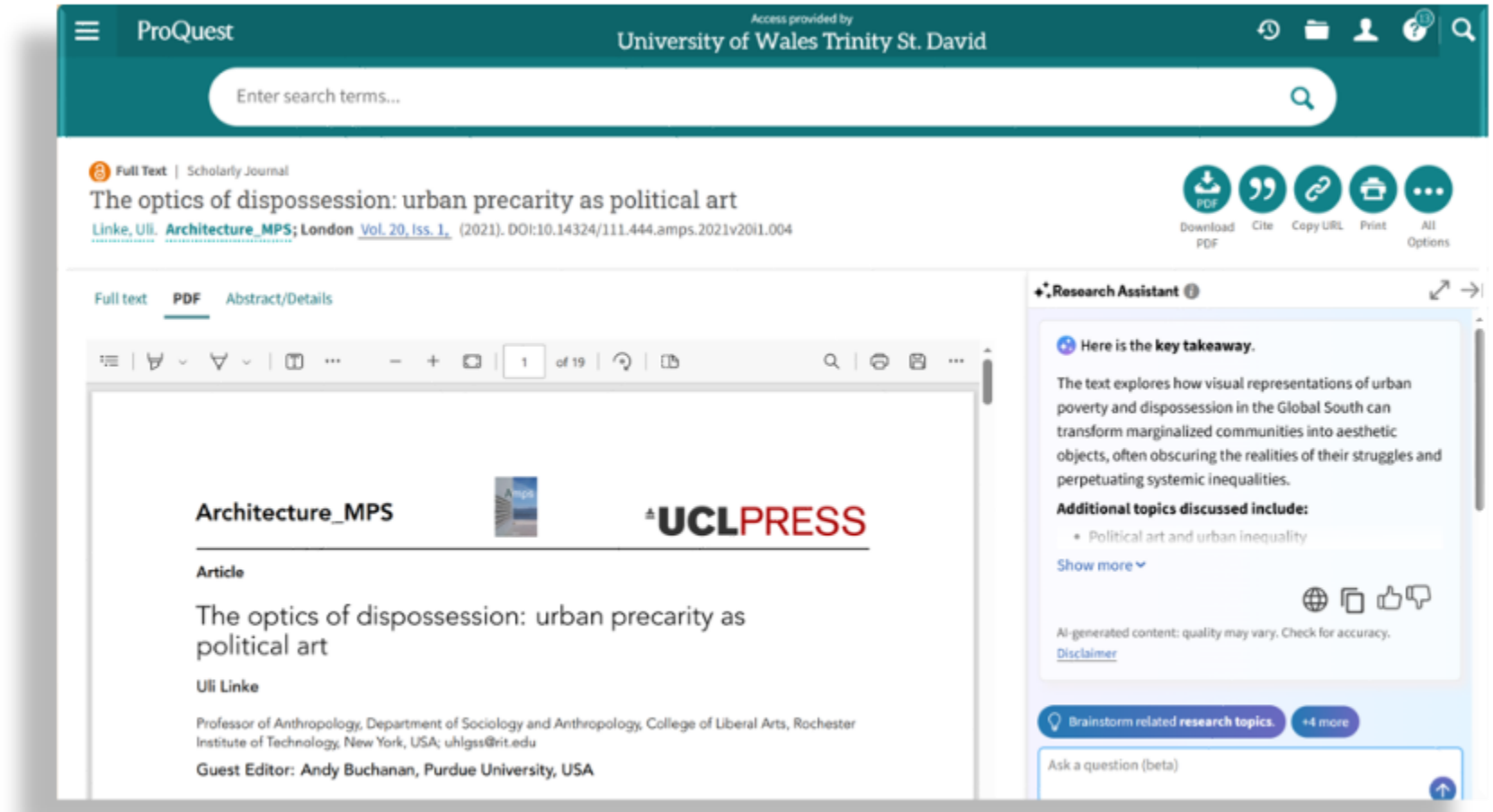


Research Assistant options

Research Assistant contains:

- Key takeaway.
- Suggested sources.
- Indexing terms.
- Brainstorming section.

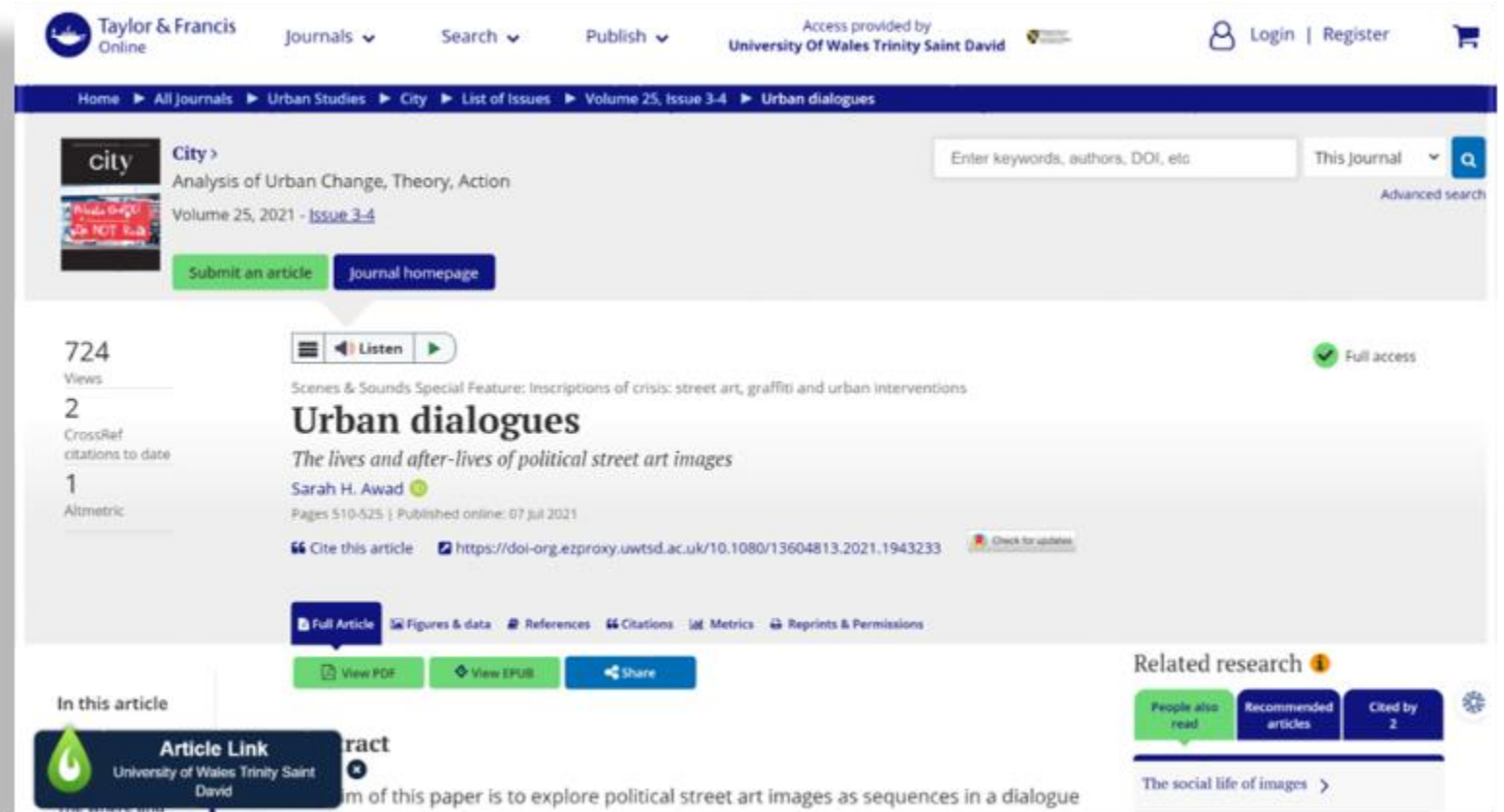
[Article record](#)



What an article record includes

- Link to the PDF.
- Related research and recommended reading.
- Links to the Journal.
- Link to the abstract, references and further details.
- Option to save in your personal folder.

Article record



Useful links and resources

PROQUEST Database

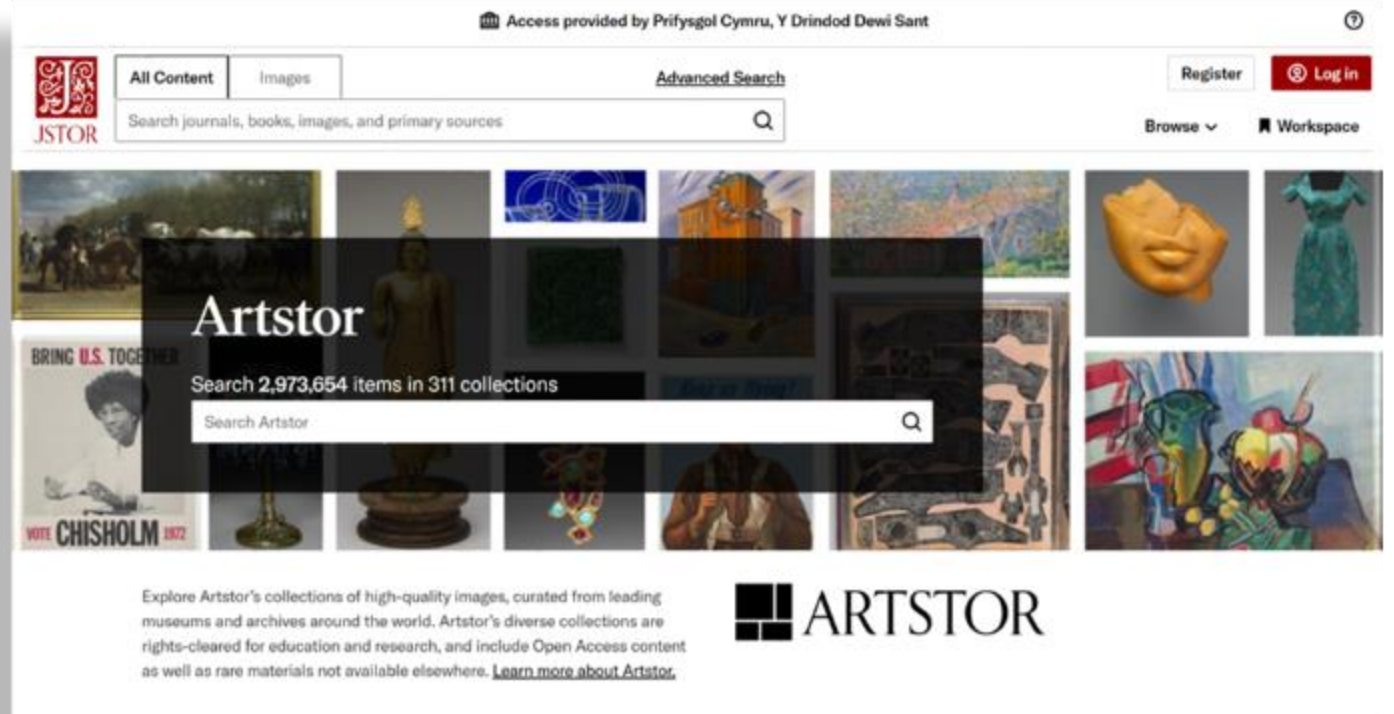
- [Advanced search video](#) (6min)
- [Working with your results video](#) (4min)
- [Thesaurus search video](#) (5 min)
- [ProQuest Libguide](#)

EBSCOhost Databases

- [Introduction to EBSCO](#) (5min)
- [Help for individual databases within EBSCO](#)
- [EBSCO videos \(select language and primary audience - students and researchers\) and apply](#)

Artstor

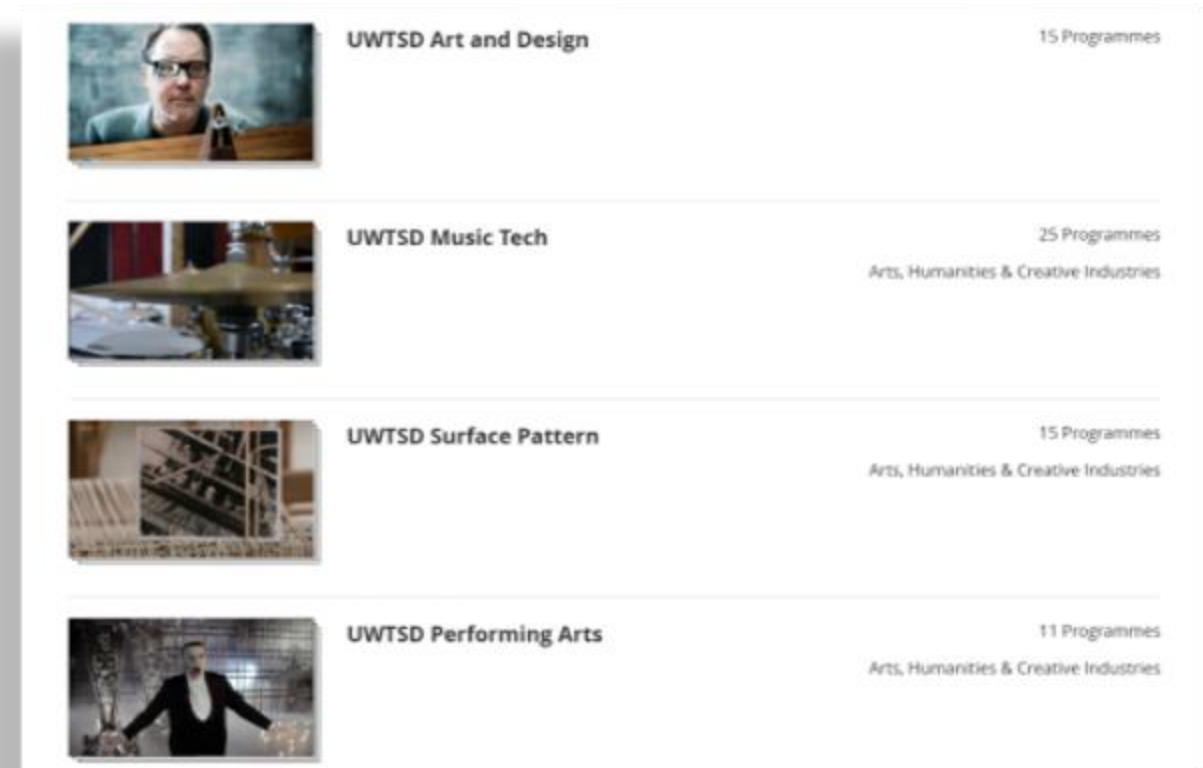
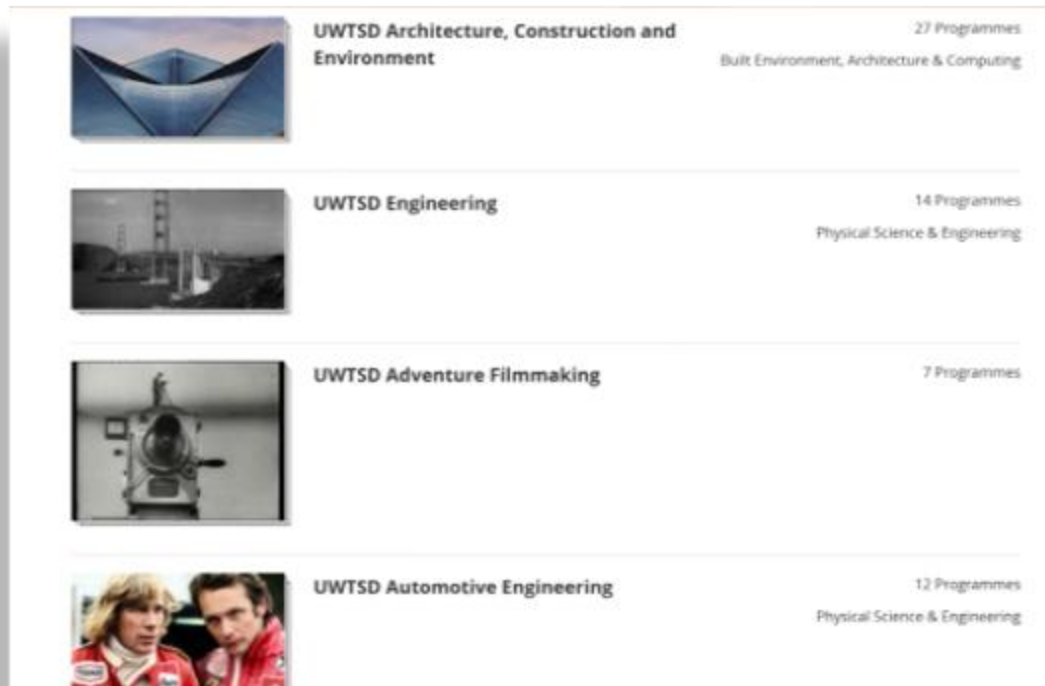
- Searchable database of digital images and associated catalogue data.
- Artstor covers many time periods and cultures, and documents the fields of architecture, painting, sculpture, photography, decorative arts, design, anthropology, ethnographic and women studies, as well as many other forms of visual culture.
- Users can search, view, download and organize images.



[Artstor](https://www.artstor.org/)

Box of Broadcasts (BoB)

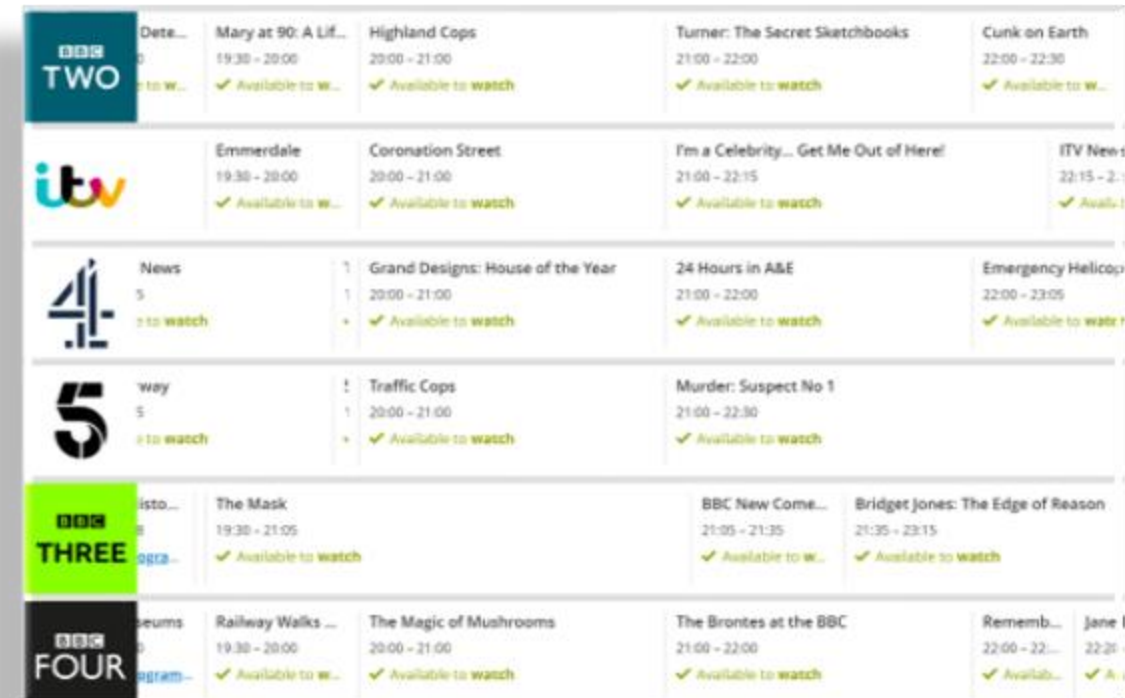
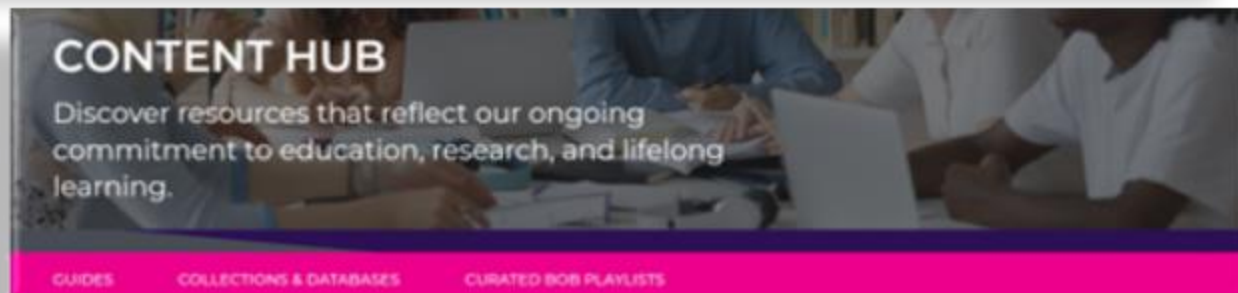
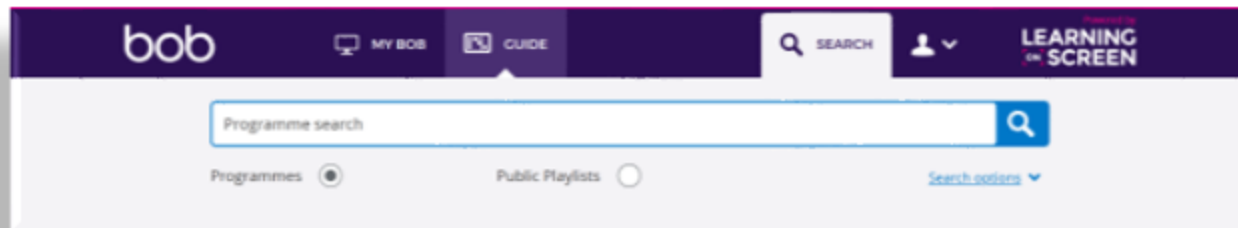
- BoB is a TV and radio service for education.
- Set up a personal account with your UWTDS details.
- Create your playlists or search for public playlists.
- Create clips with your recordings.



Box of Broadcasts

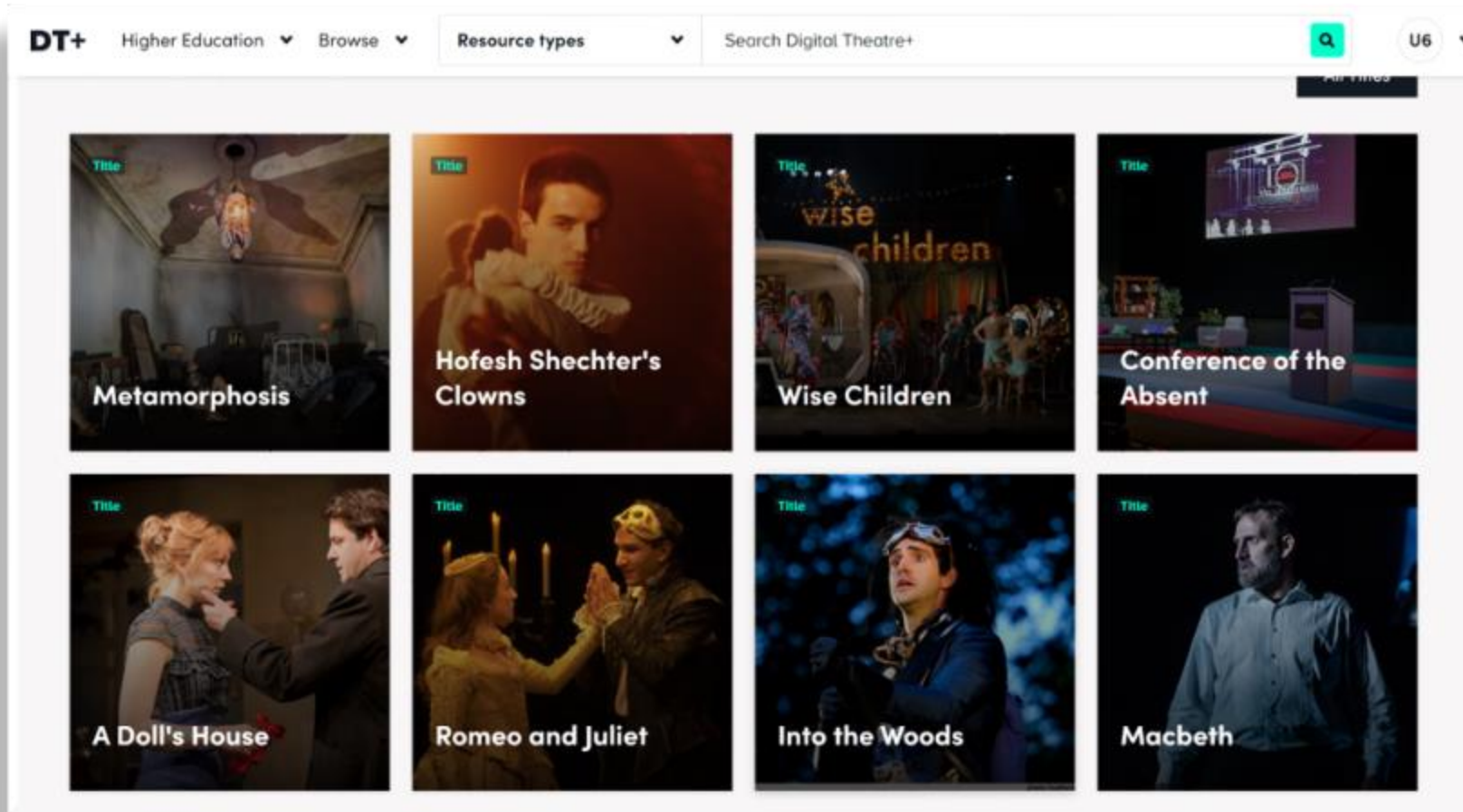
Search Box of Broadcasts (BoB)

- From the guide select a day and time of a programme you want to view.
- Search by programme or by public playlist.
- Curated Playlists to search for pre-created lists; click on the Learning on Screen logo, then Content Hub.



- [Help](#)
- [How to videos](#)
- [BoB Curated Playlists · Learning on Screen](#)

Digital Theatre Plus



Digital theatre plus provides online access to a digital streaming video collection of films of current British theatre productions.

It includes behind-the-scenes documentaries as well as teaching and learning.

[Digital Theatre Plus](#)



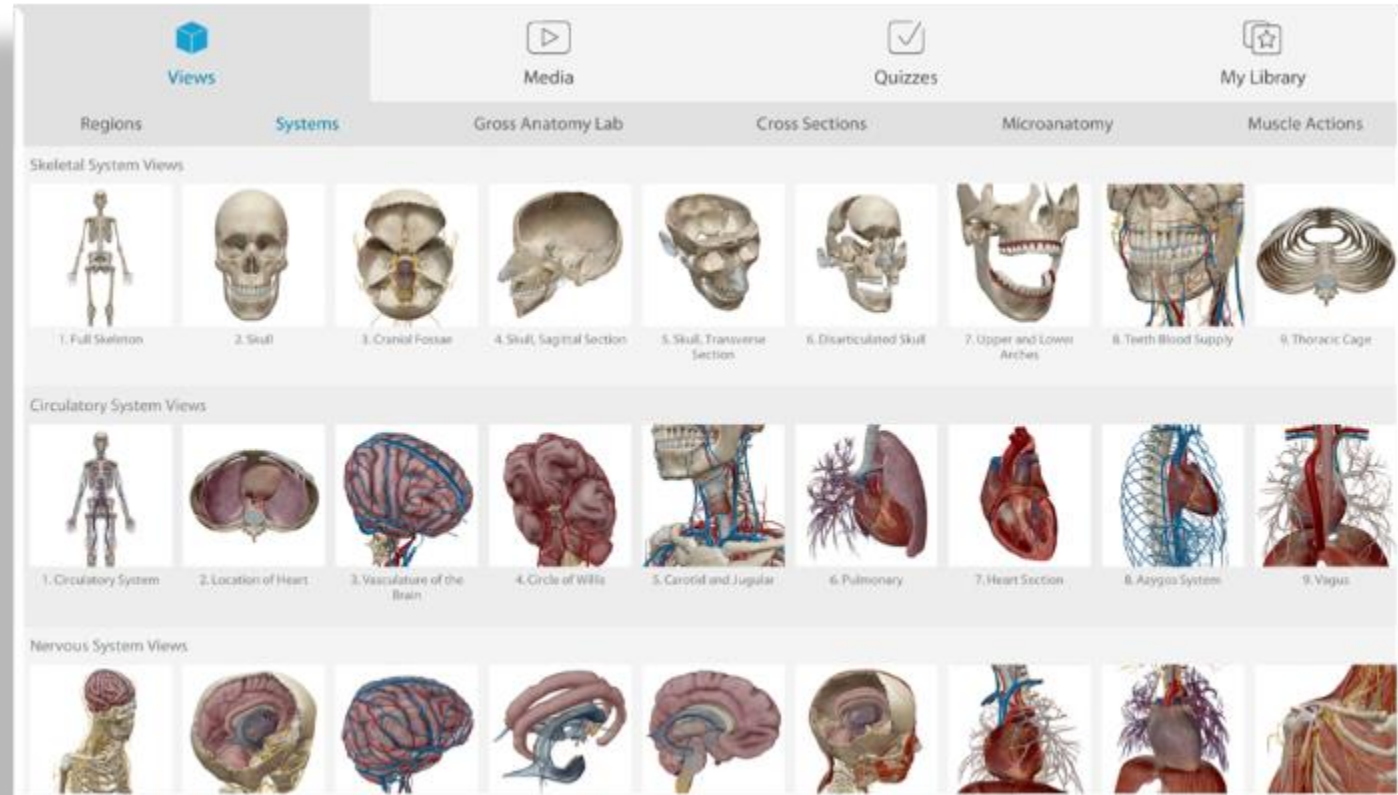
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Human Anatomy Atlas

A valuable and customisable resource to enable the study of human anatomy and functions in 3D.

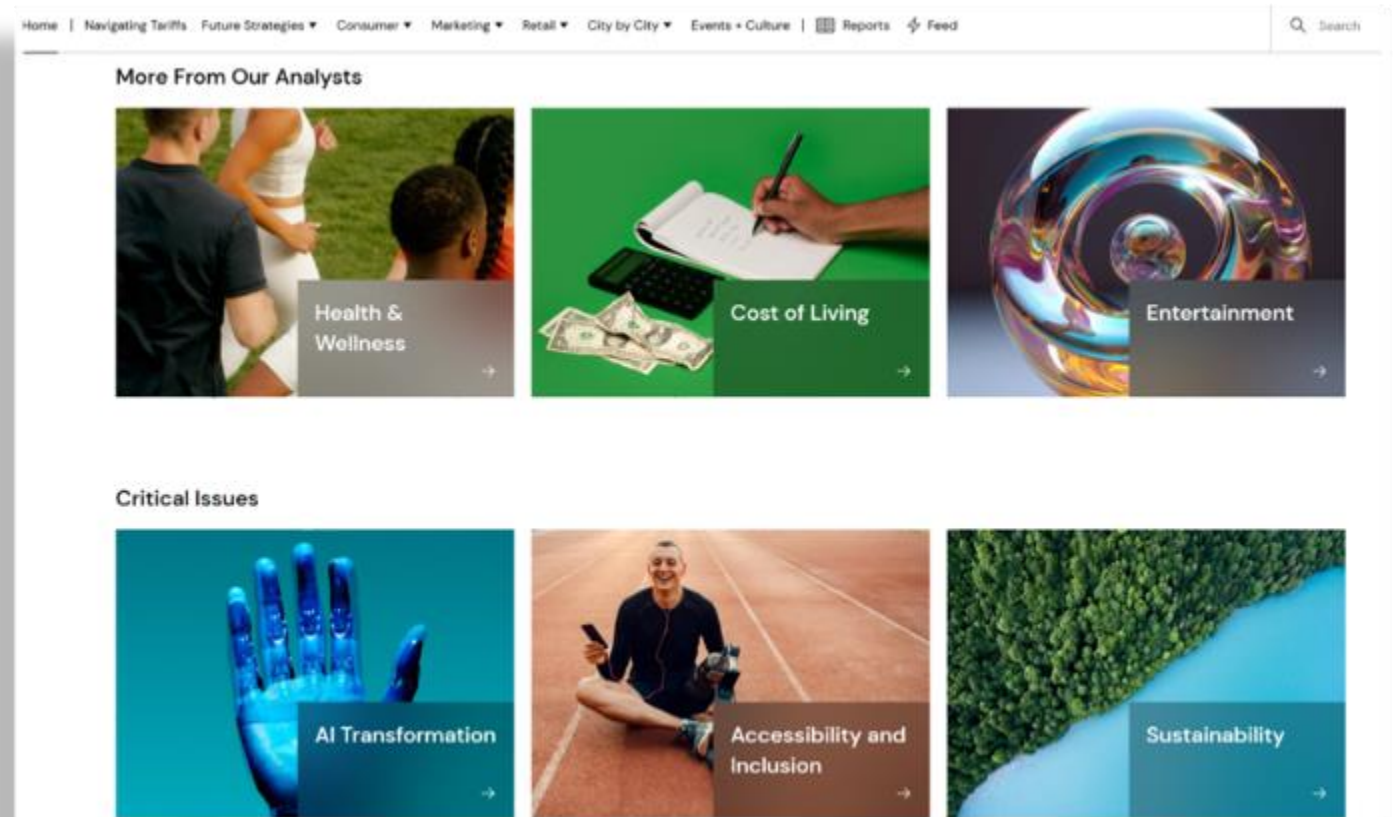
- [Getting started Video](#)
- [Help guide](#)
- [YouTube playlist](#)



[Human Anatomy Atlas](#)

WGSN – Fashion & Interiors

- WGSN is the world's leading consumer lifestyle and product design trend forecaster.
- Provides accurate forecasts, global trend insights, expertly curated data and industry expertise to help understand consumer behaviour and lifestyles.
- Used by clients and businesses to create products and trade at the right time and to adapt and stay ahead of an ever-changing consumer landscape and rapidly escalating climate priorities.



[WGSN](#)

Some useful databases

[Art & Architecture Source](#)

Research database covering fine, decorative and commercial art, as well as architecture and architectural design.

[Artstor](#)

Artstor covers many time periods and cultures, as well as many other forms of visual culture. Users can search, view, download and organise images.

[Bridgeman Education](#)

A complete visual resource offering over 1,000,000 digital images of art, history and culture from global museums, galleries, private collections and contemporary artists all copyright cleared for educational use.

[Digimap](#)

A web mapping and online data delivery service developed by the EDINA national data centre for UK academia.

[Digital Theatre Plus](#)

Digital theatre plus provides online access to a digital streaming video collection of films of current British theatre productions.

Some useful databases

- [Human Anatomy Atlas](#)

A comprehensive 3D atlas of the human body and of musculoskeletal structures and function, plus common injuries and conditions.

- [Proquest Central](#)

This is a multidisciplinary resource, but you can limit it to search just the Arts and Humanities database. Look at the list under Included Databases.

- [Vogue Archive](#)

A searchable archive of American Vogue, from the first issue in 1892 to the current month, reproduced in high-resolution color page images.

- [WGSN](#)

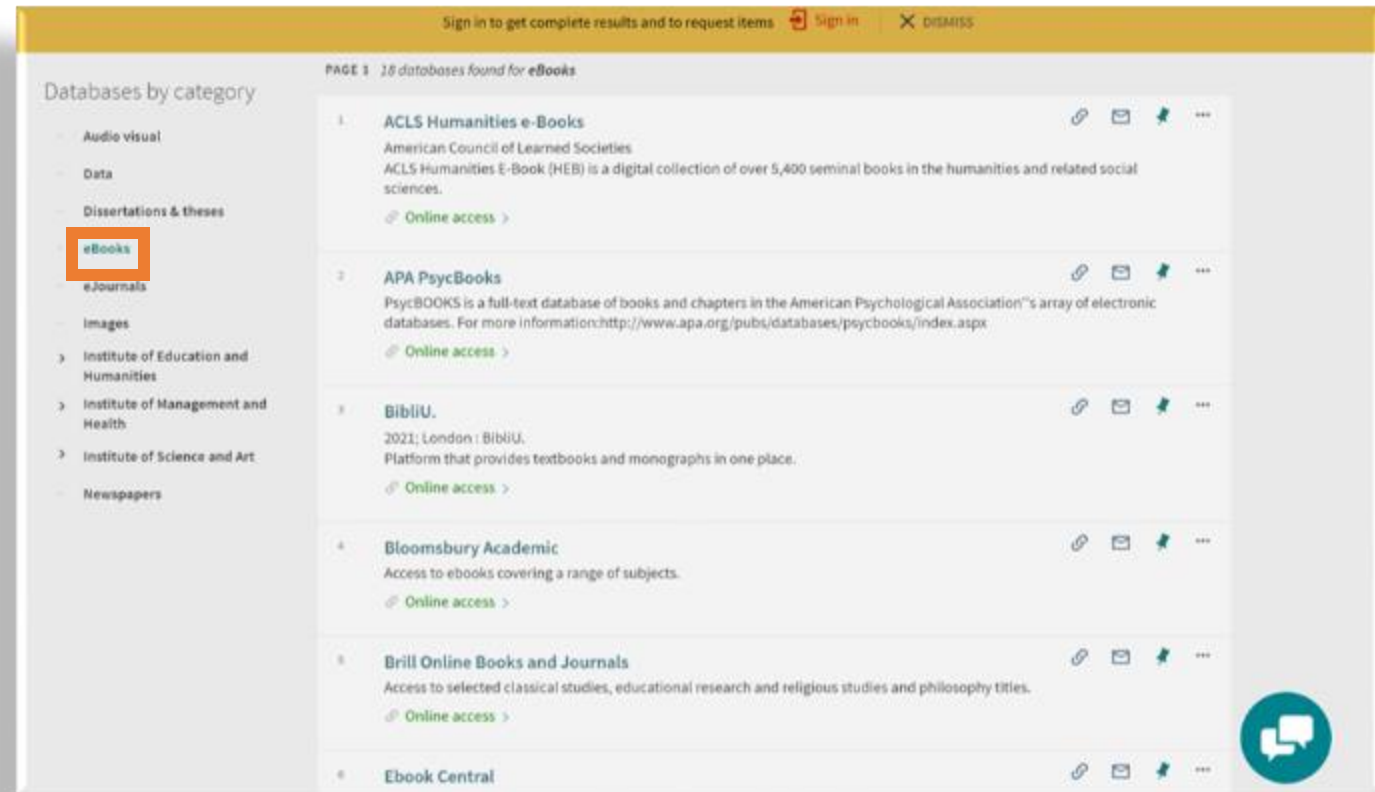
WGSN is the world's leading consumer trend forecaster. Forecasts provide global trend insights, expertly curated data and industry expertise to help understand consumer behaviour and lifestyles, create products with confidence and trade at the right time.

Ebook content

Click on the ebooks link in Database Search.

- Bloomsbury Academic.
- Taylor & Francis.
- Ebook Central.
- VLeBooks.

Make sure to limit to content you have access to.



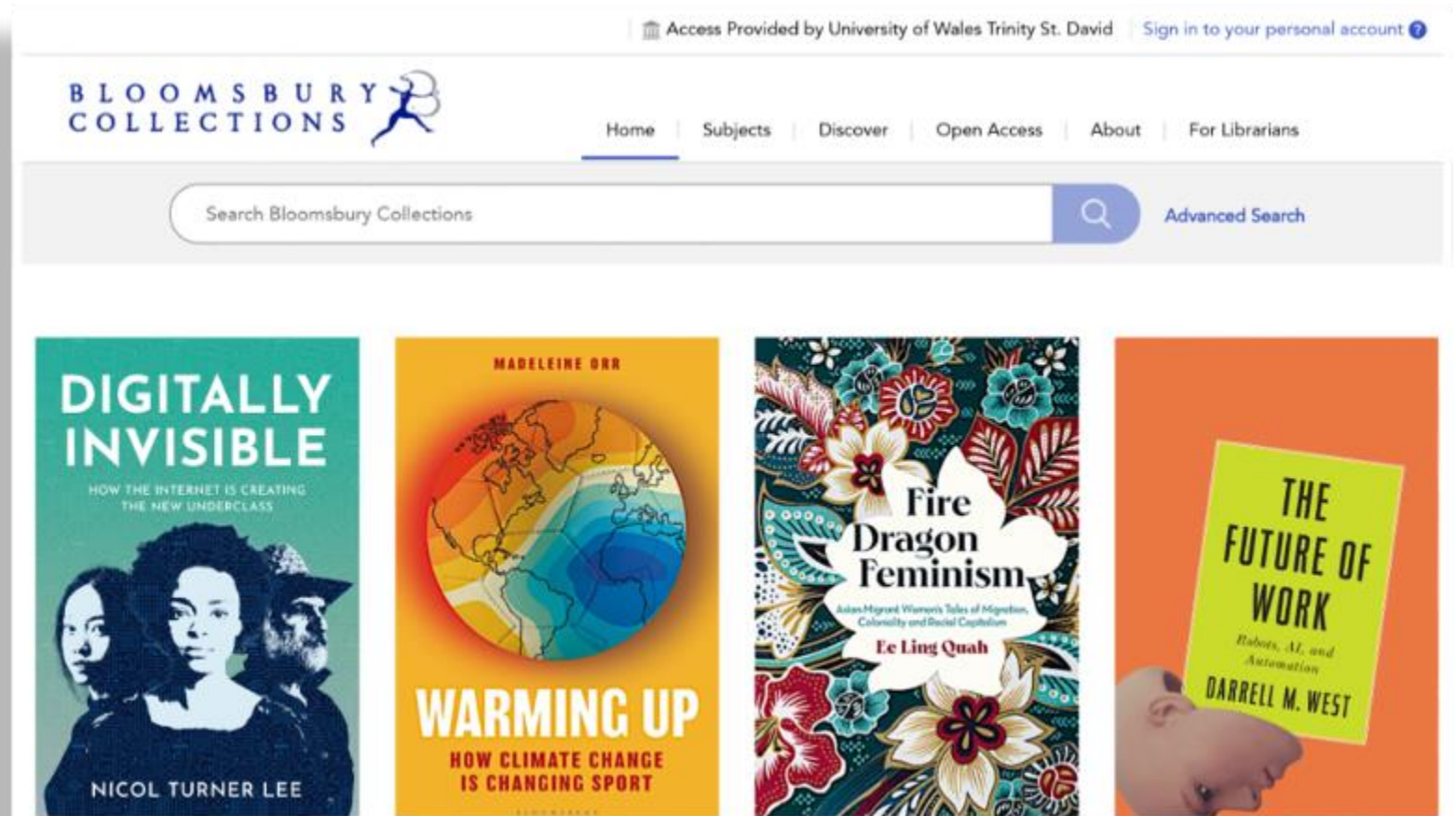
[Database Search](#)



Bloomsbury Academic

- Explore collections by Subject (346 books in the music and sound studies collection).
- Limit to content you have access to.
- Read online or download books or chapters.
- See related books.

[Bloomsbury Academic](https://www.bloomsbury.com/academic/)

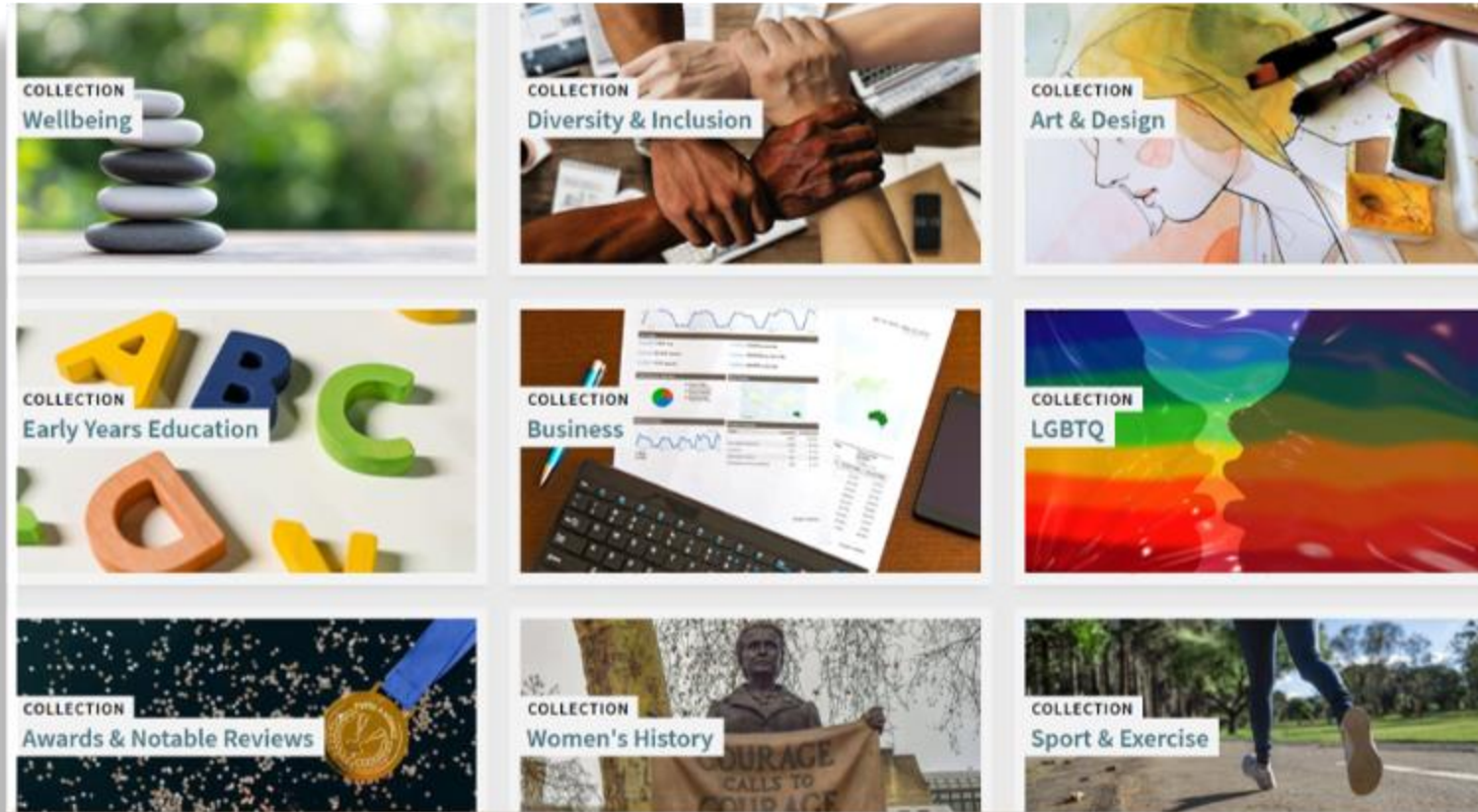


Ebook collections



Click on the ellipsis [...] at the top of the library catalogue to find the Collection Discovery link.

Here you can find some of our curated ebook collections as well as recently added books to the library.



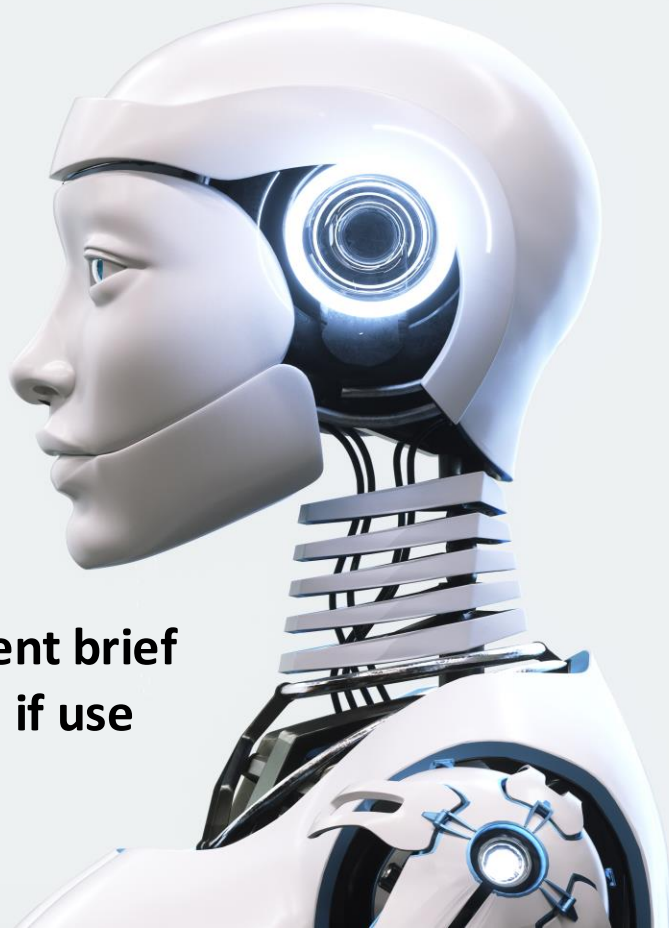
[Collection Discovery](#)



What about Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

Know the difference between AI enhanced tools and **Generative AI tools!** Check out our infoskills unit on AI.

Always check your assignment brief and with your tutor to confirm if use of AI is permitted!



Generative AI

- **Use AI tools effectively, critically, ethically** and within permitted guidelines.
- **Be aware of limitations**, e.g. accountability, inaccuracy, bias, unintentional plagiarism, over reliance.
- **Evaluate** all generated text critically.
- **Acknowledge** any AI use.
- **Complete** the AI sections in infoskills.

Add your search question

Search question.



art as a form of political and social commentary



Results from
UWTSD
library.

Results.

Note: not all
may be
available via
our library.



Sources

1 JOURNAL ARTICLE

Art activism: Art of
dissent

Vella, Mary Grace
2023

2 JOURNAL ARTICLE

Decolonising
Responses to
'Engaged Art':
Disposability and
Neoimperialism i...

Champion, Giulia et
al. 2022

3 JOURNAL ARTICLE

Techno-Art-
Activism

Wong, Kacey 2018

4 JOURNAL ARTICLE

Data Visualization
of Artists'
Responses to
Violence Against
Women: Art...

Stetz, Lauren 2024

5 JOURNAL ARTICLE

Convergences and
crossovers:
Lawrence
Alloway's
incorporative...

Patrick, Martin 2011



**View more
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Related research questions



The role of art in political activism



Artistic expressions of social issues



The impact of political art on society



Art as a tool for social change

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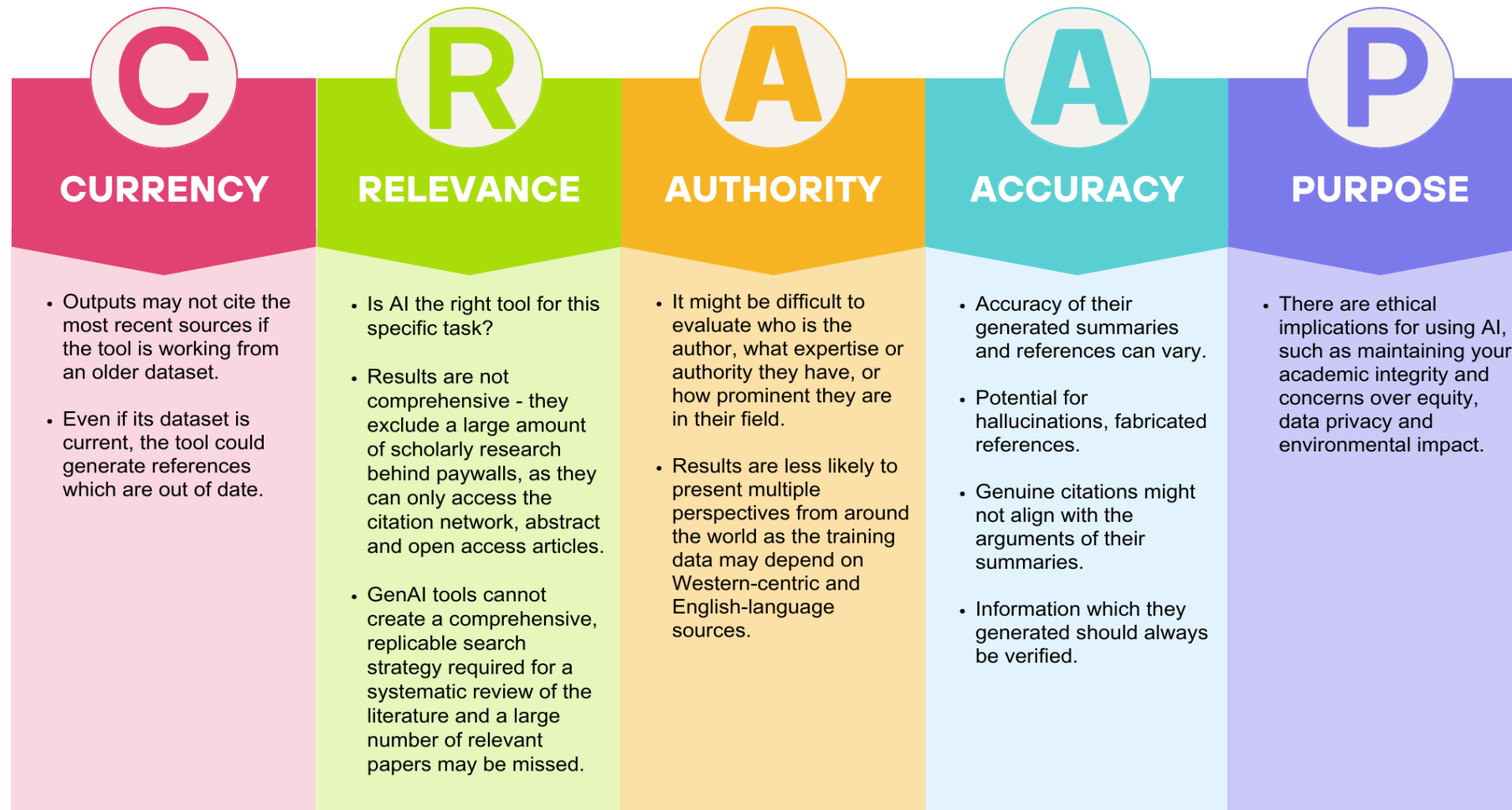


Further
related
question
prompts.



AI CRAAP Test

Generative AI



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Grey Literature

Searching the internet

Includes a wide range of information found outside of library databases. It can provide useful statistics, information, opinion, and case studies.

They are not however, typically peer-reviewed.

Sources can include:

- Government information and legislation.
- Non-governmental organisations (NGO's) e.g. World Health Organisation (WHO).
- Professional bodies.
- Charities.

Linking Google Scholar

Advanced Searching

Google Scholar

1. Search for Google Scholar
2. Click on site
3. Click on 3 lines (top left of page)
4. Choose settings
5. Click library links
6. Type in UW Trinity
7. Click search
8. Tick the box with View it @ UWTSD
9. Save

Google Scholar

Settings

Search results
Languages
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Show library access links for (choose up to five libraries):

UW Trinity

e.g., Harvard

☒ Open WorldCat - Library Search
☐ UW Trinity Saint David - View It @ UWTSD Library

Online access to library subscriptions is usually restricted to patrons of that library. You may need to login with your library password, use a campus computer, or configure your browser to use a library proxy. Please visit your library's website or ask a local librarian for assistance.

Save Cancel

To retain settings, you must turn on cookies

[Google Scholar help](#)

Google Scholar Labs – AI enhanced tool



Google Scholar

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Stand on the shoulders of giants

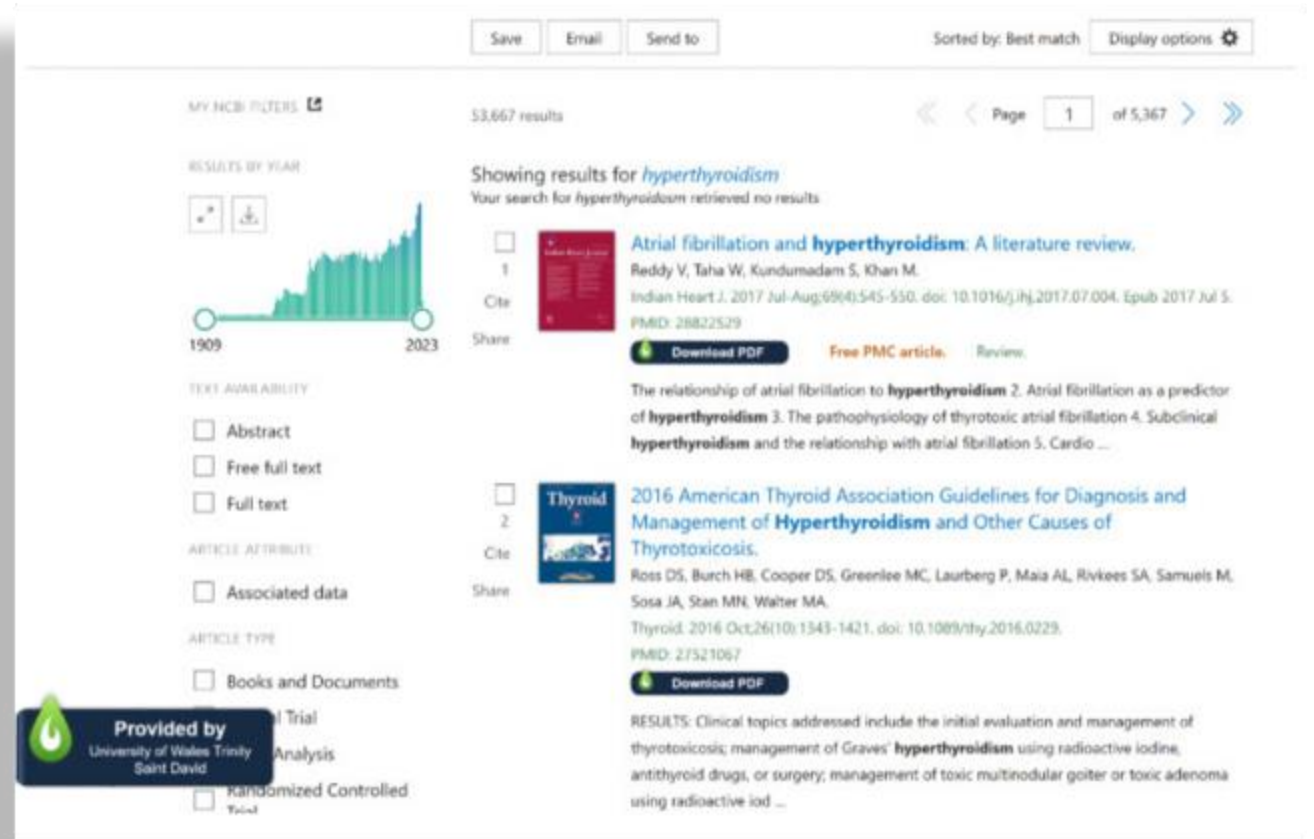
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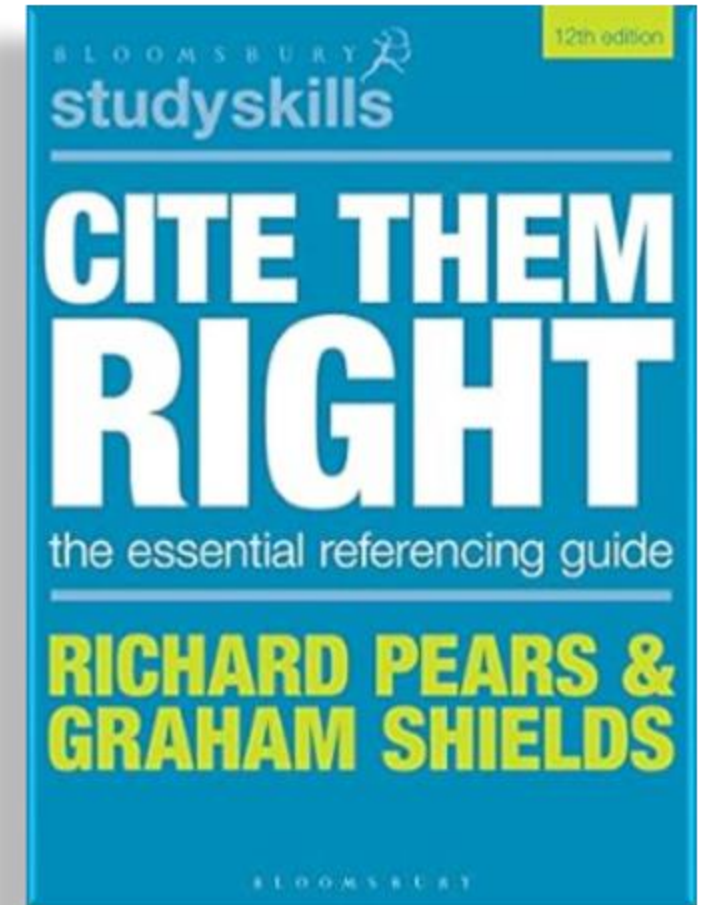


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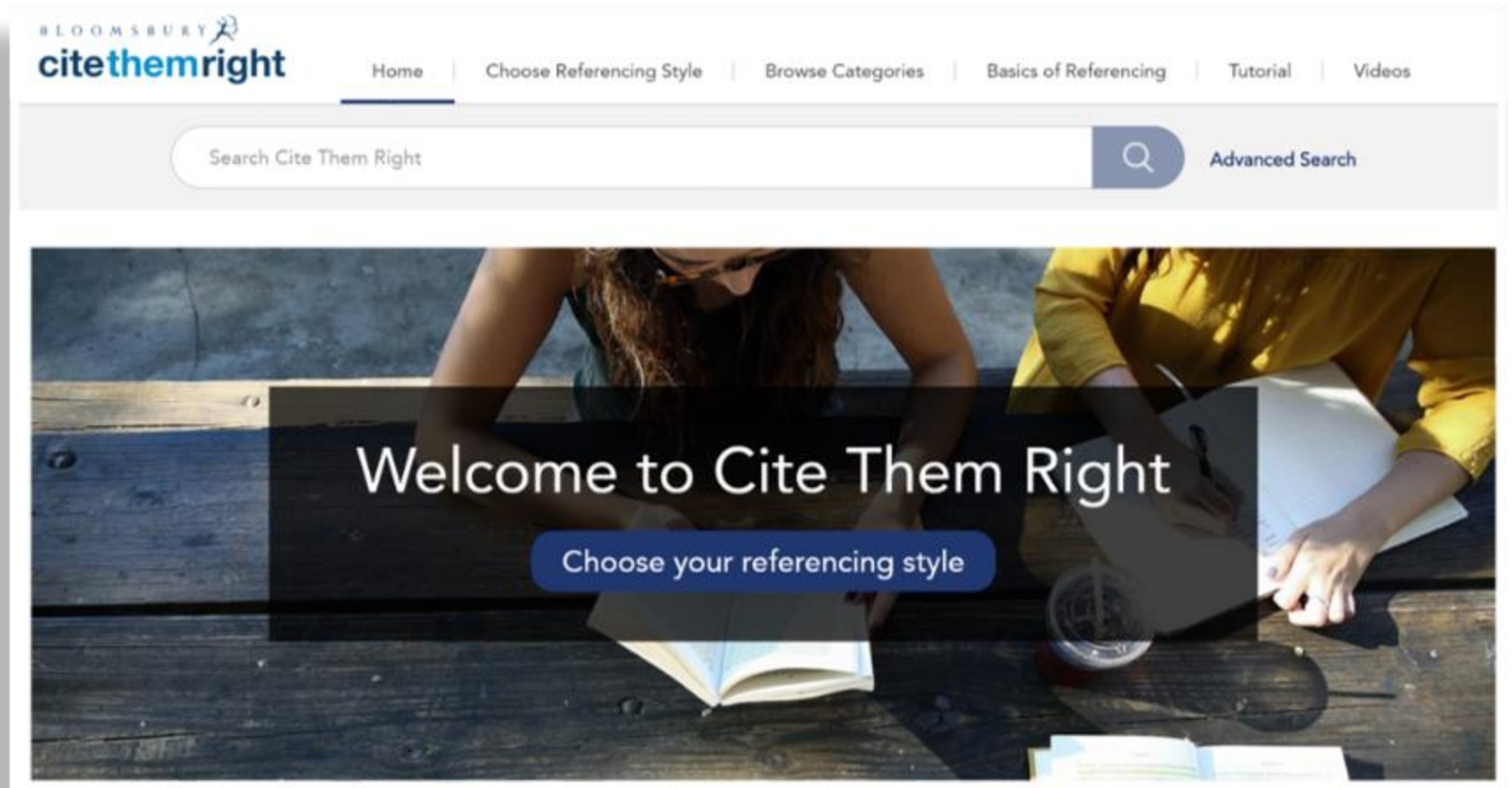
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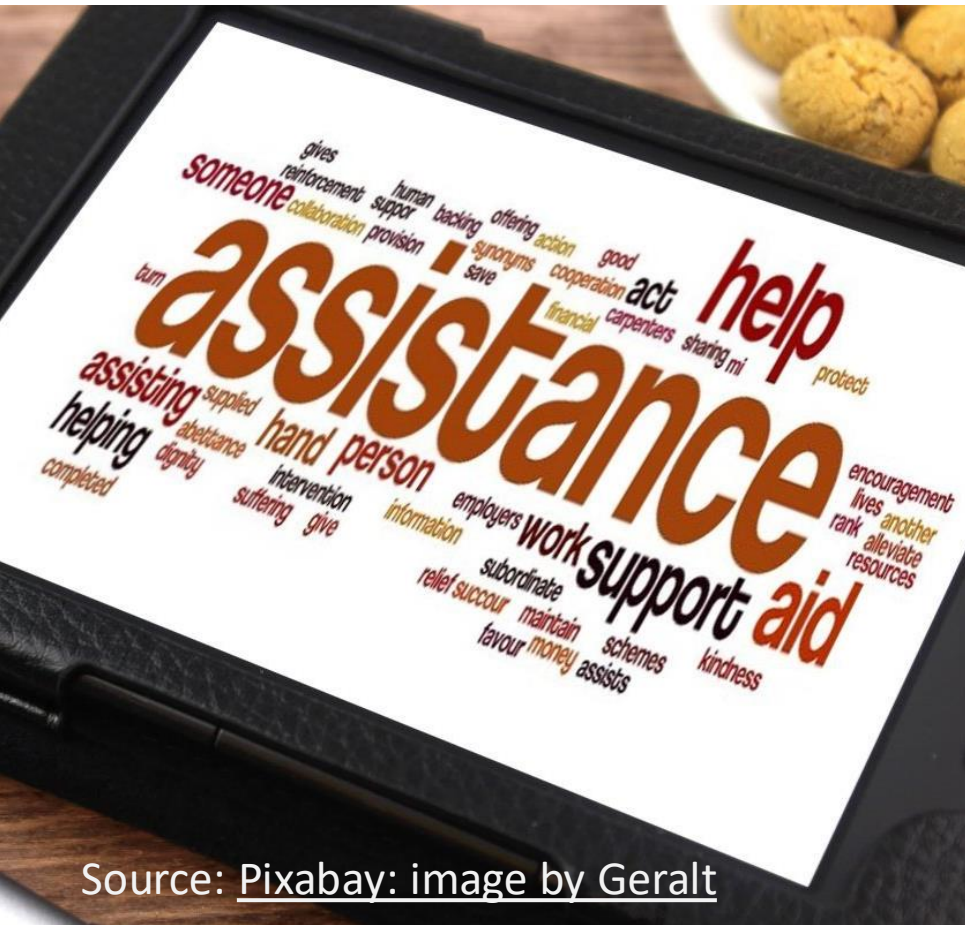
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