

Economics

Finding Economics Books in SOAS Library

To search for books in the library catalogue see the [‘Searching the Online catalogue’](#) guide.

SOAS Library is arranged primarily on a regional basis. Non-regional and general Economics materials are found in the Humanities and Social Science Section on Level E. Books on Economics in specific countries are found throughout the library in the Regional Sections.

General Economics Books

- Found in the Humanities and Social Science Section on Level E between stacks 21-31.
- This section contains general and theoretical books on Economics, as well as books covering more than one region of Asia, books on countries outside Asia and Africa, and International Economics.
- Letter code: A (e.g. A338.9 = Economic Development)
- Large books: prefix L (e.g. L A338.9) are separately located on Level E between stacks 56-57.
- Reference sources: prefix Ref (eg Ref A 338.9) are located on level E between stacks 48-49. This includes bibliographies, indexes, encyclopaedias, directories and surveys. There are also reference sources on Economics in each of the regional reference sections.

Books on Economics in Specific Regions

Found throughout the library in each Regional Section:

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| • Africa | Level D |
| • Ancient Near East | Level C |
| • China/East Asia | Level C |
| • Japan | Level C |
| • Korea | Level D |
| • Islamic Middle East | Level B |
| • South Asia | Level B |
| • South East Asia | Level C |

Classmarks

Each region, country or language has a unique letter code, but the Economics classmarks remain much the same as within the Humanities and Non-Regional Section. For example:

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| • Economic Development | A338.9 |
| • Economic Development in Africa | U338.9 |
| • Economic Development in Kerala (India) | JKD338.9 |
| • Economic Development in Turkish language | PRA338.9 |

There are leaflets available on the content and arrangement of all regional sections

Locating Economics Books

Whatever the classmark, always use the [Location List](#). Here you will quickly find which floor and book stack book you are looking for is on.

Finding Economics Journals in SOAS Library

If you know the title of the journal that you would like to see you may search on the Library catalogue.

On the catalogue record you will see a location screen which tells you which years of the journal we have at SOAS and the classmark (Per XXX). Economics journals have the classmark (Per 60). Journals are located in several places in the Library. Below is a quick guide to where to find Economics journals, but please check the Location List for exact locations of any specific titles.

- Frequently used journals Level E
- Other standard sized journals Level F
- Large size journals (Per L) Level B
- Discontinued journals Off-site. Please ask at the Enquiry Desk for help.

Finding journal articles

You will not be able to find details about specific journal articles on the Library Catalogue.

If you know the title of the journal that the article was published in you may search for this on the Library Catalogue as above.

If you would like to see what journal articles have been written either on a certain subject or by a certain author you will need to use a bibliography or index. These are lists of details about books and journal articles arranged according to subject. The Library has a number of bibliographies which are usually kept in the relevant reference section. Many journals have their own indexes which will be shelved with the journal in question.

Many bibliographies and indexes are now available as electronic databases which means that you can type keywords or author's names into a search box and a list of relevant journal articles will be generated. Further details on the key databases for Economics available at SOAS are detailed below.

Electronic journals

The full-text of some journal articles are available for you via collections of electronic journals such as JSTOR and EBSCOhost and other individual titles which have been made available online.

To search for electronic journals go to our A-Z list at

<http://atoz.ebsco.com/titles.asp?Id=soas&sid=186247881&TabID=2> or follow the link from the library catalogue and search by journal title.

To access electronic journals from offsite you will need to log in using your SOAS id and password. If you are new to SOAS' electronic journals you can follow our online guide at :

<http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/resources/ejournals/offsite/>

Economics Databases at SOAS

SOAS subscribes to several bibliographic and full-text databases for economics.

Accessing databases

From the Library home page follow the links: **Electronic Resources > A-Z Databases** or Go to the A-Z list of databases at <http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/resources/a-z/> and find the name of the database you want to search on the list. Select the on-campus or off-campus use link, depending on your location. If connecting from off-campus, you will need to log in with your SOAS ID and password.

Finding Full text articles from a citation/ Abstract

Many articles retrieved from databases will offer a link directly to the full text. Others will offer a link to the **SOAS | S-F-X** service which will find and connect you to a full text version, if available, or to the Library Catalogue to check whether a paper copy is in stock.

In some cases the abstract or simple reference may be all that is given. In this case, it will be necessary to follow these simple steps to locate the full text:

- Take a note of the full reference.
- Search the Library Catalogue for the Journal title.
- Check the holdings to see if there are any printed copies of a particular issue or if there is a link to the full text of an e-journal.
- If the article is not available via SOAS Library, search other library catalogues using Inform25 (London), COPAC (UK) or Worldcat (worldwide).

For more information on finding material in other libraries check the **Library website > Using the Library > Finding Material in Other Libraries**

Key databases

The key databases for Economics are below. Further information on useful resources for Economics can be found in the Economics Subject Guide at <http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/subjects/economics/>.

Search the **A-Z electronic databases** to see the full list of resources available at SOAS. Guides to searching the databases can be found via the **A-Z list** or in the **BLE information skills site > Economics > Databases** at <https://www.ble.ac.uk/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp>

- **Academic Search Premier:** Full-text access to more than 4,500 scholarly journals (including more than 3,700 peer-reviewed titles) covering social sciences, humanities, education, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. In addition to the full-text the database also offers indexing and abstracts for all 8,300 journals in the collection.
- **Business Source Premier:** All aspects of business, including company profiles and SWOT analyses, industry and market research files and country reports. Some titles go back to 1922- but most titles from 1970 onwards.
- **EconLit:** Subject specific database with citations and abstracts for journal articles, books, collective volume articles, dissertations, working papers, and book reviews, with contents dating from 1969 to the present day.
- **International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS):** Large social science database with over 2 million records, which includes economics in its core coverage.

- **NBER Working Papers:** Access to the National Bureau of Economic Research International Finance and Macroeconomics Program and International Trade and Investment working papers.
- **JSTOR:** An electronic archive of core scholarly journals. Provides access to over 1000 titles.
- **Web of Knowledge:** Provides access to three major citation indexes (Science Citation Index; Social Sciences Citation Index from 1970; Arts and Humanities Citation Index from 1975).
- **Economic & Social Data Service (ESDS):** A national data service providing access to key economic and social data including: World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and surveys such as 'Labour Force Survey'.

Electronic Books

There are now over 250 electronic books available to SOAS staff and students from the dawsonera website and Cambridge Books Online.

All of the titles are listed on the Library catalogue and can also be browsed via the dawsonera and Cambridge Books Online websites which you can access from the Library's **A-Z Databases** list.

Access to e-books is available on and off-campus to SOAS students and staff using their SOAS id and Password.

Enquiries and Help

The Enquiry Desk on Level E (Ground Floor) is staffed from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Enquiry Desk staff will be able to help you locate materials and resources for your research, including electronic sources of information. You can also email libenquiry@soas.ac.uk.

The Subject Librarian for Economics can help with further research-based enquiries:

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Economics Subject Guide

The online Economics subject guide is at <http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/subjects/economics/>. Visit the subject guide to find out more about the Library collection, other useful libraries, and recommended databases and websites.

BLE Information skills site

The Information skills site on the BLE <https://www.ble.ac.uk/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp> can be found under 'My Organisations'.

This site has been designed to support your studies at SOAS by providing a series of general and subject-based guides to resources available to SOAS students and staff from Library & Information Services. The Economics section contains guides to key databases for economics, details of training sessions and worksheets to help you make the most of the resources.



Keep up with the library

You can find out what is going on in the library, including hints and tips on useful resources by following us:

- <http://twitter.com/#!/SOASLibrary>.
- <https://www.facebook.com/SOASLib>
- <http://soaspoleconlibrary.blogspot.com/>
- <http://www.delicious.com/soaslibrary>