

Finding books in the Library & beyond

Introduction to SOAS Library

Most books are kept on open shelves - you can go and collect the items that you would like to see see yourself. This also means that you can browse the shelves to see other related material.

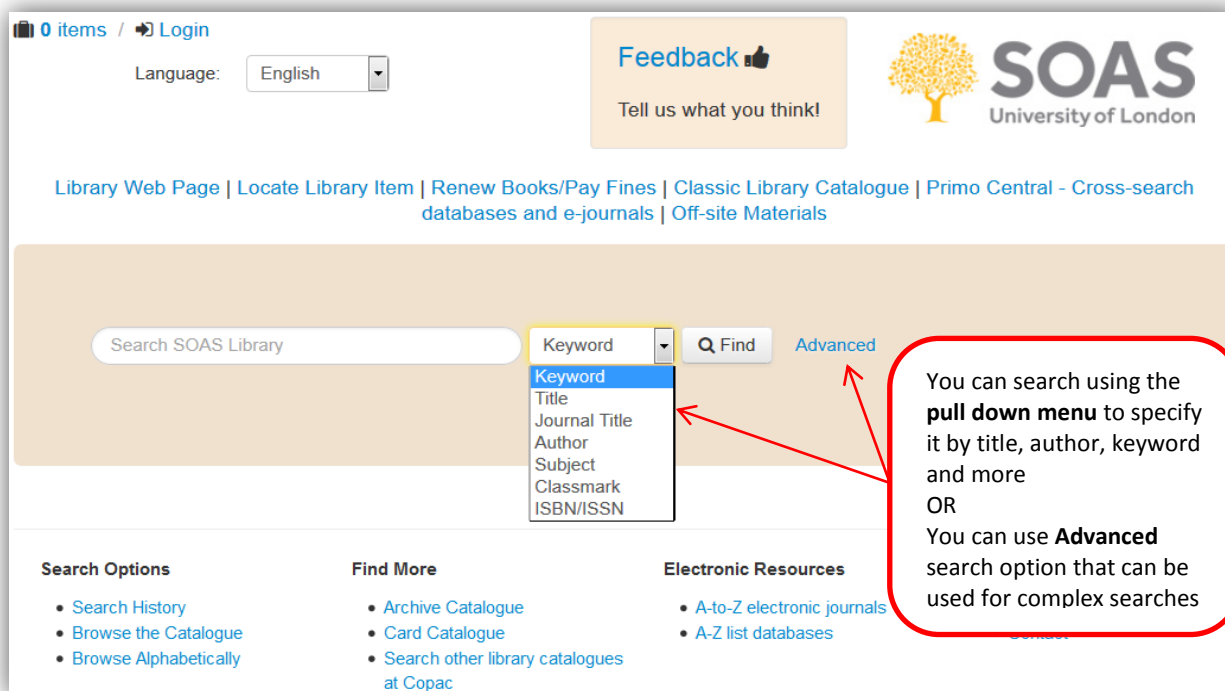
The Library is mainly arranged by region, but there are separate sections for Law, Art & Archaeology and the Humanities and Social Sciences.

How do I find books in the SOAS Library?

Generally, to find the book go to the Library Catalogue at <http://lib.soas.ac.uk>

[See the "Searching the online catalogue" guide available at www.soas.ac.uk/library/using/finding/]

Tip! There are various options to search the catalogue:

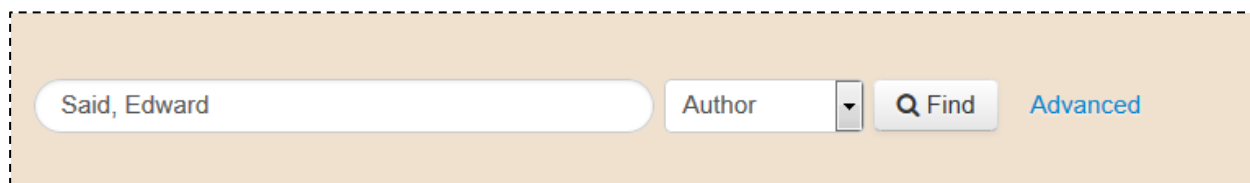


The screenshot shows the SOAS Library search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "0 items / Login", a language dropdown set to "English", a "Feedback" button, and the SOAS University of London logo. Below this is a row of links: "Library Web Page", "Locate Library Item", "Renew Books/Pay Fines", "Classic Library Catalogue", "Primo Central - Cross-search databases and e-journals", and "Off-site Materials". The main search area features a search box with the placeholder "Search SOAS Library", a "Keyword" pull-down menu, a "Q Find" button, and an "Advanced" link. The pull-down menu is open, showing options: "Keyword", "Title", "Journal Title", "Author", "Subject", "Classmark", and "ISBN/ISSN". A red box highlights the pull-down menu and the "Advanced" link, with text explaining that users can search by title, author, keyword, etc., or use the "Advanced" search option for complex searches. Below the search area are three columns of links: "Search Options" (Search History, Browse the Catalogue, Browse Alphabetically), "Find More" (Archive Catalogue, Card Catalogue, Search other library catalogues at Copac), and "Electronic Resources" (A-to-Z electronic journals, A-Z list databases).

Searching

Example: author search

Tip! When searching for author you must use the family name first



The screenshot shows a search box containing the text "Said, Edward". To the right of the search box is a pull-down menu set to "Author", a "Q Find" button, and an "Advanced" link. The entire search area is enclosed in a dashed border.

Search results

- Articles
- Language
 - English (17)
- Author
 - Menski, Werner, 1949- (2)
 - Geschiere, Peter (1)
 - Lawrence, Andrew G., 1966- (1)
 - Menski, Werner (1)
 - O'Donnell, Guillermo A. (1)
 - Ramgotra, Manjeet (1)
 - more ...

2 **Comparative law in a global context : the legal systems of Asia and Africa** ★ Add to Favourites

by Menski, Werner, 1949-
Published 2006
Subjects: "...Comparative law..."
Location: Floor D Stack 136-143

Classmark	Loan Period	Status
A342 /963458	LONG LOAN	Available
A342 /963459	LONG LOAN	Due: 20-11-14
A342 /963461	ONE WEEK LOAN	Available
A342 /963462	ONE WEEK LOAN	Available
14 more ...		

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* For more details of a book click on the **Title**
 * Note only the first 4 copies of a book will be listed on this page

Check the **date** is the one you're being asked to read - the Library may hold a later edition to the one on your reading list

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Similar Items

Comparative law in a global context : the legal systems of Asia and Africa

[Details of floor location and shelf stack number is also available](#)

The reconstruction of legal thought in Islam : a comparative study of the Islamic and the Western systems of law in the latter's terminology with particular reference to the Islamic laws suspended by the British rule in the sub-continent
by: Hassan, Syed Riazul
Published: (1974)

Comparative law in global perspective : essays in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding

Comparative law in a global context : the legal systems of Asia and Africa

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* Online e-books are available for certain titles
 * Click on the links provided for access

Write down the entire Classmark; they take the form of **A 342 / 963461**

refers to region/ subject refers to a specific item

* Check to see whether the item is available
 * DUE means the item is out on loan
 * Request the item by clicking on [Recall This](#)

How do I find the item on the shelves?

The Library *Location List* will display which floor level and stack numbers you will find particular Classmarks. Click on the "Locate Library Item" link from the catalogue home page to link to the location list. Click on the link to access the location list www.soas.ac.uk/library/using/finding/location/

The screenshot shows a navigation menu on the left with 'Finding material in the Library' and 'Location list' selected. Under 'Location list', 'Class Marks A - F' is highlighted. The main table is titled 'A' and has three columns: 'Class mark', 'Level', and 'Book stack numbers'. Three red callouts with arrows point to specific parts of the table:

1. Select the letter that appears at the start of the classmark (pointing to the 'A' in the table title).
2. Find the range of numbers that include your classmark (pointing to the 'A330-337' row).
3. Check the Floor and stack numbers (pointing to the '21-28' stack numbers in the 'A330-337' row).

Class mark	Level	Book stack numbers
A000-099	E	2
A100-199	E	2-4
A200-299	E	4-7
A300-309	E	7-16
A310-319	E	16
A320-329	E	16-21
A330-337	E	21-28
A338-339	E	28-31
A340-343.9	D	136-143
A344-344.99	D	143-151
A345-A345.9	D	152-158

Law materials

- These are shelved on Level D between stacks 136 and 213
- A340 - A349 = Textbooks, Law Reports and Legislation
LA340 - LA349 = Large / Oversized books
- Shelves are arranged by region then subject (e.g. English law > Contract)
- Within each region, materials are arranged by textbooks, law reports then legislation

What if the item is not on the shelves?

If the catalogue says a book is available but isn't on the shelves, it may be that another Library user is reading it so please check again later.

Tip! Also check the following: Main reshelving area (stack 50) and trolleys on Level E
Various reshelving areas on the other floors

If an item is missing for a while, please email missingbooks@soas.ac.uk and one of the Subject Librarians will see if they can locate it; they will email you with any action.

What if the title is not available at SOAS Library?

To find the book elsewhere go to **Search other library catalogues** www.soas.ac.uk/library/using/others/

- Postgraduate students can apply for borrowing membership at Senate House and several other institutions in London, including the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS)
- Undergraduates can apply for borrowing membership

How do I find items within a London library?

To find the book in a London library go to InforM25 www.inform25.ac.uk/Link/

1. Select M25 or Union List of serials
2. Enter your search terms
3. Search Results:

How do I find items at other libraries in the UK?

To find the book in a library outside London go to COPAC <http://copac.ac.uk>

Tip! COPAC searches some of the largest research libraries in the UK and Ireland (Oxford, Cambridge, British Library etc.)

1. Enter your search terms
2. Select item from list
3. Search Results:

4. Select a Library to see more details about the copy held in that institution

Items can be ordered as interlibrary loans.

For more information see www.soas.ac.uk/library/using/services/interlib/

How do I find items at libraries worldwide?

To find the book in a library worldwide go to WorldCat <http://soas.worldcat.org/>

Tip! WorldCat searches the catalogue of hundreds of Libraries around the world

1. Type in your search terms
2. Select item from list
3. Select “Worldwide libraries own this item” to see which library holds a copy

How big powers dominate the third world : the use and abuse of international law
Author: [Yoke Ling Chee](#)
Publisher: Penang (Malaysia) : Third World Network, 1987.
Edition/Format: Book : French [View all editions and formats](#)
Database: WorldCat

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Library	Held formats	Distance	
1. Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement IHEID Genève 21, 1211 Switzerland	Book	MAP IT	Library info Add to favorites
2. Universität Zürich University of Zurich Zürich, 8057 Switzerland	Book	MAP IT	Library info Add to favorites

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How do I find items online?

SOAS subscribes to electronic book platforms – *Cambridge Books Online*, *E-brary* and *Dawsonera*. Links are provided on the Library catalogue for any titles available. You can also find certain items online for free.

For more information see www.soas.ac.uk/library/resources/ebooks/

What if I still can't find it?

- Ask the Enquiry Desk
 - o In person on Level E (open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)
 - o Call 020 7898 4163/4141
 - o Email: libenquiry@soas.ac.uk
- Contact your Subject Librarian
 - o See the **Contact Us** area on the website for details www.soas.ac.uk/library/contact/