Saving items in EDS

You can save items to your own personal folder in EDS.

There's an additional sign in to save in EDS; you can use your SOAS id and password.

If you've previously used 'My EBSCOhost' in other EBSCO databases you'll be given the opportunity to sync your account with you SOAS details.

click the folder icon to the right of any entry to add it to your folder
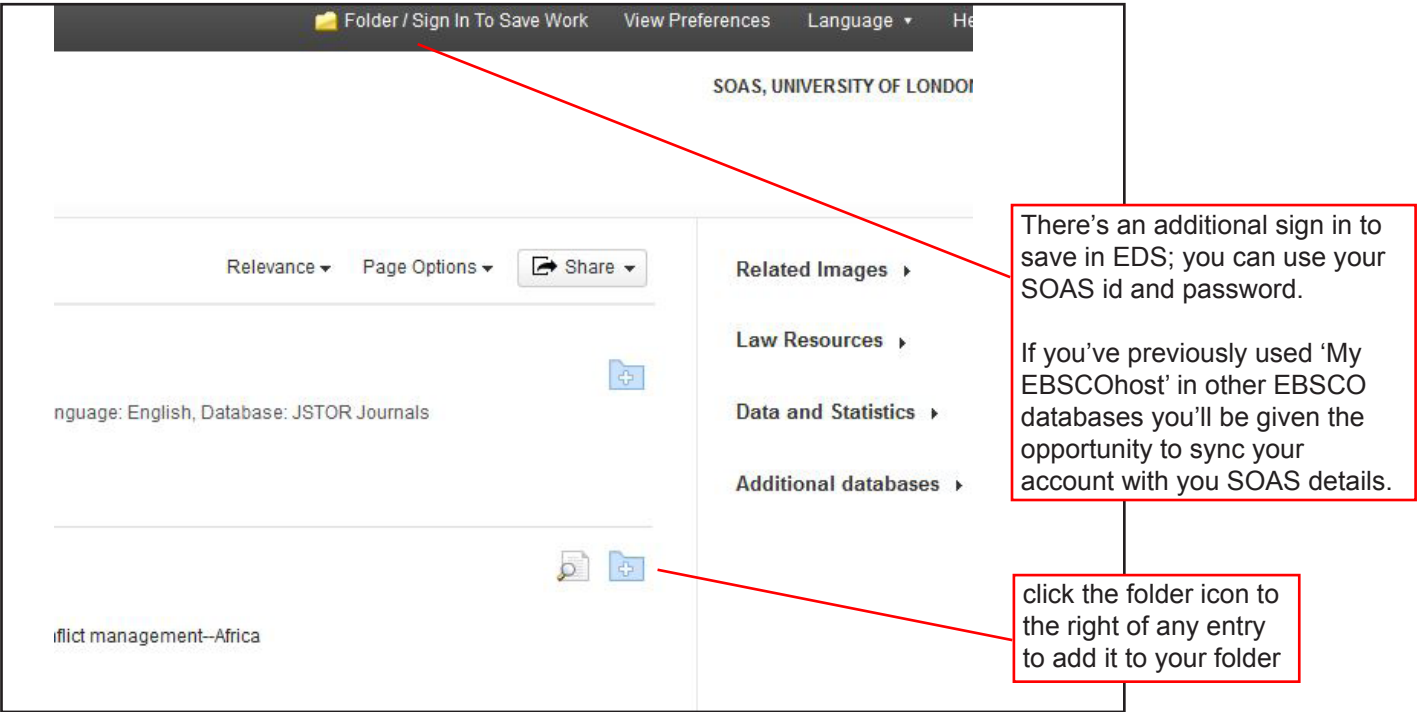
Creating search alerts

In both basic and advanced search you'll see a **create alert** button beside the search box. If you select this after including your search terms in the search box(es) you can create an alert to be sent to you by e-mail (or an RSS feed), when new content on your research topic is added.

How do I get help with EDS?

EBSCO provide a range of training materials to get you started with EDS:

http://support.ebscohost.com/tutorials/discovery/

In addition you can ask for assistance by using the 'Help' option within EDS or in person at the Library Enquiry Desk - Level E (10am to 5pm, Mon-Fri).
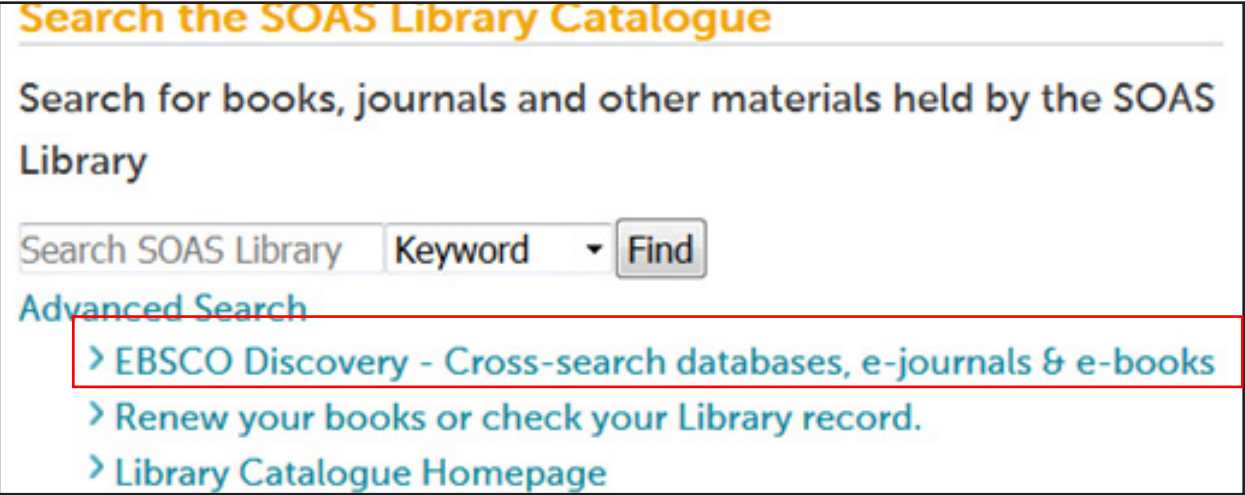
EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS)

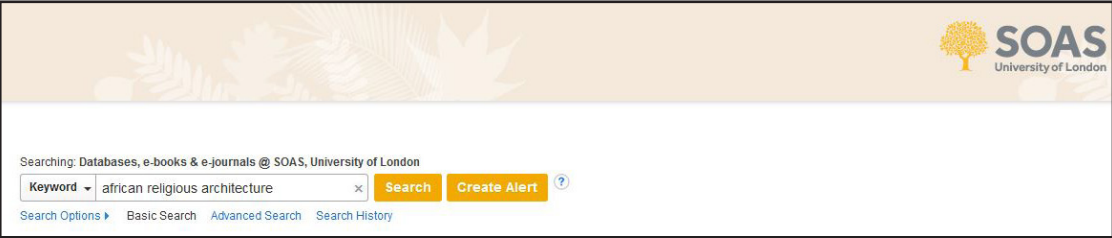**What is EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS)?**
EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) is a research discovery tool, which allows you to search across a huge range of databases, e-journals, e-books, reports, multimedia items and more. EDS doesn't include all of SOAS' subscription e-resources (e.g. Proquest products aren't currently included), but it does provide a quick and easy starting point for your research.

How do I access EDS?
Via the Library web pages https://library.soas.ac.uk/

or you can go direct to EDS:
http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,shib&custid=s8438947&groupid=main&profile=eds

Who can access EDS?
EDS is available to all Library users on-campus and to current SOAS students and staff off-campus.

How do I login to EDS off-campus?
Current SOAS students and staff can login using their SOAS ID/student number and password. If you access EDS either via the catalogue or direct and you're off-campus you'll automatically be prompted to login.
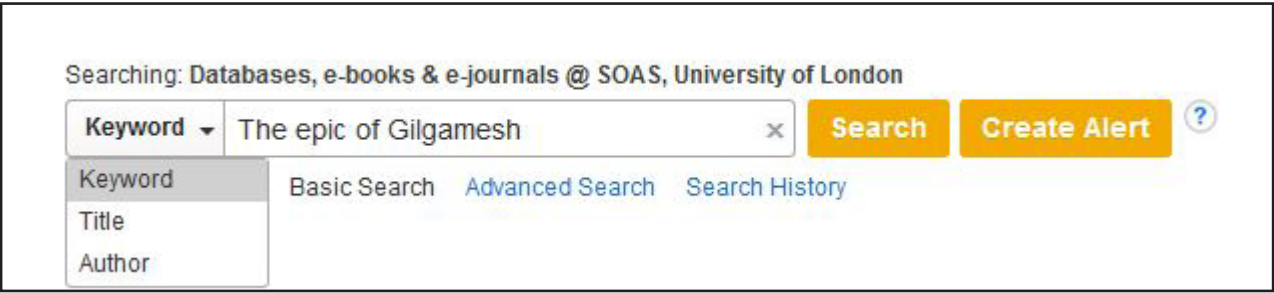
Searching EDS

Basic search
The basic search in EDS is easy to use and offers 'autocomplete' words, phrases and titles to help you search:
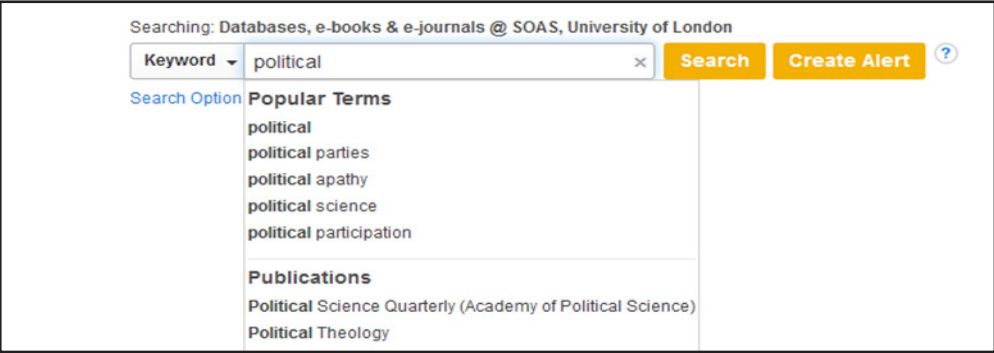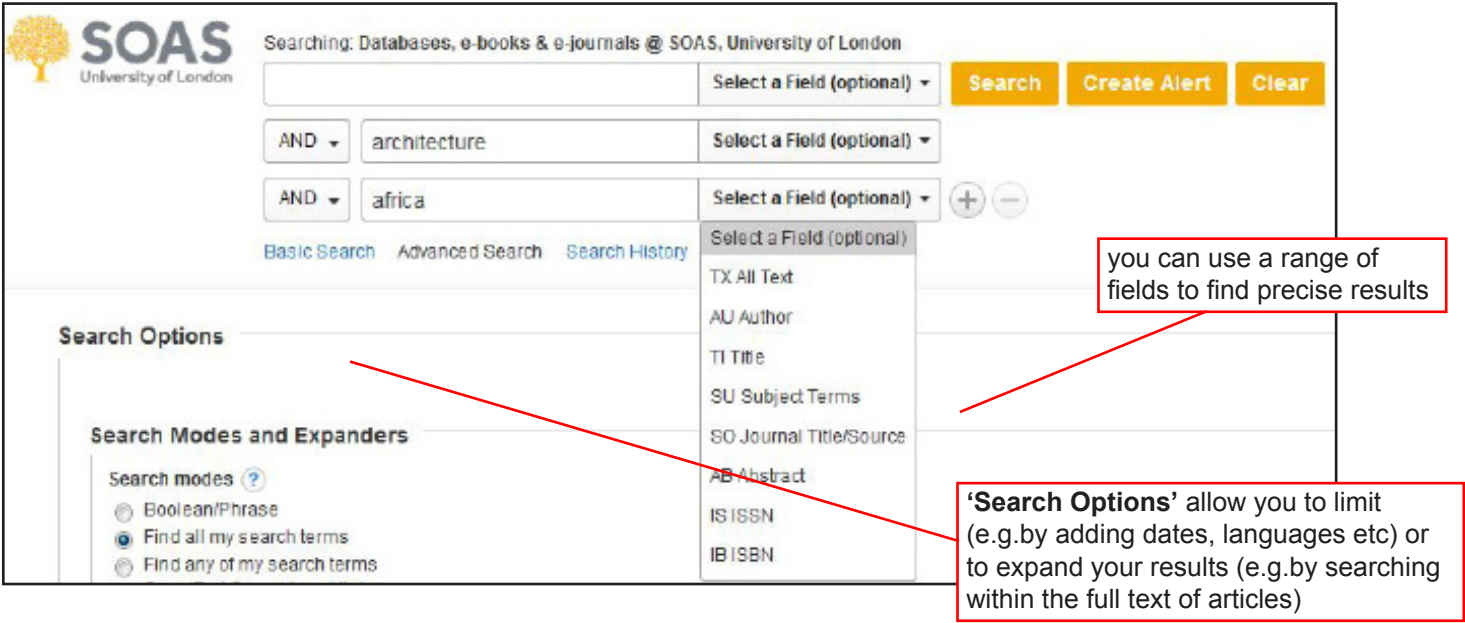
The default search is 'keyword' which searches across author, title, keyword, abstract and subject headings.
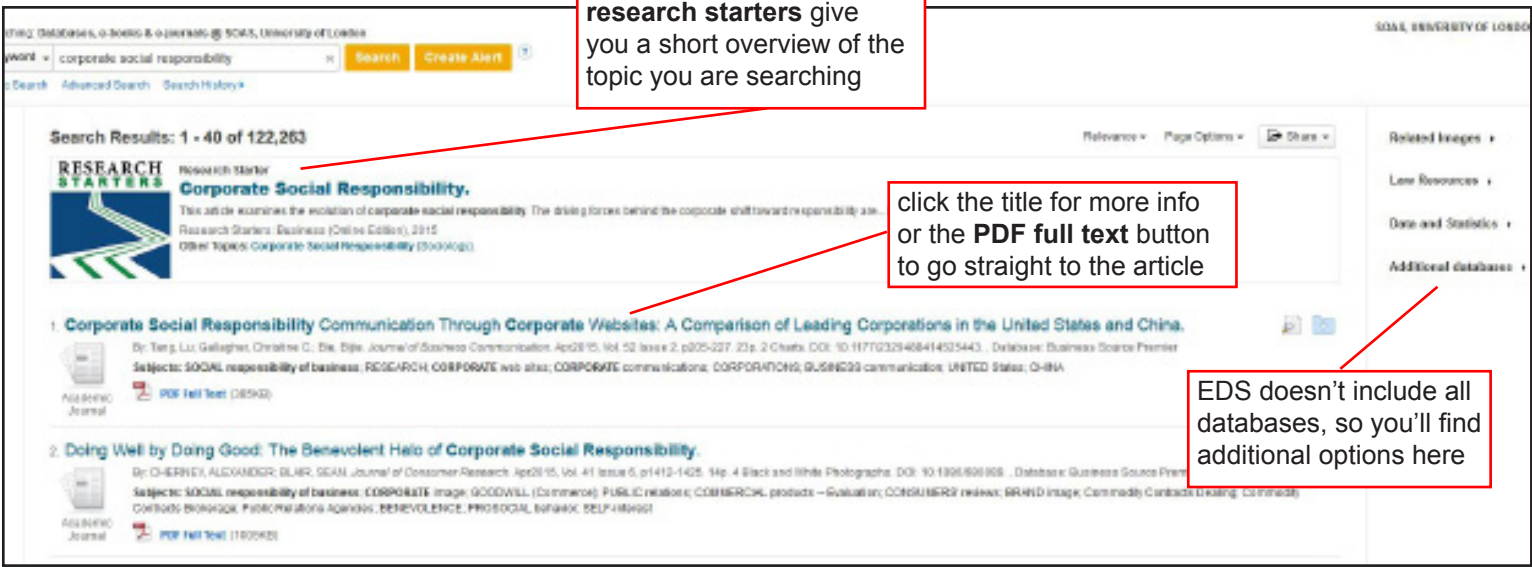If you'd like to search for something more specific you can also choose 'title' or 'author'

Advanced Search
Advanced search offers more search options. These allow you to be very specific or to broaden your search.
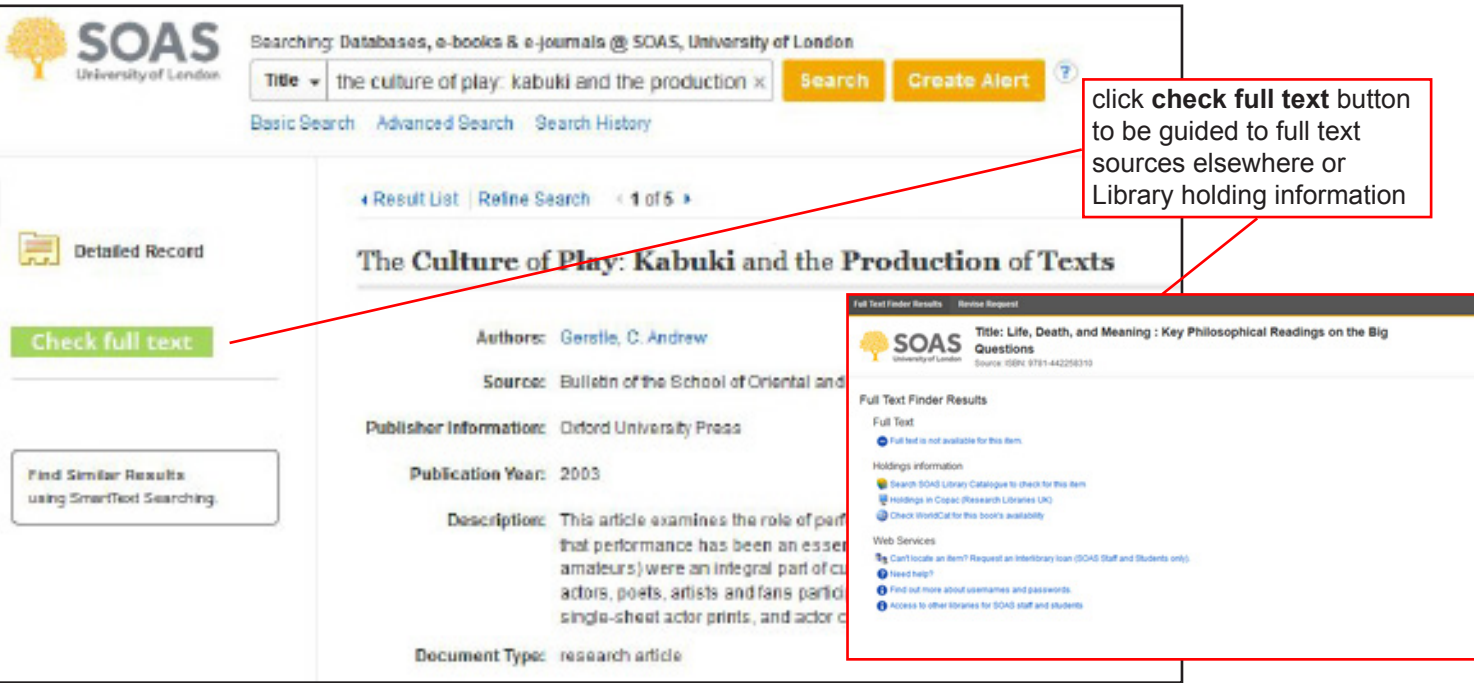

you can use a range of fields to find precise results

'Search Options' allow you to limit (e.g.by adding dates, languages etc) or to expand your results (e.g.by searching within the full text of articles)

Search results

research starters give you a short overview of the topic you are searching

click the title for more info or the **PDF full text** button to go straight to the article

EDS doesn't include all databases, so you'll find additional options here

Printing, downloading & sharing articles

all options for accessing/ sharing an article are listed here

click the **PDF full text** button to view, download & print an article

Connecting to full-text and finding material outside EDS
For some materials in EDS you'll need to connect to resources outside of the database to access the full-text.

click **check full text** button to be guided to full text sources elsewhere or Library holding information

Current SOAS staff and students can also request interlibrary loan via EDS:

click **request it** to access the interlibrary loan form