

Library resources for Middle East, Central Asia and Islamic studies

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Getting Started



SOAS ID → Library & IT Account:

Username: student number (123456)

Password: date of birth (e.g. 17-Aug-90)

• Email:

Google Mail (insert @soas.ac.uk after your student number)

Photocopiers / Printers

Use SOAS ID to access & use them

Some Library rules...



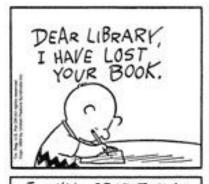
NO FOOD in the Library!

Only bottled/lidded water and drinks



Renew or return your books on time:

Fines for overdue books are 25p/day for long loan books, 75p/day for others. You can renew up to **10 times** online.







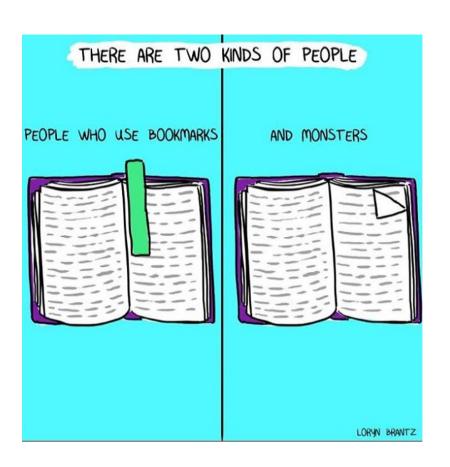


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Please be considerate...

Respect the Library books



Respect the other Library users (especially those trying to study)



No phone or loud conversation in the Library Silent Zones (floor D to A)





For information on library services, library rules and more help with using our resources, you can:

- Drop to a library training session
- Ask the Enquiry Desk in the Library
- Consult printed guides in the Library

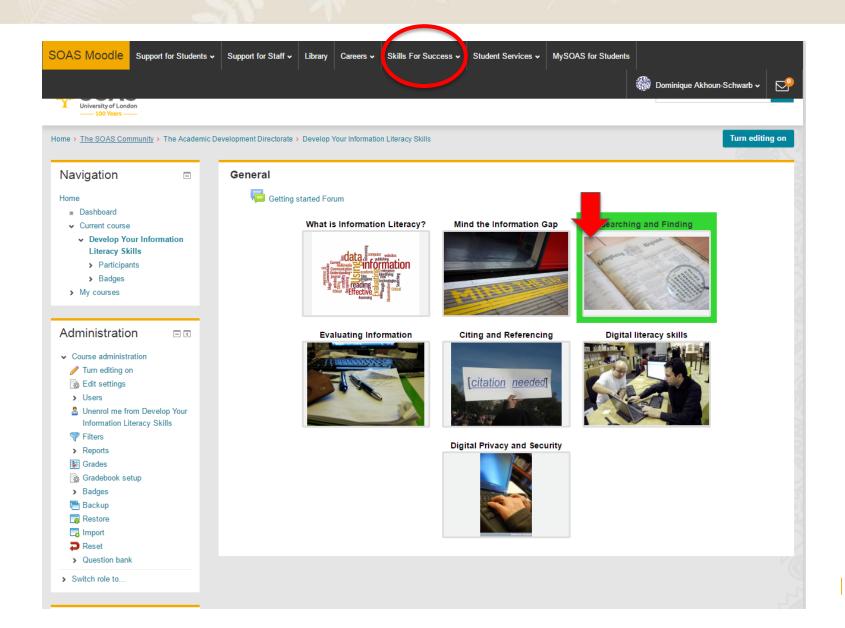


- ...Or use services online:
 - The Library homepage
 - The Library Subject Guides
 - We are also on Twitter and Facebook f, check us out!

Information Literacy Skills site on Moodle

Skills for Success on Moodle







Your Specialist Librarians

• Available:

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

Contact:

Room C1, C2 & C3



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See contact list on the library webpage

http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/contact/subject-and-regional-librarians/

Contacts of some Subject Librarians Subject Librarians



Anthropology, Linguistics & Literatures	David Pearson	dp10@soas.ac.uk
Arts & Multi-Media	Jiyeon Wood	jw50@soas.ac.uk
Middle East, Central Asia & Islamica	Dominique Akhoun-Schwarb	da4@soas.ac.uk
Law	Bob Burns	bb28@soas.ac.uk
Politics & Economics	Galia Umansky	gu1@soas.ac.uk
Religions, History, Ancient Near East, Semitics & Judaica	Mary Fisk	ms28@soas.ac.uk
South Asia & Development Studies	Farzana Whitfield	fq@soas.ac.uk
Electronic resources team	Debbie Barney & Elie Tsahouris	electronic@soas.ac.uk

What can you find in SOAS?



- Books (printed or electronic): unrivalled collection on languages and cultures of Asia, Africa and the Middle East
- Journals (both print and electronic)
- Music, language courses & films

- Library web pages with links to a range of electronic resources
- Regional and subject librarians who can offer specialist advice

Library's collections layout





How the collections are organized?



Collections are primarily organised by **REGIONS**

Within regions, collections organised by **LANGUAGES** (Western vs. Vernacular)

There are also 3 collections based on **TOPICS** in the Library:

- General social sciences
- o Law
- Arts & Archaeology

2 other discrete collections:

- Audio-visual collections
- Archives and Special Collections



How books are classified in the Library?



Each catalogued book has a classmark

e.g. The Gulistan, or, Rose garden / by Sa`di

PM 891.5511SAD /806057

1

2

3

 This classmark is composed of three parts, let's explain them.

How books are classified in the Library? (1)



1. First a letter code:

By region and country

NB = Middle East

NT = Iran

OP = Central Asia

U = Sub-Saharan Africa

UW = Tunisia

By language (of Asia and Africa)

P = Arabic

PM = Persian

PRA = Turkish

PJA = Georgian

PND = Pashto

How books are classified in the Library? (2)



2. Second, a Dewey decimal number for topics:

e.g. 300's = Social Sciences

400's = Linguistics

800's = Literatures

900's = History

791.43 = Film studies

How books are classified in the Library? (3)



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3. Third, an item number:

The number showing after the slash on the record and

under the dotted line on the book label.

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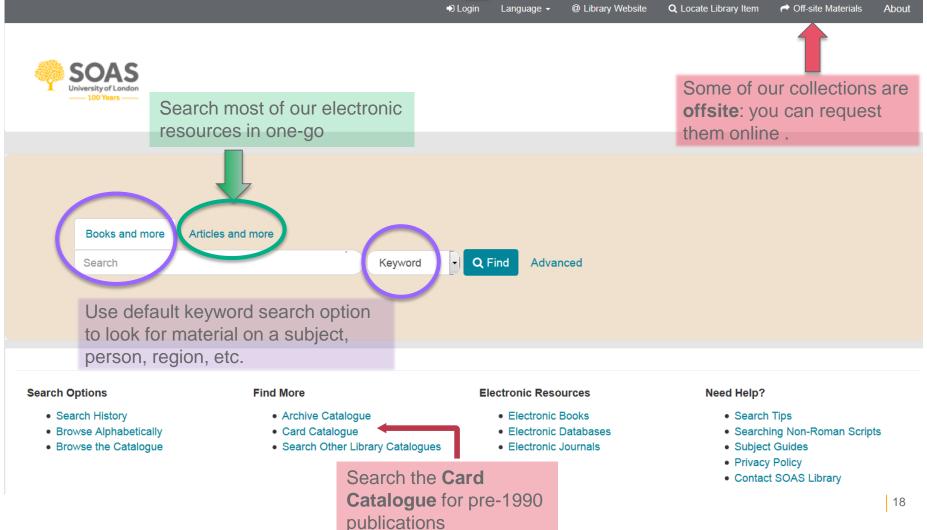
This number will be specific for this copy of the book.

Using the library catalogue



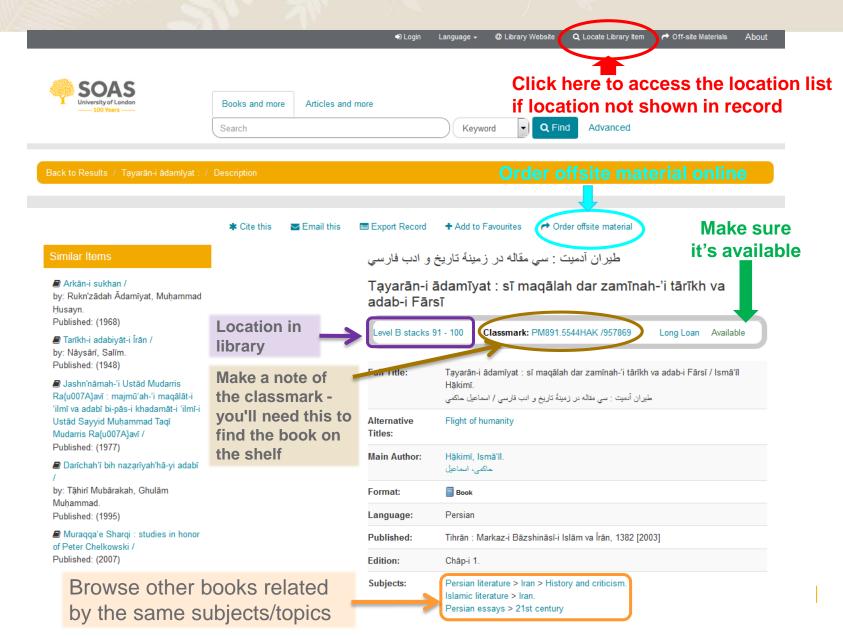
Use your name and library card number to **login** and check your library record, renew your books, reserve books, pay fines, etc.





Reading a record on the OPAC

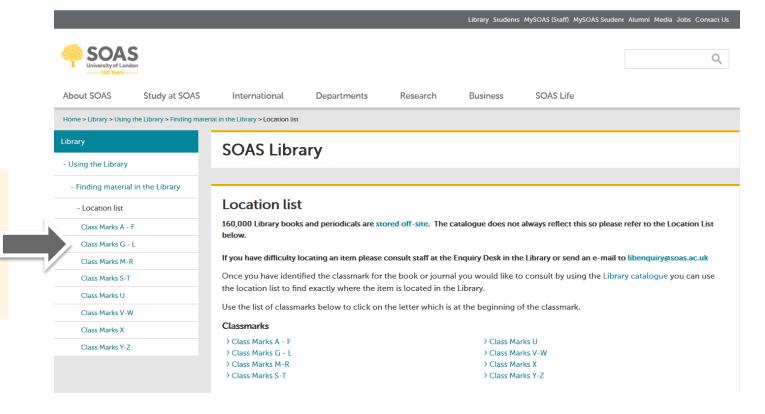




How to locate items in the library?



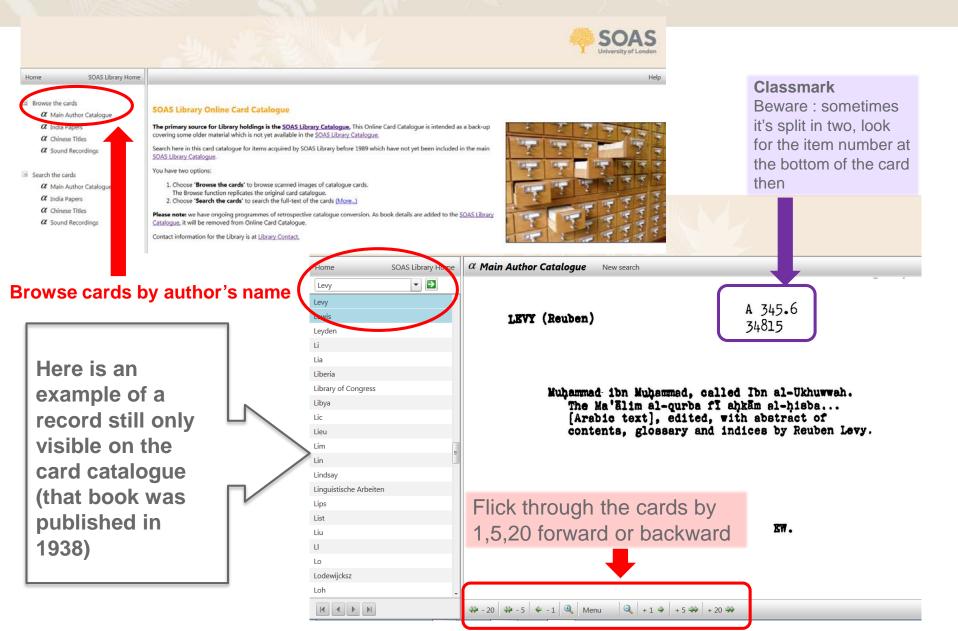
Use the <u>library location list</u> online



Use the initial letter of the classmark to find level and stack numbers

Searching the card catalogue





Offsite material



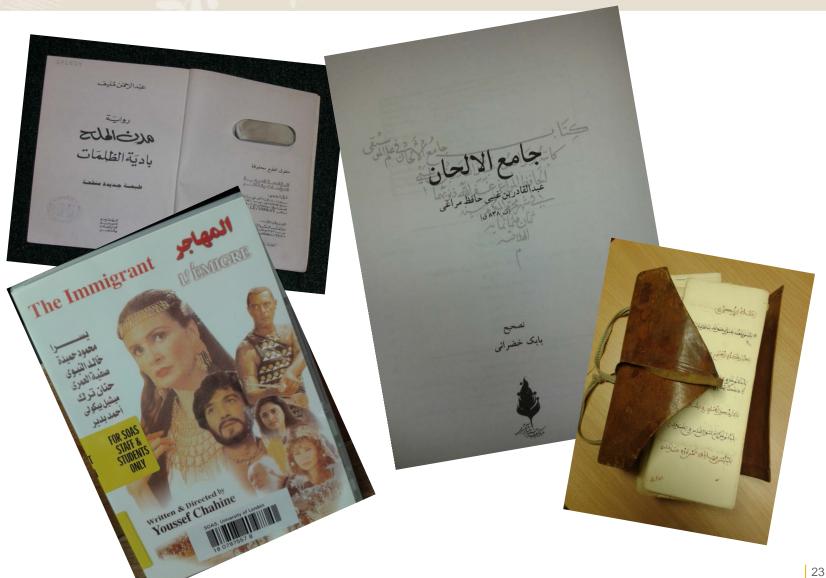
Beware, some of our collections are offsite, so always check the location list to make sure the classmark you need is available onsite.

Offsite items are available on request by filling the request form online.

Items are retrieved within 5 working days.

Other scripts





What is transliteration and why do we need it? SOAS



Check out the tutorial on Moodle > Skills for Success > Digital Literacy Skills > Searching & Finding: "Searching for Arabic material in SOAS"

How come though that what you know as Arabic script...



الخلاصة

يقدم هذا البحث طرقا جديدة الإخفاء المعلومات في نص عربي مُشكل. وتستعمل هذه الطرق الحركات الاختيارية بإظهارها أو حذفها من أجل إخفاء المعلومات. وقد تم التوصل إلى أنّ هذه الطرق مفيدة جدًا نظر اللسعة الهامة المتوفرة، وذلك لأن كل حركة في النص يتم استخدامها لإخفاء بت. وفي هذه الطُر ق، حتى الحر كات المحذوفة أو المُهمَلة ستكون فيها بتات مَخفية. و تُظهر التجارب والمقارنات بأنّ سعات الطرق المقترحة أفضل من أي عمل ذي صلة منشور من قبل

... be turned into this ?

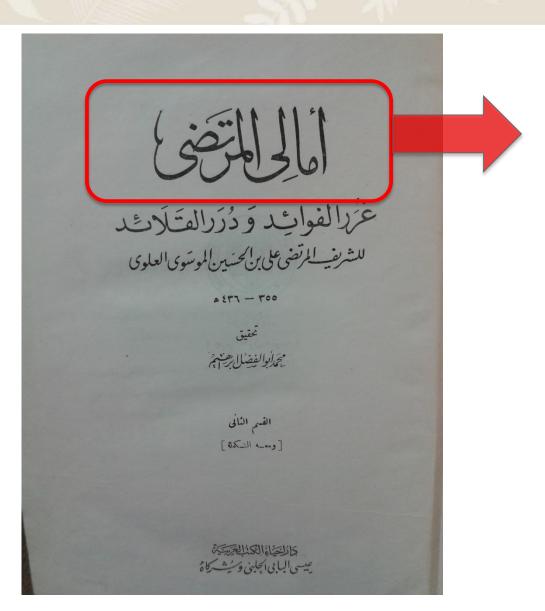


al-Khulasah yuqaddim hadha al-baht 'ikhfa' al-ma'mulat fi nas

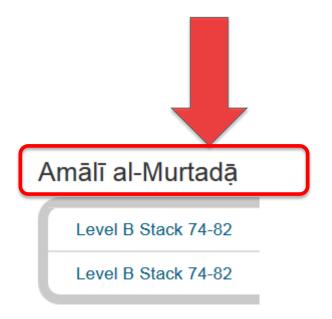


Transliteration process (Arabic)





using the ALA-LC transliteration table, that is how it looks like once transliterated



Transliteration process (Persian)





Transliteration rules



SOAS Library collects a wide range of materials in Non-Roman scripts.
 Records for these languages in the Library catalogue are transliterated (Romanized).

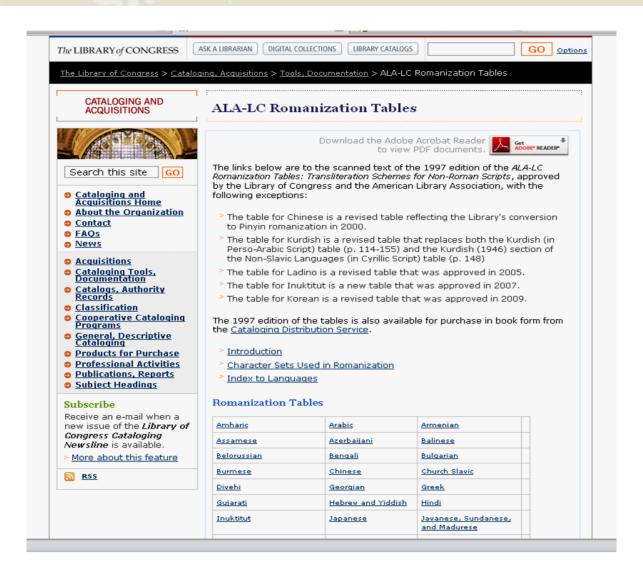
Example of a transliterated title:

عديوان خواجه حافظ شيرازى Dīvān-i Khvājah Ḥāfiẓ

- Records added after 2000 for Arabic and Persian can be searched and displayed in either transliterated characters or in their original script.
- SOAS and most of UK libraries use the rules of the American Library Association-Library of Congress (ALA-LC) for transliterating Persian.

LC tables of transliteration





Arabic



Letters of the Alphabet

Letters of the A	priabet			
Initial	Medial	Final	Alone	Romanization
1	ι	ι	I	omit (see Note 1)
ł	÷	ب	ب	b
ī	ī	ت	ت	t
;	İ	ث	ڽ	th
>	ج	ج.	ج	j
>	>	ح	ح	<u> </u>
>	خ	خ	خ	kh
د	٨	7	٥	d
ذ	ذ	ذ	ذ	dh
ر	,	٠	ر	r
ز	ز	ز	ز	Z
w	ш	w	w	S
ش	ش	ش	ش	sh
ص	<u>م</u>	ص	ص	ş
ض	ض	ض	ض	d
ط	ط	ط	ط	ţ
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ	Ż.
ع	2	ع	3	' (ayn)
غ	غ	غ	غ	gh
ۇ	٨	ف	ڧ	f (see Note 2)
ق	Ā	ق	ق	q (see Note 2)
5	2	ك	ك	k
J	1	J	J	I
۵	Δ	م	م	m
j	i	ن	Ú	n
ھ	€	ـة، ۵	οιō	h (see Note 3)
9	و	٩	9	W
ī	Ŧ	ي	ي	У
Vowels and Dip	hthongs			

Vowels and Diphthongs

6	а	ſο	ā (see Rule 5)	ءِ ي	ī
ô	u	ءَ ي	á (see Rule 6(a))	ة ۋ	aw
ó	i	ہُو	ū	د ی	ay



There are many other rules of transliterations in use in the UK and in the world

- International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES)
- Encyclopaedia of Islam Second Edition (EI2)
- Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft (DMG)
- International Standards Organisation (ISO)

Records with original scripts added



* Cite this

Email this

Export Record

+ Add to Favourites

Order offsite material



طيران آدميت : سي مقاله در زمينه تاريخ و ادب فارسي

Tayaran-i adamiyat : sī maqalah dar zaminah-'i tarikh va adab-i Farsi

Level B Stack 95-98

Classmark: PM891.5544HAK /957869

Long Loan

Available

Full Title:

Tayarān-i ādamīyat : sī maqālah dar zamīnah-'i tārīkh va adab-i Fārsī / Ismā'īl Hākimī.

طيران آدميت : سي مقاله در زمينة تاريخ و ادب فارسي / اسماعيل حاكمي

Alternative Titles:

Flight of humanity

Main Author:

Hākimī, Ismā'īl. حاكمي، اسماعيل

Format:

Book

Language:

Persian

Published:

Tihrān : Markaz-i Bāzshināsī-i Islām va Īrān, 1382 [2003]

Edition:

Chāp-i 1.

Subjects:

Persian literature > Iran > History and criticism.

Islamic literature > Iran.

Persian essays > 21st century

Description

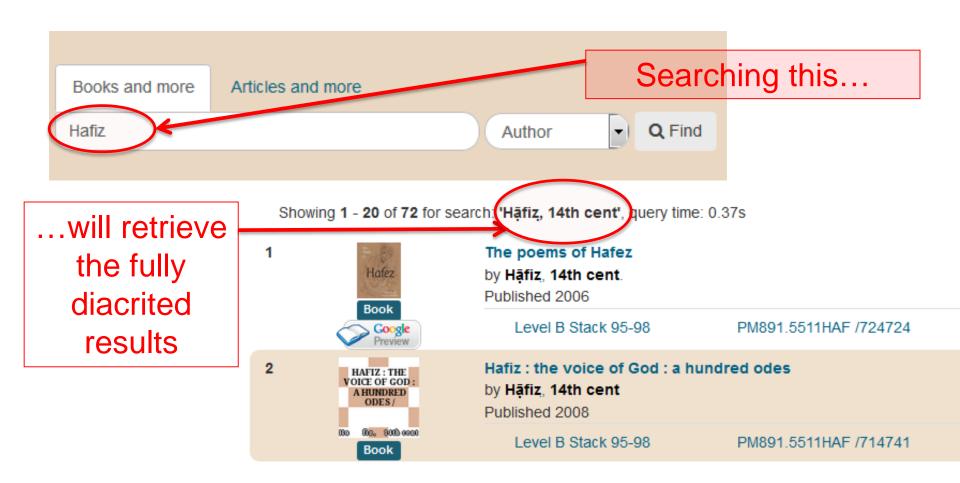
Staff View

Using Non-Roman script to search \square SC





No need to input diacritics in your search!





SOAS Audio-visual resources



MECAl videorecordings = MDVD4 (North Africa) & MDVD5 (Middle East & Central Asia)

MECAI Audio-CDs =

MY4 (North Africa) & MY5 (Middle East & Central Asia)

TV channels available on **SOAS IPTV**:

http://iptv.lang.soas.ac.uk/portal/



SOAS Archives & Manuscripts collections



Where? On Level F (Basement) in the Library

When? Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9-5pm

See their webpage and catalogue:

http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/archives/

SOAS Archives & Manuscripts collections



- What? Archives, manuscripts, photographs, maps, audio-visual material and rare books, including among others:
 - ca. 900 Arabic, Persian and Turkic manuscripts
 (see the card catalogue in the SCRR or *Fihrist*, the
 union catalogue of UK manuscripts in Arabic Script:
 http://www.fihrist.org.uk/ (cataloguing in progress)
 - Microfilmed Ottoman printed books (published by IDC)
 - Rare Persian map collection: A significant collection of specialist maps of Persia



A small selection of illuminations found in manuscripts of the Shahnameh at SOAS.

SOAS Archives & Manuscripts collections



- Some of this material is available online in the SOAS Digital Library at http://digital.soas.ac.uk
- Ask your librarian (da4@soas.ac.uk) for more information on Middle Eastern manuscripts at SOAS and how to work with them.
- See also the excellent guide to Islamic manuscripts at University of Michigan:
 - http://guides.lib.umich.edu/islamicmsstudies





IV. CAN'T FIND IT AT SOAS?

Beyond SOAS' collections (1)



Use Union catalogues for locating material in other libraries

- Search25 (University of London libraries' catalogue)
- Copac (UK research libraries catalogue)
- KVK (Karsruher Virtueller Katalog) = European Libraries and more
- WorldCat = well, a lot of libraries...worldwide

Beyond SOAS' collections (2)



Accessing other libraries' collections

Have them sent to SOAS:

Request an interlibrary loan (£3 per successful request) for material in libraries outside London.

Go consult them where they are:

Apply for a **SCONUL Access Card** online to access 150+ other university libraries in the UK.

Beyond SOAS' collections (3)



Take advantage of studying in London:

- Register at the British Library for a Reader Pass.
- University of London convention to access other London Universities libraries (Senate House, UCL, Birkbeck, LSE, etc.).

i.e. All SOAS students have access to Senate House Library and its facilities such as :

- borrowing books (for PG and Research students),
- research space
- remote access to their e-resources.





V. ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Types of electronic resources



- 1. Bibliographic databases search to find what journal articles, books, theses, etc. have been written on your subject or by a certain author.
- Full-text electronic resources SOAS students can access the full texts articles from over 100,000 journals online, as well as thousands of electronic books, maps, news archives, etc.
- 3. Internet gateways ordered collections of websites.

How to Access Electronic Resources?



 Ebsco Discovery Service (EDS) = "Articles and more" to cross-search databases, journal articles & e-books

• E-journal & E-book finder allows you to search for publications titles and see SOAS's holdings of them.

 A-Z List of Databases to access databases individually

Where to find those e-resources?



Go to the library homepage \geq



LIBRARY SYSTEMS UPDATE: 14/07/2015

New feature - try clicking 'Articles and more' for search results from our wide range of e-journals, databases, e-books etc. Online fines payment is currently unavailable.

Description Descr



Search Options

- · Search History
- Browse Alphabetically
- . Browse the Catalogue

Find More

- · Archive Catalogue
- Card Catalogue
- Search Other Library Catalogues

Electronic Resources

- Electronic Books
- · Electronic Databases
- · Electronic Journals

Need Help?

- · Search Tips
- · Searching Non-Roman Scripts
- Subject Guides
- Privacy Policy
- Contact SOAS Library

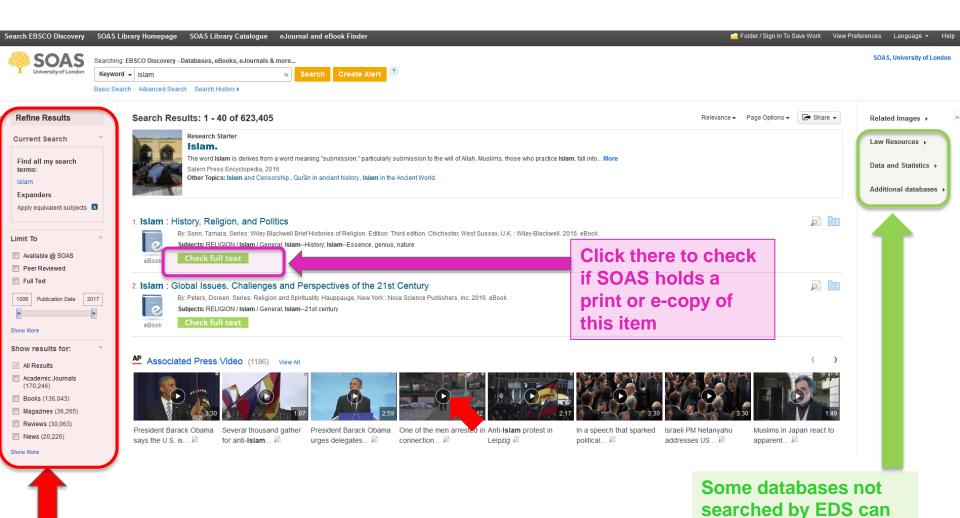
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Got millions of results? Refine them using those narrowing options

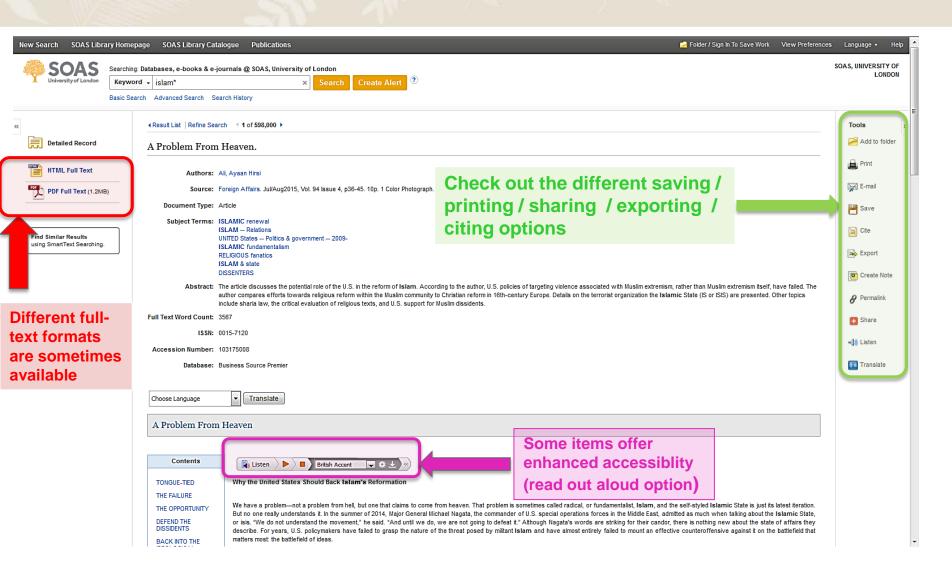
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E-Journal and E-book Finder



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SOAS Library Catalogue

eJournal and eBook Finder

Searching: eJournal and eBook Finder

Enter title, subject or ISSN/ISBN

Search

Enter the <u>exact title</u> of the book or journal to see if SOAS has an electronic subscription to it.

Publications

Browse By Discipline

Find resources available from the library's collection

Agriculture & Agribusiness (493)

Anatomy & Physiology (125)

Anthropology (253)

Applied Sciences (215)

Consumer Health (30)

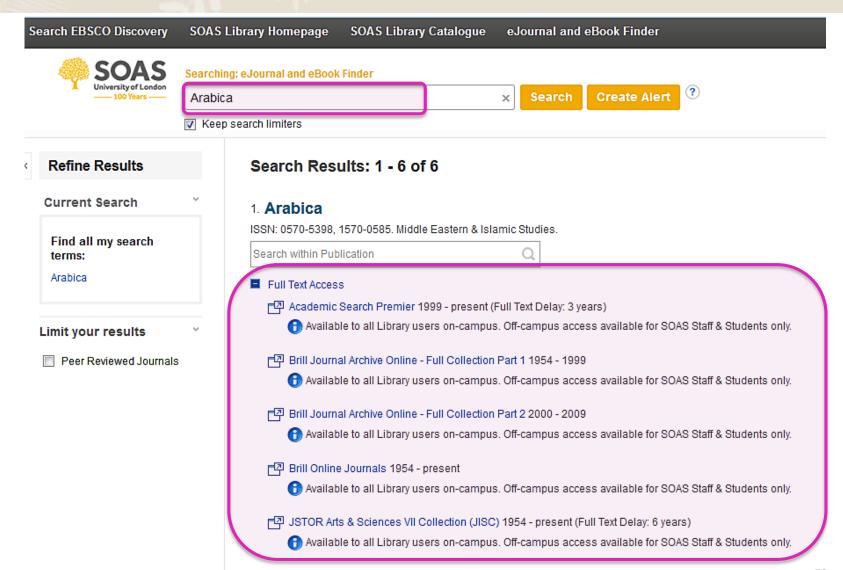
Dance (23)

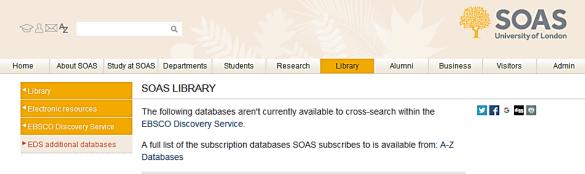
Dentistry (109)

Diplomacy & International Relations (310)

E-Journal and E-book Finder







Title	Description	Links
Africa Bibliography	Africa Bibliography is an authoritative guide to works in African studies published under the auspices of the International African Institute annually since 1984.	On-campus use
		Off-campus use
allAfrica.com	AllAfrica.com is an Africa related news archive; with content from over 100 media organizations.	On-campus use
		Off-campus use
Aluka	Access to: African Cultural Heritage Sites and Landscapes, high-quality visual, contextual, and spatial documentation of African heritage sites. The Struggles for Freedom in Southern Africa Collection, materials from various sites throughout the world relating to struggles against apartheid, African independence movements and colonialism and decolonization.	On-campus use
		Off-campus use
Archival Sound Recordings	Free access to over 12,000 recordings; including African Writers' Club, David Rycroft Africa recordings, Klaus Wachsmann Uganda recordings.	On-campus use
		Off-campus use
Bankscope	Bankscope contains detailed financial information for more than 29,000 banks	On-campus use

Click on "additional databases" to see full list of databases not searched by EDS.

http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/resources/ebsco-discovery-service/eds-additional-databases/

A-Z list of Databases



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About SOAS Admissions Home Research Library Academic Students Alumni Visitors Business Related A-Z list databases Information This provides links to all of the databases available at SOAS. To access the ▼A-Z list databases » Accessing e-resources databases use the letter, subject or language navigation below or on the left. If you via other libraries A-B are not sure which database to use the Subject Guides will help you. Apps and mobile versions C-D of databases and On-campus access is automatic for most databases; and many can be accessed e-journal websites F-G off-campus using your SOAS id and password (the same as you use for SOAS F 👫 🖭 🖶 e-mail and computers). Off-campus access is only available to SOAS staff and H-J students. K-P Q-S Primo Central - Cross search a range of SOAS' databases, e-journals and T-Z e-books. More information Chinese Language Databases 中文資料庫 C-D E-G H-J K-P Q-S T-Z A-B Japanese Language Databases 日本語データ ベース Chinese Language Japanese Language Korean Language Korean Language 中文資料庫 日本語データベース 한국어 데이터베이스 Databases 한국어 데이터베 이스 Data and Statistics Data and Statistics News News Access to a range of data/statistics Access newspapers, news wires and news transcripts from around the world. including material from the World Bank.

UN, OECD and IMF.

TIPS for searching databases



- Make a list of keywords describing your research, including synonyms, alternative spellings, broader and narrower terms.
- Keep in mind that some terms in other languages can be transliterated different ways.
- Use of wild card or truncation will help retrieve all variants of a term
 - E.g. had?th will retrieve *hadith* and *hadeeth*; Afghan* will retrieve *Afghanistan, Afghans, Afghani, etc.*
- Use **Boolean operators** (AND, OR, NOT, ADJ, ...) to broaden or restrict your search.



BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASES

Use them to find out what has been written/published on a particular topic.

They won't link directly to the full-text item, but they are a massive help to broach on a subject.

Bibliographic databases



•General:

- Libraries' catalogues and Union catalogues (COPAC)
- ❖ ISI Web of Science
- * IBSS (International bibliography of the Social Sciences)
- Theses databases (Proquest Index to Theses in the UK and Ireland; Foreign Doctoral Dissertations (Center for Research Libraries) ___; the DART-Europe E-theses Portal (DEEP) ___; etc.)

Bibliographic databases



•Subject specific:

See the SOAS library subject guides 4

- ❖ Index Islamicus
- * MECAS Middle East and Central Asia Studies
- * BABO Bibliography of Arabic Books Online (pre-1960)
- Abstracta Iranica
- Iran Journals (on Islamic World Science Citation Center)
- ❖ RAMBI Web (Index of articles on Jewish studies)



FULL-TEXT RESOURCES

Provide the full-text of the item they describe.

Different types:

- encyclopaedias,
- journal articles,
- e-books,
- theses,
- maps & atlas,
- news archives
- government archives

Full-text electronic resources (1)



- Reference and Primary Sources
 - Encyclopaedia of Islam
 - Encyclopaedia Iranica
 - OSIO Oxford Islamic Studies Online
 - Confidential Print: Middle East 1839-1969



- DNSA Digital National Security Archive
- Early Western Korans Online

Full-text electronic resources (2)



- Journal Articles databases
- o JSTOR 4
- EBSCOhost: Academic Serach Premier,
 Business Source Premier,
- IngentaConnect
- Project MUSE

Full-text electronic resources (3)



- E-books
- Ebrary/ Ebook Central 100,000+ electronic books covering Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences subjects, including 10,000 Business & Economics books
- Dawsonera 900+ books from a range of publishers
- Cambridge Core 500+ e-books from Cambridge University Press

Full-text electronic resources (4)



Theses databases

 Ethos <u>1</u> (UK PhD dissertations, either already available or digitized on demand)

Proquest Digital Dissertations (US PhD and MA dissertations, mostly full-text)

Full-text electronic resources (5)



News resources

- Access World News (1000+ worldwide newspapers)
- Lexis Library (UK newspapers)
- Mideast Wire (translated briefs from Middle Eastern newspapers)
- o Arabic Media الإعلام العربي http://arabic-media.com/arabicnews.htm
- Mafhoum -Database for the Arab world News and Media : http://mafhoum.com/en/en_index.htm
- AMIR List of Open Access Historical Newspapers and other periodicals in Middle East & Islamic Studies



RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET

- Search engines
 - Google and its variants (Google Books, Google Scholar, Google Books, Google in different languages, etc.)

- Subject guides
 - SOAS library subject guides

SOAS library subject guides



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VI. Building up a bibliography and a network

Compiling a bibliography



Several bibliographic softwares available, among others:

Endnote / Endnote Web

 ZOtero (a freely downloadable software integrated in Mozilla browser)

Keeping up-to-date



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 on social media and our blog:



http://twitter.com/#!/SOASLibrary



https://www.facebook.com/SOASLib

http://blogs.soas.ac.uk/librariannews/



Maintain your current awareness

Sign up for journal alerting services such as <u>ZETOC</u> or <u>JournalTOCS</u>. You will be notified when any new journal articles in your specified subject interests become available, either by email or RSS.

Use RSS feeds to collect updates from your favourite web resources in one place.

Networking in your study/research field



- Extend and use your Academic network
- Check out who is researching the same fields than you on <u>Academia.edu</u> or <u>ResearchGate.net</u>
- Subscribe to academic groups lists. Browse
 JISCMail.ac.uk for the UK academic mailing lists.
 See H-Net for over 100 academic mailing lists covering a wide range of subjects (not just UK based).

Further help





Ask Library staff – Enquiry Desk or Specialists



Good luck with your studies and see you around the Library!