

## Introduction: Use of electronic information resources

This guide highlights some of the most important general reference resources available both in hardcopy in the University Library and via our electronic subscriptions.

Access from outside the University Network (the .cam domain) will require use of a Raven password. These are available to current staff and students of Cambridge University.

### General reference

CUL classmark/URL

Fisher, David; Price, Sandra P. & Hanstock, Terry (eds.)

*Information sources in the social sciences.*

R200:5.1

München: K.G. Saur, 2002.

A bibliographical guide evaluating key sources of information, print or online, in 9 main classes covering all aspects of the social sciences. Each chapter starts with a survey of the field, followed by a survey of the reference works, grouped by subject. Includes extensive indices for subject and titles.

### Dictionaries & encyclopedias

Seligman, Edwin R. A. (editor-in-chief)

*Encyclopaedia of the social sciences.* 15 vols.

R200.1

New York: Macmillan, c1930-35.

A comprehensive encyclopedia with some lengthy subject articles. Treatment is usually systematic. Half of the articles are biographies, brief in facts and focused on the person's achievements in the social sciences. Includes bibliographies, an index and a classification of the articles in subject and biography groups.

Sills, David L. (ed.)

*International encyclopedia of the social sciences.* 19 vols.

R200.2

[New York]: Macmillan, 1968-1991.

A standard encyclopedia in this field with c1,900 articles. It concentrates on theory and methodology, psychology and sociology, with few articles on historical topics, biographies and excludes entries of those born after 1890. Articles average c1,500 words.

Kuper, Adam & Kuper, Jessica (eds.)

*The social science encyclopedia.* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

R200.8

London: Routledge, 1996.

Has more than 2,000 articles dealing with theories, issues and methods in the social sciences, and biographies of individual scholars. Covers all the social sciences and related disciplines. Most entries are followed by a list of references. Includes some cross-references.

### Bibliographies and indexes (printed)

*ESRC Data Archive catalogue.* 2 vols.

R200:5.160

Cambridge: Chadwyck-Healey, 1986.

Also available on the Internet.

The ESRC data archive aims to support research by supplying computer readable social and economic data for secondary analysis. The catalogue gives bibliographical details of surveys, reports, etc. providing that data.

*ESRC Data Archive Bulletin.* 1982-2000.

OP.1100.206.011

Provides details of selected new deposits into the Data Archive, a regular update to the serials holdings and a number of feature articles.

Now available online

<http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/>

*Applied social sciences index & abstracts (ASSIA)*. 1987-. Annual. R232:5.3

Also available online.

<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/electronicresources/>

Comprehensive indexing and abstracting sources with a multi-disciplinary coverage. Indexes nearly 600 English-language journals of the social sciences and newspapers representing 16 countries, of which c. 80% are abstracted cover-to-cover and c. 20% selectively. Includes references to aspects of law, business, national politics, and in particular, local government. There is a strong emphasis on the applied aspects of social sciences. Coverage: United Kingdom c. 40%, North America c.45%, rest of the world, c.15%.

*International bibliography of sociology*. 1951-. Annual. P200.c.221

Also available online as ***International bibliography of the social sciences (IBSS)***. Weekly. Raven password required.

<http://www.bids.ac.uk/>

*International bibliography of political sciences*. 1952-. Annual. P206.c.77

Also available online as ***International bibliography of the social sciences (IBSS)***. Weekly. Raven password required.

<http://www.bids.ac.uk/>

*International bibliography of economics*. 1952-. Annual. P220.c.147

Also available online as ***International bibliography of the social sciences (IBSS)***. Weekly. Raven password required.

<http://www.bids.ac.uk/>

*International bibliography of social and cultural anthropology*. 1955-. Annual. P460.c.66

Also available online as ***International bibliography of the social sciences (IBSS)***. Weekly. Raven password required.

<http://www.bids.ac.uk/>

Although basic coverage of IBSS is of four central disciplines - anthropology, economics, politics and sociology, the scope is extremely broad and includes book reviews. It indexes more than 2000 journal titles and more than 8,000 books each year and is especially strong in international coverage and in references to non-English material.

*Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS) bulletin*. 1967-1990.

New York: Public Affairs Information Service.

R200.19

Continues as *PAIS International in print*.

*PAIS International in print: a selective list of the latest books, periodical articles, government documents, pamphlets, microfiche, and reports of public and private agencies relating to business, economics and social conditions, public policy and administration, and international relations.*

R200:5.20

1991-. Monthly.

New York: Public Affairs Information Service.

Previously titled *Public Affairs Information Service bulletin*.

Indexes c3,000 periodicals published in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. With frequent cumulations and wide coverage of material, this is a major indexing service for the social sciences.

*Current Contents: social and behavioural sciences*. Weekly.

SPS (last 3 years)

Philadelphia: Institute for Scientific Information.

Criminology (last 3 years)

A current awareness service which reproduces tables of contents of several hundred domestic and foreign journals; c150 journal issues are covered in each weekly part. Coverage of the social sciences is wide and include anthropology, business, communications, economics, education, geography, history, information science, international relations, law, library science, linguistics, management, planning and development, political science, psychology, psychiatry, public health, social issues, social medicine, social work, sociology, special education. With weekly title word index, author index and an address directory.

**Psychological abstracts.** 1927-2006. Quarterly.

P196.b.11

Arlington, VA.: American Psychological Association.

Also available online as **PsycINFO**<http://webspirs.cam.ac.uk/>

Provides indexes to journals, book chapters and books. Contains over 1.6 million records covering academic, research and practice literature in psychology in 30 languages. It includes relevant material from related disciplines such as medicine, psychiatry, education, law, criminology, and the social sciences.

**Sociological abstracts.** 1953-. 7 times p.a.

P200.b.62

1963- also available online.

<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/electronicresources/>

Includes citations and abstracts to articles from an international collection of around 2,000 journal titles as well as abstracts to dissertations, and conference proceedings. Subject focus includes sociology, family studies, gerontology, sociolinguistics and related fields. The subject headings used in *Sociological Abstracts* are from the Thesaurus of Sociological Indexing Terms.

## Bibliographies and indexes (online)

**Social sciences citation index.**

Philadelphia: Institute for Scientific Information.

1970 to date. Available online through **Web of Science** via [resources@cambridge](mailto:resources@cambridge)<http://wok.mimas.ac.uk/><http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/electronicresources/>

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A multidisciplinary index to the journal literature of the behavioural and social sciences. More than 1,400 periodical titles are covered, with selected relevant items from a further 3,100 physical and natural science titles. Non-journal literature, such as conference literature or books, are not included. Use to search for papers which have cited a known paper or other work.

**FRANCIS** via Eureka. 1984-. Monthly.

Available online.

<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/electronicresources/>

Covers a wide range of multilingual, multidisciplinary information in the humanities (63%), social sciences (33%), and economics (4%). It is strong in religion, the history of art, and literature -- with particular emphasis on current trends in European and world literature.

**Criminal Justice Abstracts** (WebSpirs). 1968-. Quarterly.

Available online.

<http://webspirs.cam.ac.uk/>

Contains comprehensive coverage of international journals, books, reports, dissertations, and unpublished papers on criminology and related disciplines. Holding over 55,000 records, it indexes print journals from 1968 and covers trends, crime prevention and deterrence, juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice, police, courts, punishment and sentencing. US slanted.

## Statistics

O'Brien, Jacqueline &amp; Wasserman, Steven R. (eds.)

*Statistics sources: a subject guide to data on industrial, business, social, educational, financial, and other topics for the United States and internationally.* 22<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2 vols.

R202.4

Detroit: Gale, c1998

Citations arranged under c20,000 specific subject headings. Focuses mostly on US and Canadian publications with a few publications of international organisations.

**Histpop - The Online Population Reports**<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/>

This collection (OHPR) provides access to the complete, full-text British population reports for Britain and Ireland, 1801-1937. Included are Census reports, Registrar-General annual reports and the enabling legislation. Some relevant maps and some manuscript material from the National Archives are also available. Also included are a number of essays (c.100) putting into context this material.

**Office for National Statistics (ONS).**<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/>

Available on the Internet.

Official statistics collated and categorised by subject groups. Useful for ascertaining details of printed publications.

**Census datasets:**

CDU (Census Dissemination Unit)

CMU (Census Microdata Unit)

CLS (Census Longitudinal Study)

UKB (UKBorders)

<http://census.ac.uk/>

Available online. Raven password and individual registration on site required.

CDU (Census Dissemination Unit): 1991 and 1981 Census area statistics, interaction statistics, look up tables, digitised boundary data and related datasets.

CMU (Census Microdata Unit): 1991 GB and Northern Ireland Samples of Anonymised Records.

CLS (Census Longitudinal Study): 1971 - 1991 Census and event cohort data for the UK academic community.

UKB (UKBorders): 1991 Census and other administrative digitised boundary data

Hardcopy of all UK Census reports from 1801 available in the Official Publications Department.

**Eurostat.** Updated daily.<http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/>

Available on the Internet.

Statistical information made publicly available by the EU Statistical Office.

**Index to international statistics.** 1983- Monthly.

OPR.10

Bethesda: CIS, 1984-.

Provides a guide to current English language statistical publications of the world's major intergovernmental organisations. Comprehensive indexes provide full subject and geographical detail.

**Newspapers & news**

The University Library has an excellent collection of contemporary 'quality' newspapers on microfilm. Such titles as *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times* are held along with the major European and British titles. Indexes for most stand in the West Room. For details ask in the Microfilm Reading Room.

The following newspapers and newspaper indices are available electronically in the University Library:

**LexisNexis Professional**<http://web.lexis-nexis.com/professional/>

Provides full-text access to a comprehensive range of UK news and international legal, industry and company data. Includes a fully searchable selection of national and major regional newspapers and a range of specialist and general weekly publications, including the *Spectator*, *New Scientist* and *New Statesman*.

**Online Newspaper Collections**

A number of major newspaper collections, including national, regional, and foreign press, can be found online via [eresources@cambridge](mailto:eresources@cambridge)

<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/electronicresources/materials.php>

**Times Digital Archive**

Researchers can search through the complete digital edition of *The Times* (London), from 1785-1985, using keyword searching and hit-term highlighting to retrieve full facsimile images of either a specific article or a complete page. Available online via [eresources@cambridge](mailto:eresources@cambridge)

<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/electronicresources/>

**The Times index.** 1790-.

NPR

1790-1980 also available online as **Index to The Times, 1790-1980.**

[Personal Athens password required]

<http://edina.ac.uk/times-index/>

1790-1905 also available on CD-ROM as **Palmer's Index to The Times, 1906-1905.**

**BBC Monitoring Global Newslne.**

Available online in CUL only.

<http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/globalnews/>

BBC monitoring covers reports from radio, television, news agencies, press and new media in over 150 countries and over 100 languages, providing a distinctive foreign news and information service from open sources.

## Internet resources

**Intute Social Sciences**

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/>

Intute Social Science is an online database of high quality Internet providing access to the very best Web resources for education and research, evaluated and selected by a network of subject specialists. It offers users the chance to read descriptions of resources available over the Internet and to access those resources directly. The catalogue is browsable or searchable by subject area.

**REGARD. Monthly.**

<http://www.regard.ac.uk/>

A searchable database of awards which have been granted by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the products or outputs which result from those awards. Once the research begins to produce publications or other outputs, the details of these are added to the database with links to the original award record. Includes researcher's name, institution, funding amount and period as well as an abstract providing details of the aims and objectives of the research. Subject coverage includes economics, social sciences, education, planning, and politics.