

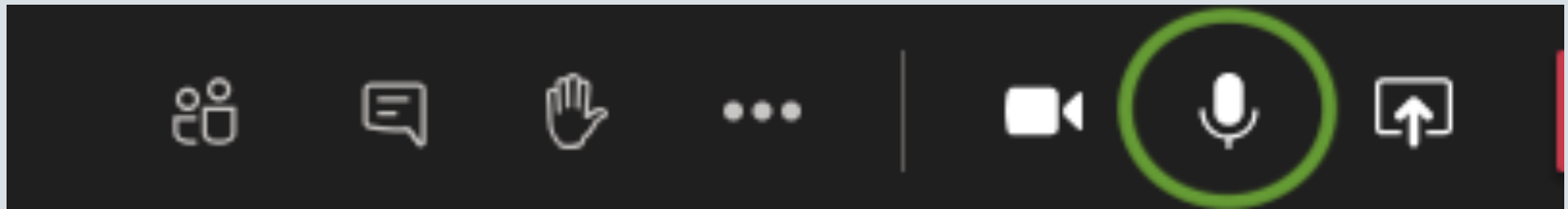
Welcome to

Finding stuff: scholarly literature for your research

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The webinar will be starting soon.

While you wait, please mute your microphone.



Objectives

- Build on knowledge gained from watching introductory video
- Learn how to create an effective search query
 - Exercise 1: create your own effective search query
- Discover key databases for your research
- Learn how theses and dissertations can aid your research
 - Exercise 2: use your effective search query to find theses and dissertations
- Learn how conference papers can aid your research:
 - Exercise 2: use your effective search query to find conference papers

Creating an effective search query

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An example:

**Human rights of child asylum
seekers**

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Creating an effective search query

	Main concept				
Concept 1	Asylum seekers				
AND					
Concept 2	Child				
AND					
Concept 3	Human rights				

Asylum seekers AND child AND human rights

Creating an effective search query

	Main concept		Alternative 1		Alternative 2
Concept 1	Asylum seekers	OR	Refugees		
AND					
Concept 2	Child	OR	Minor	OR	Juvenile
AND					
Concept 3	Human rights				

(Asylum seekers OR refugees) AND (child OR minor OR juvenile) AND human rights

Creating an effective search query

	Main concept		Alternative 1		Alternative 2
Concept 1	“Asylum seeker*”	OR	Refugee*		
AND					
Concept 2	Child*	OR	Minor?	OR	Juvenile*
AND					
Concept 3	“Human rights”				

(“Asylum seeker*” OR refugee*) AND (child* OR minor? OR juvenile*) AND “human rights”

My search string

("Asylum seeker*" OR refugee*) AND
(child* OR minor? OR juvenile*) AND
"human rights"

Build your own search string

Human rights of child asylum seekers			
	Main concept	Alternative term	Alternative term
Concept 1	"asylum seeker*"	refugee*	
Concept 2	child*	minor?	Juvenile*
Concept 3	"human rights"		

Tips:

Identify keywords and consider synonyms, alternative spellings, broader and narrower terms

- Apply truncation (usually *) for alternative word endings and plurals
- Use wildcards (usually ?) to replace single characters
- Define relationships with Boolean logic:
 - 'and' for both terms
 - 'or' for either term
 - 'not' to exclude a term

e.g. ("Asylum seeker*" OR refugee*) AND (child* OR minor? OR juvenile*) AND "human rights"

Apply search string to database

Which sources to use?

SCHOLARLY SEARCH ENGINES

e.g. Google Scholar and SOLO Articles or Search Everything

Easy search across tens of thousands of items

Coverage unclear

Quality varies

Nearly always returns too many results

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASES (ABSTRACTS/INDEXES)

Often dedicated to a particular subject area

Search across **key** sources in the discipline - quality is assured

Search brief details (author, article title, subject keywords, abstract)

Should return a smaller number of more relevant results

Often include specialist search options


Especially good for articles, conference papers ...
sometimes less good for books, policy documents, reports

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- SOLO subject searching (for books)
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- SOLO subject searching (for books)
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Exercise

APPLY YOUR SEARCH QUERY TO A
DATABASE