

Transcript for video tutorial Conference papers part 2: finding conference papers at Oxford

Welcome to this Bodleian iSkills: scholarly literature for your research video tutorial, finding conference papers at Oxford.

Looking at the learning outcomes, hopefully by the end of this video tutorial you will: discover tools that you can use to find conference papers available at Oxford; you'll learn some search tips; and where to find further help.

Let's look at the tools that you can use to search for conference papers at the University of Oxford. The first one is SOLO, Search Oxford Libraries Online. This is the University of Oxford's resource discovery tool where you can search for books, databases, journals and more.

The second tool is ORA, the Oxford University Research Archive. This is the University's institution repository, where research produced by University of Oxford members is kept, and that includes conference papers.

Let's take a look at some tips for searching for conference papers on the first tool SOLO.

- It's a good idea to use the keyword 'congresses' in the advanced search, which helps narrow down the material type to conferences.
- It's a good idea to narrow down your search to 'Oxford collections' specifically, rather than the 'Search everything' option.
- You can search for the title of the conference, but it's a good idea not to search for the individual paper title.
- You might find the publisher is different to the event organiser, so bear that in mind.
- And the published proceedings might have a different title to the original event.

With those search tips in mind, I'm going to move on to a demonstration of how to search for conference papers in SOLO.

Navigate to SOLO via the URL solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk. Once you're on the SOLO home page, it's a good idea to sign in. There's a sign in button in the top right corner of the screen. The reasons it's a good idea to sign in to SOLO is because you see more material as you're recognised as a University of Oxford member and also you get features such as requesting items.

I'm going to click the 'sign in' button and you need to go for the 'University of Oxford students & staff' option where you log in with your Single Sign On credentials. Or if you are visiting the University of Oxford with a reader card, you can select the second option. Once you're signed in, your name will appear in the top right of the screen.

First of all, click the 'advanced search' button next to the search bar. At the top, narrow down the Search Profile from 'Search Everything' to 'Oxford Collections' in the dropdown menu. You can then search for whatever topic you wish. It might be that you're searching for a specific conference, or just doing keyword search into your area. This might impact which search filters you use like title, subject and so on.

I am interested in the Space Telescope Science Institute Symposium. I'm going to enter the title of this event into the search bar in SOLO.

I'm then in the next row going to click the 'Any field' dropdown, select 'Subject' and enter 'congresses'. Remember, this was a search tip mentioned in the PowerPoint presentation to help you narrow down the materials that appear in your results to conferences specifically.

I'm then going to click the search button.

SOLO has found 24 results. You can filter the results on the left-hand side if you find you have too many.

The top few options show that there are a few versions of the record and you need to click on this button, 'See all versions' to expand that cluster and see what options are available. In this case, the papers that were presented at the Space Telescope Science Institute Symposium in 2007 were published as a book, and we have an e-book available via this 'Online access' button or a print book, and you click the 'Find & Request' button to see which libraries have a copy of this book.

I'm going to navigate my way back to the results screen by clicking the x button on the left and 'Back to results list'.

If I scroll down the results page, I can see other results that are available, for example, a book and a conference proceeding from the event this been held in previous years.

Let's return to the PowerPoint presentation.

As mentioned earlier on in the presentation, the other tool that you can use to find conference papers is ORA, the Oxford University Research Archive. I am going to conduct a demonstration so that you can see what the platform looks like and how you might find conference papers.

Navigate to ORA via the URL ora.ox.ac.uk. There are no options to sign in to ORA or conduct an advanced search like there are in SOLO. You just need to use the simple search bar at the top here and you can filter your search afterwards if needs be.

I am going to do a general search for 'active galactic nucleus fuelling'.

Once you enter your search term into the search bar, click the magnifying glass icon to the right or hit enter your keyboard.

ORA has found 143 results that match my search query.

You can narrow down the item type on the left-hand side by journal article, thesis or 'Conference item'. As I'm interested in conference papers, I'm going to click 'Conference item'.

ORA now displays the three conference items that match my search query. The padlock icon underneath the title indicates whether you are able to read the conference paper or not. If it's green, that means the file is available to read. If it's red, that means that it's not available to read. Let's take a look at the second option.

Once you expand the record, you are shown the title, the abstract, you are able to export information about the item and you can download the PDF. You can see who the authors are, so you can perhaps see more publications by this author. There are bibliographic details, which shows where the item was published. In this case, it was published in the journal TORUS Workshop 2012 Conference Proceedings.

Returning to the PowerPoint presentation and where to get further help, if you haven't watched the first video tutorial in the series on what a conference paper is and why you might want to consult them, watch our video 'Introduction to conference papers'.

If you're interested in finding conference papers outside of Oxford, watch our video tutorial 'Finding conference papers beyond Oxford.'

Both of these video tutorials are available on the Bodleian Libraries website bodleian.ox.ac.uk.

If you're interested in more iSkills training, you can find that on the website at bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ask/workshops.

And you can always contact your subject librarian. The list of subject librarians can be found at bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ask/subject-librarians.

So, what have you hopefully learned watching this video tutorial? You've discovered which tools to use to find conference papers at Oxford, that's SOLO, Search Oxford Libraries Online, and ORA, the Oxford University Research Archive. You've learned some search tips, watched live demos on how to use those two tools and discovered where you can find further help.

Thank you very much for watching.