



# Beyond books & articles

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FINDING CONFERENCE PAPERS

# Finding conference papers

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Why conference papers and proceedings are important for research

How you can access conference papers and proceedings through SOLO and online

# Why are conference papers important for research?

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## **Discovering the latest research**

- Results of research made available before formal publication in a journal

## **Maintain awareness of developments in your field**

## **Find the ‘journey’ of the research**

- See how research has been shaped from conference to journal article

# Finding conference papers - online

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Many free online on Open Access archives such as ORA (Oxford University Research Archive), or on the host society's web pages.

Search by title in Google/Google Scholar:

[Image compression evaluation for digital cinema: the case of Star Wars: Episode II](#)

DL Schnuelle - *Electronic Imaging 2003, 2003* - [proceedings.spiedigitallibrary.org](#)

abstract A program of evaluation of compression algorithms proposed for use in a digital cinema application is described and the results presented in general form. The work was intended to aid in the selection of a compression system to be used for the digital cinema release of Star Wars: Episode II, in May 2002. An additional goal was to provide feedback to the algorithm proponents on what parameters and performance levels the feature film ...

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Showing the best result for this search. [See all results](#)

# Finding conference papers - SOLO

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Search bar: "Volve Scandinavian views on science fiction selected papers" with a red 'X' and "Oxford Collections" dropdown.
- Search icon: A magnifying glass icon in a red square.
- Results: "1 Results" and a red "Save query" button.
- Result 1: A book icon, the text "BOOK", and the title "Volve Scandinavian views on science fiction : selected papers from the Scandinavian Science-Fiction Festival, 1977". Below the title is the subtitle "Scandinavian Science-Fiction Festival (1977 : University of Copenhagen) | Dollerup, Cay 1978 | Copenhagen : Dept. of English, University of Copenhagen | 123 p. ; 24 cm".
- Truncated text: "quest >" is visible at the bottom of the result.

Search for the title in SOLO (Oxford Collections)

- Or try some keywords :
- Organisation name
  - Editor's name
  - Location of conference
  - Date of Conference

# Finding conference papers - SOLO

Search Scope: All libraries/collections

Any field contains science fiction

AND Subject contains congresses

Resource Type: All items

Language: Any language

Publication Date: Any year

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→ Any field contains science fiction

TIP: For more general searches, use 'Congresses' as a subject term in the 'Advanced Search' settings on SOLO.

5 **BOOK**  
**Nursery realms : children in the worlds of science fiction, fantasy, and horror**  
Westfahl, Gary ; Slusser, George Edgar ; Eaton Conference on Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature (1991 : 1993 : Riverside, Calif.)  
1993 | Riverside, Calif.  
1999 | Athens, Ga. ; London : University of Georgia Press | xiii, 223 p. ; 24 cm  
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6 **BOOK**  
**Foods of the gods : eating and the eaten in fantasy and science fiction**  
Westfahl, Gary ; Slusser, George Edgar ; Rabkin, Eric S ; Eaton Conference on Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature (13th : 1991 : University of California, Riverside)  
c1996 | Athens ; London : University of Georgia Press | vi, 253 p. ; 24 cm  
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7 **BOOK**  
**Actes du deuxième colloque international de science-fiction de Nice, 24, 25, 26, 27 avril 1985 : Planète Terre**  
Faculté des lettres et sciences humaines de Nice. Centre d'étude de la métaphore. Colloque international de science-fiction (2nd : 1985 : Nice, France). | Émelina, Jean ; Terrel, Denise  
1986 | Nice : Centre d'étude de la métaphore | 328 p. : ill. ; 24 cm  
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# Finding conference papers – print elsewhere

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Search other libraries via:

- Library Hub Discover (UK research libraries)

<https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/>

- British Library [explore.bl.uk](https://explore.bl.uk)

- WorldCat [www.worldcat.org](https://www.worldcat.org)

Request an inter-library loan:

[www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/using/ill](https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/using/ill)

# Finding conference papers – databases

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Bibliographic databases

Subject-relevant databases can be found via

Databases A-Z

Limit results via conference

Grey literature resources, e.g. OpenGrey

[www.opengrey.eu/](http://www.opengrey.eu/)



# Finding conference papers – Databases A-Z

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Tools and databases which specifically search for conference proceedings and papers:

- **Conference Papers Index** – part of ProQuest; scientific coverage
- **IEEE Conference Proceedings** – physics, engineering, material science and computer science
- **Conference Proceedings Citation Index** – search as part of Web of Science
- **PapersFirst** and **ProceedingsFirst** – available via OCLC FirstSearch
- **Zetoc** – British Library's table of contents service

# Conference Proceedings Citation Index

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Part of Web of Science – access via Databases A-Z

Two indexes:

- Science & Technology Proceedings
- Social Sciences & Humanities Proceedings

Coverage: 1990- present

▼ MORE SETTINGS

**Web of Science Core Collection: Citation Indexes**

- Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) --1945-present
- Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) --1956-present
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HCI) --1975-present
- Conference Proceedings Citation Index- Science (CPCI-S) --1990-present
- Conference Proceedings Citation Index- Social Science & Humanities (CPCI-SSH) --1990-present
- Book Citation Index- Science (BKCI-S) --2005-present
- Book Citation Index- Social Sciences & Humanities (BKCI-SSH) --2005-present
- Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) --2015-present

# Zetoc

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British Library electronic tables of contents

Covers journals and conference papers from 1993 onwards

Email alerting service available

<http://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/>

- **Zetoc Search >  
conference search**

 [Zetoc Alert – Access](#)

Set up, modify and delete email alerts

 [Zetoc Search – Access](#)

Search for citations of journal articles and conference proceedings

 [Zetoc RSS – Access](#)

Set up RSS feeds for journals

# In summary

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Many papers are freely available online – search Google Scholar.

Many general or subject indexing databases allow you to search for conference proceedings.

There are databases specifically for conference proceedings.

# In summary

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## **Be aware:**

- Varying publication formats and names
- Delays in publication; some never published or only available as pre-print or abstract
- Acronyms or abbreviations may feature in the name

Use the inter-library loan service for printed items not held in Oxford

Your subject librarian is always ready to help –  
[www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/subjects-and-libraries/subjects/librarians](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/subjects-and-libraries/subjects/librarians)

# Handouts:

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Available at:

<https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/workshops/handouts>