Finding Conferences

Try searching for conferences related to your research topic, or using the research query you created in the search building exercise.

EXERCISE 1: SOLO

http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/primo-explore/search?vid=SOLO

Tips on searching SOLO for conference papers:

- Search for the title of the conference rather than the specific paper.
- The published proceedings may have a different title to the original.
- The publisher may be different from conference organiser.
- Conferences in SOLO will have a Subject Heading of “Congressess”, so use this as a keyword if you are unsure of the details of a specific conference.
- Some conference proceedings have ISBNs as well.

EXERCISE 2: Databases

https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/az.php.

Most general and subject-specific bibliographic databases include conference papers and proceedings, as well as the option to limit your search by document type. You can find those relevant to your subject via Databases A-Z.

Conference indexes – all available through Databases A-Z

- Conference Proceedings Citation Index for both Science & Social Science and Humanities – available through Web of Science.
- Conference Papers Index – available through ProQuest.
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- PapersFirst and ProceedingsFirst – note that these titles are all one word.
- ZETOC (British Library’s Table of Contents Service): http://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk

EXERCISE 3: Institutional repositories
Institutional repositories are becoming a good source for conference papers.
Search them via:
- OAIster http://oaister.worldcat.org/
- Google / Google Scholar https://scholar.google.co.uk/
- OpenDOAR http://v2.sherpa.ac.uk/opendoar/

EXERCISE 4: Other library catalogues
The British Library is a key source of information about published conferences and has a very strong collection which can be searched from explore.bl.uk.

Also try:
- WorldCat https://www.worldcat.org/.

Conference proceedings can be borrowed from the British Library by Oxford Libraries using the Inter-Library loan system – http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/using/ill.
Tips on quoting conferences:

- Be consistent and follow a standard system, e.g. Harvard, when referring to papers or proceedings.
- Give as much detail as possible. An accurate reference will help others.
- Generally include:
  - Author(s) of paper - surname and initials
  - Year of publication,
  - 'Title of paper - in single quotation marks' [in] Editor (if applicable),
    Title of published proceeding which may include place held and date(s) - italicised
  - Publisher
  - Place of publication
  - Page numbers