

Finding Conferences

Full presentation on finding conference papers available on the Bodleian Libraries website:

<https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ask/workshops/searching-and-finding-scholarly-materials-training-handouts>.

Exercise 1

Use the search string you created in the 'Building a search' exercise to find a conference in SOLO (<https://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>).

Tips on searching in SOLO for conference papers

- When searching SOLO for a conference paper, you need to 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 “**Congresses**”, 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

Use the search string you created in section 2 of the workshop to search any one of the platforms below.

Institutional repositories

Institutional repositories are becoming a good source for conference papers. Make sure you send yours to our own Oxford University Research Archive: <http://ora.ox.ac.uk/>.

Search them via:

- OAIster <https://oaister.on.worldcat.org/discovery>
- Google / Google Scholar <https://scholar.google.co.uk/>
- OpenDOAR <http://v2.sherpa.ac.uk/opensoar/>

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:

- Library Hub Discover (UK Research Libraries) <https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/>.
- 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>.

Databases

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

Databases A-Z (<https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/az.php>), e.g.:

- SCOPUS
- Web of Science
- Historical Abstracts (via EBSCOhost)
- OpenGrey: System for Information on Grey Literature in Europe
- Social Sciences databases (via ProQuest)

Conference indexes are all available through Databases A-Z

(<https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/az.php>):

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

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