Finding Conferences


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/opendoar/
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.

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:
  o Author(s) of paper - surname and initials
  o Year of publication,
  o 'Title of paper - in single quotation marks' [in] Editor (if applicable), Title of published proceeding which may include place held and date(s) - italicised
  o Publisher
  o Place of publication
  o Page numbers