



Beyond books & articles

FINDING THESES

Finding dissertations & theses

Finding Oxford theses and dissertations

Finding theses and dissertations from other institutions

Why theses?

Relevance of up-to-date research

Springboard to scope existing literature

Inspiration of 'the finished product'

Discovery of ideas outside a topic's consensus

Evolution of an author's ideas over time

Finding theses in Oxford

PRINT

Search via SOLO for theses from 1920s onwards

Search by supervisors or department

Ask your subject librarian

DIGITAL

Oxford Research Archive
ora.ox.ac.uk (via SOLO)

Higher degree students registered since October 2007 must deposit a digital copy; though some are retrospective conversion

Finding theses on SOLO

To find a specific thesis:

- Use author surname/keywords from title

To browse theses supervised by a specific academic:

- Use supervisor's name as search term

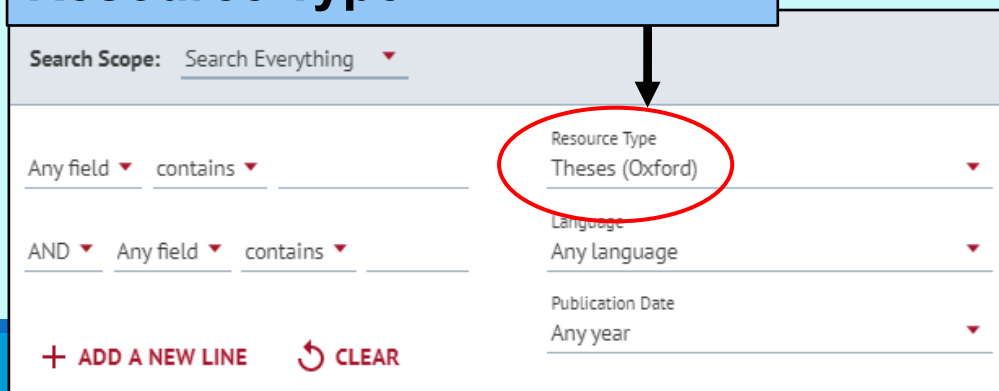
Use Advanced Search and select "Theses (Oxford)" as Resource Type

To browse theses by department:

- Use department name as search term
- Beware of name changes!

To search by thesis type:

- Use "D.Phil." or "M.Phil." as search terms
- Typing Dphil or Mphil brings back fewer results



The screenshot shows the SOLO search interface. At the top, there is a 'Search Scope' dropdown set to 'Search Everything'. Below this is a search bar with a dropdown menu open. The dropdown menu has several options: 'Any field contains', 'Language Any language', and 'Publication Date Any year'. The 'Resource Type' dropdown is highlighted with a red circle, and 'Theses (Oxford)' is selected. At the bottom of the search bar, there are buttons for '+ ADD A NEW LINE' and 'CLEAR'.

Finding theses from other institutions

Databases A-Z

Choose subject > Theses and dissertations

Databases A-Z
Find the best library databases for your research.

All Subjects | All Database Types | All

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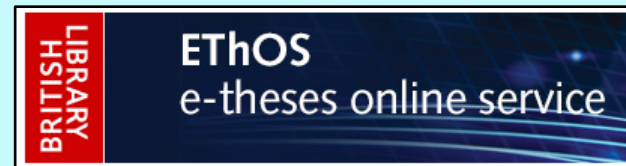
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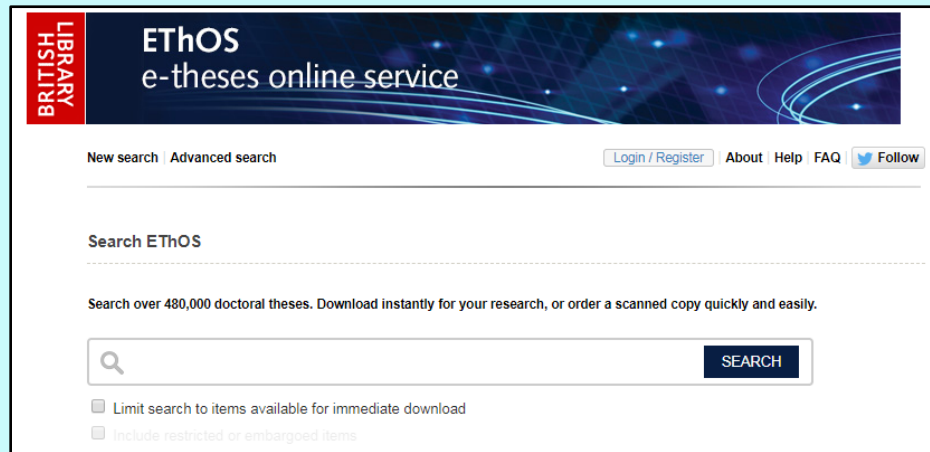
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eThOS

UK theses via the British Library

Many available for free download
(account must be created)

Some theses unavailable or require digitisation



The screenshot shows the eThOS website interface. At the top left is the British Library logo. The main header reads "ETHOS e-theses online service". Below the header are navigation links: "New search", "Advanced search", "Login / Register", "About", "Help", "FAQ", and "Follow". A search bar is labeled "Search ETHOS". Below the search bar, it states "Search over 480,000 doctoral theses. Download instantly for your research, or order a scanned copy quickly and easily." There is a search input field with a magnifying glass icon and a "SEARCH" button. At the bottom, there are two checkboxes: "Limit search to items available for immediate download" and "Include restricted or embargoed items".

Other options for finding full text theses

OpenDOAR – check the research repository for the awarding institution (<http://www.opendoar.org/>)

Inter-library loan – but most universities won't lend theses

Visit the awarding university – contact the library first!

Contact the author

Handouts:

- Hidden Treasures: Key Links for Finding Theses and Dissertations
- Theses search exercises (SOLO, ProQuest, EThOS)

Available at:

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