

# Philosophy Quick Resource Guide

## Finding Books and Journals

### Where do I start?

The **Casimir Lewy Library's website** has links to the library catalogue, philosophy eresources, training materials, and more:  
[www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library](http://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library)

### LibrarySearch

<http://search.lib.cam.ac.uk>

- Google style search of printed books, ebooks and journals in Cambridge.

### Newton

[www.lib.cam.ac.uk/newton](http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/newton)

- Traditional library catalogue
- Select **O-Z database** for Philosophy Library

### Oxford Bibliographies: Philosophy

[www.oxfordbibliographies.com](http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com)

Guide to selected texts, articles and reference works for philosophy, with introductions by top scholars.

## Finding Ebooks

You can find the majority of ebooks through **LibrarySearch**- look for 'electronic resource' or 'electronic book' next to the title. Some ebook collections are not yet included. More information is available from the **ebooks@cambridge** website:  
[www.lib.cam.ac.uk/ebooks](http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/ebooks)

You can find out more about **Philosophy ebooks** from the library website:  
[www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library/ebooks](http://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library/ebooks)

Useful online encyclopedia include:

**Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy**  
[www.rep.routledge.com](http://www.rep.routledge.com)

### Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

<http://plato.stanford.edu>

Useful ebook collections include:

### Intelex Past Masters

<http://pm.nlx.com>

Titles available so far include the works of Wittgenstein, Hume, Hegel and Nietzsche.

### Cambridge Companions Online

<http://cco.cambridge.org>

This series has specially-commissioned essays on philosophers and philosophical movements.

### Oxford Scholarship Online: Philosophy

[www.oxfordscholarship.com](http://www.oxfordscholarship.com)

Selected titles published by Oxford University Press (up to January 2009 only).

### Oxford Handbooks Online

[www.oxfordhandbooks.com](http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com)

### Routledge Handbooks Online

[www.routledgehandbooks.com](http://www.routledgehandbooks.com)

## Finding ejournals

### ejournals@cambridge

<http://bit.ly/ejournalsAtoZ>

- A-Z list of ejournals available at Cambridge
- Browse ejournals by title or subject
- Remember some journals still only exist in print form - also check LibrarySearch!

### JSTOR

[www.jstor.org](http://www.jstor.org)

Digital archive of journals starting from 1800s. Recent issues (last 3-5 years) are not usually available on JSTOR.

## Finding Journal articles

**Citation databases** provide the details to help you trace a journal article or paper.

- You can find specific journal articles and book chapters etc. or search for articles on a topic.
- Most citations have a **@cam** link which takes you to the full article where available

You can browse useful databases from:

### Philosophy Library website: eresources

[www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library/eresources](http://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library/eresources)

A selection of links to key philosophy eresources.

### eresources@cambridge

[www.lib.cam.ac.uk/eresources](http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/eresources)

Browse a range of databases by subject.

### LibrarySearch+

<http://searchplus.lib.cam.ac.uk>

Search for articles in multiple databases.

## Key Philosophy Databases

### Philosopher's Index

[http://bit.ly/Phi\\_index](http://bit.ly/Phi_index)

Large bibliographic database for philosophy, which provides details of philosophy book chapters and journal articles with abstracts. There are direct links to e-journals where available. Updated quarterly. (1940-present).

### PhilPapers

<http://philpapers.org>

Extensive database of journals and books in many areas of philosophy, as well as papers on personal and institutional philosophy websites. Also includes bibliographies.

### Web of Knowledge

<http://wok.mimas.ac.uk>

A large multidisciplinary index which includes philosophy. Good for finding interdisciplinary

articles. Direct links to online articles available via **@cam** link.

### Google Scholar

<http://scholar.google.co.uk>

A useful resource for finding scholarly journal articles. Go to *Scholar Preferences* and select the *University of Cambridge* from the list of libraries to ensure that you have quick access to journal articles here.

## Search Tips

- Think about synonyms – how might other authors refer to your key concepts? - and terms you want to exclude e.g. **Capital punishment, lethal injection, death penalty** etc.
- Use double quotes to find a specific phrase: **"global justice"**, but use wisely! You'll cut down on the number of results, but may miss useful material.
- To replace a letter - e.g. to find either 'globalisation' or 'globalization' - use the **question mark**: **'globali?ation'**
- To replace any number of letters - e.g. to find 'philosophy', 'philosophical', 'philosophers' - use the **asterisk**: **'philos\*'**
- **AND, OR** and **NOT** create relationships between your keywords, so you can combine your key concepts into search strings.

## Off Campus Access

Most eresources can be accessed off-campus. by using your [Raven login](#). Make sure you use the **Raven or Shibboleth login** link (this may be referred to as 'Institutional login') and select University of Cambridge (or 'Cambridge University') from the drop-down list. Not all eresources support Raven so you will need to use the links from the [eresources@cambridge](#) page or LibrarySearch. It is not possible to Google the title and connect directly to these.