Research Guide for Philosophy
A guide to the resources available for philosophical research at the University of Cambridge
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*The Casimir Lewy Library*
Cambridge Library Collections

There are more than 100 libraries across the University. You may use and borrow from most Faculty and departmental libraries. College libraries are restricted to members of the College.

The Libraries Directory [www.lib.cam.ac.uk/libraries_directory/libraries_directory.cgi] provides an A-Z listing and map showing the location of all the libraries at Cambridge with links to Google maps.

The University Library [http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk] is one of Britain’s five copyright libraries and holds every book published in Britain since the early 18th century as well as extensive stocks from overseas.

The Casimir Lewy Library [www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library] is the primary source of resources and support for the study, research and teaching of philosophy.

Other Faculty and Departmental Libraries

Please contact them for information on borrowing rights.

Classics Faculty Library
[www.classics.cam.ac.uk/library]
Sidgwick Avenue. Tel: (3)35154.
Covers ancient philosophy.

Divinity Faculty Library
[www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/library]
West Road. Tel: (7)63040
Covers philosophy of religion.

Seeley Library (History)
[www.hist.cam.ac.uk/seeley-library]
Sidgwick site. Tel: (3)35335
Covers political philosophy.

Whipple Library
[www.hps.cam.ac.uk/library]
Free School Lane. Tel: (3)34547
Covers philosophy of science.
Library Catalogues

Locating items within Cambridge

iDiscover [http://idiscover.cam.ac.uk]

This is a search tool to find print and electronic material available in the University of Cambridge including books, ebooks and journals as well as articles (including open access). Most databases are covered, but you will need to be logged in using your UIS or Raven password in order to view results from citation databases.

Search Tips

- Use the Advanced Search to search specific fields e.g. author or title
- Refine options on the right of the screen show you what your search results contain - click on any term to focus and narrow your results
- Use quotation marks to search for a phrase e.g. "extended mind"
- Use an asterisk (*) to retrieve all results that begin with the same root e.g. philos*
- Use OR (in capitals) between related search terms

Newton catalogues [http://newton.lib.cam.ac.uk] NOTE: Not available after December 2017

This is a traditional-style library catalogue. The libraries are currently arranged in a number of databases. To search the library catalogue for the Casimir Lewy Library select the Departments and Faculties O-Z catalogue and restrict your search to 'Philosophy Library' in the quick limits.

Search Tips

- For title searches, remove 'the', 'an' or any other leading articles
- Use quotation marks around terms to search for an exact phrase e.g. “philosophy of mind”
- Enter several keywords into one search box and choose Any of these to find records that contain any one of the keywords
- If you want to narrow your search (get fewer results), choose an option from the limit to box

Locating books held outside Cambridge

The following library catalogues can be used to locate material held outside Cambridge:

COPAC [http://copac.jisc.ac.uk]
Copac is the merged online catalogues of many major University and National Libraries in the UK and Ireland, including the British Library. It includes records for a number of Cambridge College and Department special collections.

WorldCat [www.worldcat.org]
WorldCat is a catalogue of books and other materials held in thousands of academic, public, special and national libraries around the world. There is a customised version for Cambridge at: http://cul.worldcat.org.
Interlibrary loans

The University Library offers an Interlibrary Loan service which provides access to material not held within Cambridge University for a small fee. Anyone who has access to the University Library may use this service. More information on this service is available from the Interlibrary loans department website: http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/departments/inter-library-loans.

Special Collections

Finding Manuscripts and Personal Papers of Philosophers

Archives within the University of Cambridge may be searched using JANUS http://janus.lib.cam.ac.uk/. This is a work in progress with new catalogues still being added.

The Directory of HPS-related special collections [www.hps.cam.ac.uk/library/directory] provides a starting point for finding History and Philosophy of Science related special collections in Cambridge. The subject search lists the locations of papers of a number of philosophers.

Some important archives in Cambridge, which include Cambridge philosophers are:

**Cambridge Wittgenstein Archive** [www.wittgen-cam.ac.uk] Consists of manuscripts, typescripts and dictations on philosophical subjects 1914-49; correspondence 1912-51.

**Papers of Ludwig Wittgenstein** Trinity College Archive. Contact: archives@trin.cam.ac.uk. Manuscripts 1914-51, typescripts 1927-1946, dictations 1930s, correspondence 1912-51, notes of lectures 1930-47.

**Moore archive** [www.lib.cam.ac.uk/deptserv/manuscripts/moore.html] Contact: Department of Manuscripts, University Library (01223 333143; mss@lib.cam.ac.uk); The personal and philosophical papers of G.E. Moore.

**Papers of Frank Plumpton Ramsey** [www.kings.cam.ac.uk/archive-centre/modern-archives/index.html] Contact King's College Archive Centre. Personal and family papers, including correspondence with Lettice Ramsey (nee Baker), letters to his parents, diaries, an Apostles paper and obituaries.

**Papers of Henry Sidgwick** [www.trin.cam.ac.uk/index.php?pageid=357] Contact: archives@trin.cam.ac.uk. Correspondence and papers c1859-1900.

Archives held in other UK Universities can be found using the Archives Hub [www.archiveshub.ac.uk]. The catalogues of other UK manuscript collections can be searched from the National Archives website [http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk].

Other important archives of Cambridge philosophers include:

**Bertrand Russell Archives** [www.mcmaster.ca/russdocs/russell.htm] (contact McMaster University, Ontario, Canada) Russell's library is part of the Russell Archives, along with his correspondence, manuscripts, tapes, films, photographs, medals and permanently displayed writing desk.
Finding papers for the Faculty and for the Moral Sciences Club

Faculty Board minutes from 1860-2005 are held at the UL. There is an 80 year embargo on accessing these.

Moral Sciences Club minutes 1878-2012 are held in the UL. They can be ordered from the Manuscripts room. A list of holdings is available here: http://janus.lib.cam.ac.uk/db/node.xsp?id=EAD%2FGBR%2F0265%2FMin.IX.39-56%2C%2082-3%2C%2087%2C%2089-91%20etc

Finding Theses and Dissertations

University of Cambridge theses

The online Theses catalogue contains records of theses approved from 1970 onwards

Apollo [www.repository.cam.ac.uk] holds full-text versions of some Cambridge PhD theses. All PhD students are now required to submit an electronic copy of their thesis.

MPhil theses and extended essays are available to consult in the Casimir Lewy Library. They may not be borrowed or copied. Please ask at the Issue Desk for these.

UK theses and dissertations

Electronic copies of PhD theses submitted at over 100 UK universities are obtainable from EThOS [http://ethos.bl.uk] a service set up to provide access to all theses from participating institutions. Most are available free of charge. Please note that it does not supply theses submitted at the universities of Cambridge or Oxford although they are listed on EThOS.

World-wide theses and dissertations (including UK)

Electronic versions of non-UK theses may be available from the institution at which they were submitted, sometimes on an open access basis from the institutional repository.

The Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations [http://search.ndltd.org] is a good starting point for searching for online dissertations and theses from around the world.

ProQuest Dissertations and Theses [http://search.proquest.com/pqdt/index?accountid=9851] This lists theses (with abstracts) accepted for higher degrees by universities in the UK and Ireland, since 1743. The database offers full text for most of the dissertations added since 1997. You can also download selected dissertations in PDF format for a charge.

Dissertations and theses submitted at non-UK universities may also be requested on Inter-Library Loan through the Interlibrary Loans department at the University Library [www.lib.cam.ac.uk/deptserv/ill].
Accessing eresources off campus

The eresources that the University of Cambridge subscribes to are restricted to members of the University. Within the Cam domain you can access them by IP recognition (no password is required). However, outside the University, you will need to login using your Raven or UIS password.

The login link for external access may be called ‘Shibboleth’ or ‘Institutional login’ and you will need to select 'University of Cambridge' from the drop-down list. Some eresources need to be accessed via a proxy link from the eresources and ejournals Libguide or from iDiscover. If you try to access them via a search engine this won’t work! More information on accessing eresources is available from the eresources and ejournals Libguide: [http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/eresources/access](http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/eresources/access).

The two main types of eresources available are:

- **Bibliographic (or citation) databases** (indexes and abstracts) which help you to find book titles (sometimes book chapters too) and articles in journals
- **Full text resources** such as ejournals, ebooks, preprints etc.

The eresources and ejournals Libguide ([http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/eresources](http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/eresources)) provides an interface for browsing and accessing useful eresources and ejournals that the University of Cambridge subscribes to. You can search by journal title, subject, ISSN, vendor or citation.

The Philosophy eresources Libguide ([www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library/eresources](http://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library/eresources)) provides a guide to a selection of the most useful eresources for philosophy.

Finding Journal Articles

**iDiscover search tool**

[iDiscover](http://idiscover.cam.ac.uk) Most databases are indexed in iDiscover so you can find articles from a single search. Please note that you will need to log in using your Raven login in order to view results from citation databases.

**Tips for using iDiscover to find articles**

- Use **double quotes** to search for a phrase e.g. “cognitive science”
- Use **OR** to search for synonyms e.g. ethics OR morals
- To find words starting with the same stem, use the * symbol, eg, cognit* finds cognitive, cognition etc. Use the clustered view to handle large result sets, or add additional keywords to your search term using the ‘quick search box’ in the top right
- For a more specific search, by author or journal title for example, use the **Advanced Search** option
Finding scholarly articles and papers

The databases listed below do not contain the full text of the articles – they just give you the necessary bibliographic details to enable you to go away and find the item. Many of the databases do, however, have a @cam - find full text link which will link directly to an article if it's available online.

The main useful and popular philosophy eresources can be found at: http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/philosophy/eresources

To find articles and papers try:

**Philpapers** [http://philpapers.org]
PhilPapers is an extensive directory of philosophy articles by academics which is maintained by David Bourget and David Chalmers. The service gathers and organizes philosophical research on the Internet, and provides tools for philosophers to access, organize, and discuss this research. It monitors journals in many areas of philosophy, as well as archives and personal pages.

**Web of Science** [http://wok.mimas.ac.uk]
Web of Science is a large interdisciplinary index which allows you to search across several databases including: Science Citation Index, Social Science Citation Index and Arts and Humanities Citation Index. Most philosophy journals (more than 1,700) are covered by the Arts and Humanities Index (1975-present).

**SCOPUS** [www.scopus.com]
Scopus is a large multidisciplinary abstract and citation database. It covers international arts and humanities journals from 1996-present. The citation tracker allows the user to find articles that have cited specific authors or key papers.

**Google Scholar** [http://scholar.google.com/] Provides a search of scholarly literature across many disciplines and sources, including theses, books, abstracts and articles. Links to full text of available articles is generated automatically for University of Cambridge users. (If outside the University's network, set Cambridge as member library in Scholar Preferences).
If you have the bibliographic details for an article, you can check whether it is available to you via the University’s subscription from the ejournals@cambridge search facility [http://tf5lu9ym5n.search.serialssolutions.com]. This offers an A-Z list of titles and you can search by title, subject area, vendor, ISSN or citation.

The ejournals@cambridge service also makes it possible to link directly from a database citation to a journal article by clicking on the following buttons or from your search results screen:

[cam] (at cam) [cam - find full text]

Clicking on this link will search University of Cambridge ejournal holdings for that particular citation.

**Journal Archives**

**JSTOR** [www.jstor.ac.uk]
JSTOR is an archive of full-text journal articles for all subjects. However, material published in the last 3-5 years is not usually available.

**Project MUSE** [http://muse.jhu.edu]
Project MUSE is an online collection of humanities and social sciences journals from not-for-profit publishers.

**JURN** [www.jurn.org] Covers over 4,000 arts and humanities ejournals, and other scholarly publications with mostly free content.

**Directory of open access journals** [www.doaj.org] Covers full-text, open access journals including around 500 for the arts and humanities.

**OpenDOAR** [http://www.opendoar.org] Provides a search and directory of open access repositories worldwide.

**Article repositories**

Articles are frequently made available online before they have been peer reviewed (known as a pre-print). Sometimes the peer-reviewed copy of the paper will also be made freely available on the Internet either on an academic’s own website or in one of the repositories. These include:


ArXiv [https://arxiv.org] Archive for research papers in the sciences including philosophy of science.

Finding open access articles

The following two services provide browser bookmarklets which try to locate open access version of journal articles:

- Unpaywall [http://unpaywall.org]
- OA button [https://openaccessbutton.org]

Finding Book Reviews

Book reviews are a useful source of information because they provide an outline of a book’s contents and conclusions, and the means of finding the opinions of experts in the field, thus confirming or counterbalancing the views expressed in the book itself. You can find these from bibliographic indexes or from open source journals dedicated to book reviews. These include:

Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews [http://ndpr.nd.edu]
NDPR is entirely devoted to publishing substantive, high-quality reviews of philosophy books. They aim to review a majority of the scholarly philosophy books issued each year and to have the review appear within 6 to 12 months of the book’s publication. Reviews are commissioned and vetted by a distinguished national and international Editorial Board.

JSTOR [www.jstor.ac.uk]
To find book reviews in JSTOR, select Advanced Search. In the Advanced Search page, type one or two keywords from the book title in the first search box. Under Narrow Your Search to “These Types,” check the Review box. Click Search.
Finding Newspaper articles

See the Newspapers LibGuide http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/newspapers

Finding ebooks and online texts

Ebooks can be searched, printed and downloaded (subject to the usual copyright restrictions). They also offer features such as dictionary checking and citation export; electronic notes and bookmarks can be made by creating a personal account.

For more information about ebooks see the Cambridge ebooks Libguide: http://libguides.cam.ac.uk/ebookscam

Encyclopedia and reference ebooks

Encyclopedia and bibliographies are useful to get an overview or basic background information on a topic and are good places to start the research process.

A broad range of well-informed articles by acknowledged experts in the field.

Incomplete, but growing free resource. High quality and often extensive articles with bibliographies.

Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy [http://www.iep.utm.edu]
Peer-reviewed free resource with bibliographies.

Oxford Reference Online [www.oxfordreference.com]
Collection of online reference books published by Oxford University Press. Particularly useful are The Oxford Companion to Philosophy Online and The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy Online.

Oxford Bibliographies Online: Philosophy [http://oxfordbibliographiesonline.com]
OBO are online guides to the key literature for Philosophy. Entries have scholarly annotations to aid research, and selected citations. Entries can be browsed or searched.

Selected ebook collections useful for Philosophy

Please see the philosophy ebooks page [www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library/ebooks] for more on philosophy ebook collections. The main collections are:

Cambridge Companions Online [http://cco.cambridge.org]
Online version of the Cambridge Companions series. Covers a wide range of philosophers and philosophical movements.

Intelex Pastmasters [http://pm.nlx.com]
Key philosophical texts online. A small number of titles available so far, which includes the works of Wittgenstein, Hume, Sidgwick, Hegel and Nietzsche. Allows searching within a text or across a selected range of texts.

Oxford Scholarship Online [www.oxfordscholarship.com]
Online versions of selected books published by Oxford University Press including a large collection of Philosophy titles.
Finding useful websites

Below are links to websites such as digital collections, Philosophy search engines and other academic research guides. They are useful places to start your Internet research.

Philosophy websites


Voice of the Shuttle [http://vos.ucsb.edu] Useful section on individual philosophers as well as more general resources.


Useful general websites for researchers

ORCID [http://orcid.org] Set up a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher.

The Vitae ‘researcher booklets’ [www.vitae.ac.uk/vitae-publications] Helpful practical information to researchers on a variety of topics.

The Thesis Whisperer blog [https://thesiswhisperer.com] Advice on all aspects of doing a PhD. It gives lots of useful advice and tips on the research process.

The Research Whisperer blog [https://theresearchwhisperer.wordpress.com] Advice on finding funding for research, research culture, and building academic track-records etc.
Keeping Up to Date

Saved searches, content alerts and RSS feeds can help to keep you up to date with new publications in your field.

Email alerting services

Many journal suppliers provide an email alerting service for their journal titles. Usually you can select the titles you are interested in and they will automatically email you on a regular basis with the list of the most recent table of contents. Alerting services include:

ZETOC [http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk]
This is the most comprehensive alerting service. It covers current journals and conference proceedings for all subjects from 1993 – present and is updated daily. You can also set up ZETOC alerts to email you contents pages from selected journals or from selected authors.

JournalTocs [www.journaltocs.ac.uk]
JournalTocs is a large free searchable collection of Tables of Contents (TOCs) from scholarly journals. You can select a set of journal titles, view the latest TOCs, export your TOC feeds to popular RSS feed readers, and set up email alerts.

Saved Database Searches and Search alerts

Some databases allow you to create an account to save your searches to run again at a later date or will automatically run a saved search against the updates to the database and send you the result by email. This can save you an enormous amount of time, and is an easy way to keep up to date.

Citation Alerts

You can set up alerts to notify you by email or RSS feed whenever a journal article that you select is cited by new documents added to the journal or database. You will usually find guidance on setting up this facility in the help pages for the journal or database.

RSS Feeds

One simple way of keeping up with the latest contents journals and blogs is to use RSS feeds. To use RSS feeds you will need an RSS Feed Reader e.g. Feedly [www.feedly.com] or Bloglines [www.bloglines.com]. Instead of having to go to lots of different websites to keep up-to-date you can use RSS to be notified directly of any updates.

More information about current awareness tools and useful RSS Feeds are available from the Philosophy Library website: www.phil.cam.ac.uk/library/current-awareness

Social Media

Academia.edu [www.academia.edu] is a free social networking tool for those in academia. By creating an account, you can follow other users in or out of their field of study, and keep up to date on the latest research. In addition, the site will notify you when a new article is published under your listed research interest topics.
Blogs

Blogs can be useful for discovering and discussing current topics and there are many available. Some useful philosophy blog lists include:

Consc.net [http://consc.net/weblogs.html] has a list of blogs on analytic philosophy or by analytic philosophers

Achille Varzi’s website [www.columbia.edu/~av72/links.html#Weblogs] List of philosophy blogs by subject and philosopher.

Two free blogging platforms are www.blogger.com and www.wordpress.com

Twitter [www.twitter.com] is useful for networking, sharing resources, and discussing topics. Many bloggers use Twitter to update people about articles, news, postings etc. Twitter uses hashtags, similar to social bookmarking tags, which you can use to search or browse for tweets on trending topics.

Hashtags are often designated at conferences for users to post and read comments and updates on conference events, and share key ideas.

Lists of philosophers on Twitter include:

Rani Lill Anjum: Philosophers on Twitter https://twitter.com/ranilillanjum/lists/philosophers-on-twitter

John Basl: Philosophers http://twitter.com/johnbasl/philosophers/members

Facebook [www.facebook.com]
You can use Facebook as a research tool by:
• Joining/creating groups in your subject- keep up-to-date with relevant events and make connections with other researchers in your research area
• Like pages from Societies/groups/institutions
• Create a page for promoting yourself as an academic

Slideshare [www.slideshare.net]

Uploading and share presentations, documents, videos, podcasts and webinars. Files can be public or private. Public files can be viewed and commented on. Useful for sharing presentations about your research or searching for other presentations or documents related to your research topic.

For more on useful tools and websites for researchers, see our guide here: http://issuu.com/lewylib/docs/research_tools
Collecting and Managing Information

Reference Management tools: Citations and Bibliographies Made Easier

Reference organization tools allow you to store, manage references, create in text citations and automatically produce bibliographies and footnotes in your work ('cite as you write'). You can export a reference directly from database or webpage in just a couple of clicks and produce a bibliography. You can often sync with a web based version giving you a secure and portable backup for your citations.

Some tools to manage citations

EndNote is a software package that enables you to compile and manage your references, and use them to automatically create in-text citations and bibliographies as you work. It is possible to import, export, cite references and create bibliographies. It stores unlimited references.

Zotero [www.zotero.org]
Zotero is a freely available citation management tool that you can use with Firefox browsers or as a standalone application. Download the add-on to save, organize, and format your information resources. Zotero works with library databases, journal articles, books, and websites and offers one-click storing of references. These can be exported to create bibliographies.

Mendeley [www.mendeley.com]
Mendeley is a combination of free desktop software and website for managing and sharing research papers, as well as for discovering research trends and like-minded academics. It is good for networking and collaboration as it connects researchers in the same area.

Colwiz [www.colwiz.com]
Colwiz is a free research management platform. It includes a public profile, calendar, PDF reader, and groups. It works with LaTex as well as OpenOffice and MS Word.

Bookmarking

Delicious [http://delicious.com]
Delicious is a social bookmarking services which allows you to save, tag and share useful websites. A collection of useful websites for Philosophy collected by the Faculty is available from http://delicious.com/phillib.

Diigo [www.diigo.com]
Social bookmarking service.

File syncing and storage

File syncing programs allow you to save files to a drive on your computer that will be stored in the "cloud" and synced across multiple devices.

DS-Files web interface [https://dsfiles.ds.cam.ac.uk] Web interface to access your files from outside the Managed Cluster Service (MCS) and access on mobile devices.

Dropbox [www.dropbox.com] 2GBs free

Google Drive [https://drive.google.com] 5GBs free

Sugarsync [https://www.sugarsync.com] 5GBs free
Notetaking and writing tools

**Evernote** [http://evernote.com] A free application that allows you to capture information and synchronize it across all of your devices. Use for notes, ideas, diagrams, to do lists, lists of books to read etc.

**Memonic** [www.memonic.com] A free online notetaking application that allows users to save and organize information.

**Scivener** [www.literatureandlatte.com/scrivener.php] Writing tool for the Mac and Windows, which helps with structuring long documents e.g. MPhils and dissertations. It can be used with citation tools such as Endnote. You can try it for free, but will need to buy it when the trial expires.

Further Support and Help

The Philosophy Librarian, Jenni Lecky-Thompson also provides group and individual training on all the areas covered in this guide. She may be contacted by phone (01223) 331889 or email: jel52@cam.ac.uk.

**LibAnswers** [http://answers.libraries.cam.ac.uk] Ask a question about library resources, services and spaces.

Useful books on writing essays and theses

Broadbent, Alex, *Philosophy for Graduate Students* (Routledge, 2016)


Eco, Umberto, *How to Write a Thesis* (MIT, 2015) Useful advice on all the steps involved in researching and writing a thesis written by a writer and philosopher.

Dummett, Michael, *Grammar and Style* (Duckworth, 1993)


Training courses for researchers

A number of training courses are provided for Arts and Humanities researchers.

Cambridge University Library Training
http://training.cam.ac.uk/cul/search

Effective management of information (online course)
https://www.vle.cam.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=124311

The PPD researcher and graduate training programme
http://www.training.cam.ac.uk/cul/Event-timetable

Office for Scholarly Communications events
http://osc.cam.ac.uk/current-events