

## IOE Library Guide

# Searching for dissertations and theses

In the UK, theses are documents submitted in order to obtain a doctoral qualification (e.g. PhD, EdD, MPhil etc). Dissertations are submitted in order to qualify for a Masters or other degree-level qualification. This may vary in other countries.

## Institute of Education Theses and Dissertations

The library holds all IOE theses and also selected IOE Masters dissertations passed on to the library by the faculties. All are for reference use in the library only.

**Pre-1975** Theses and dissertations written before 1975 can be found by checking the card catalogue located on Level 5 of the library.

**1975 – 1989** Those between 1975 and 1989 are listed in paper catalogues available near the Library Enquiry Desk located on Level 4 of the library.

**1990 – present** Theses and dissertations written since 1990 can be found by doing a search on the Library Catalogue.



You can restrict your search to either theses or dissertations by selecting from the menu of search options on the right hand of the Library Catalogue screen.

## Accessing IOE Theses and Dissertations

With the exception of Masters dissertations from 2000 to present, all theses and dissertations must be requested in advance from our stores. We offer a fetching service twice a day Monday to Friday. All theses and dissertations are for reference use only. For further information on this service contact the Library Enquiry Desk [lib.enquiries@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:lib.enquiries@ioe.ac.uk).

## Other UK institutions

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### [Dissertations & Theses - UK & Ireland \(Proquest\)](#)

Access online within the IOE or remotely via portal.

Also known as Index to Theses, this is the most comprehensive available record of doctoral theses from the United Kingdom and Ireland with coverage from 1716 to date. It gives just bibliographic details for theses 1950-1986, and bibliographic details plus abstracts are available for content added since 1986.

### [EThOS – Electronic Thesis Online Service](#)

This is a British Library initiative which provides access to UK doctoral theses online. Not all institutions are participating in the scheme, so this is not a comprehensive listing. However it is definitely worth searching as if you find a thesis of interest on EThOS, you can register and request an electronic copy free of charge and have it emailed to you. For help in using EThOS see the British Library's online guide <http://ethos.bl.uk/Help.do>

## Theses from countries outside the UK

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The following are a selected list of resources to help with finding theses from other countries.

### [Australasian Digital Theses Program ADT \(Australia\)](#)

Collaboration between Australian universities and the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL), includes PhDs or equivalent, and Masters by research only.

### [Cybertesis \(Europe, North America, Latin America\)](#)

Developed by the University of Chile in collaboration with 32 other European universities, this covers a variety of universities in Europe, North America and Latin America.

### [DART-Europe E-theses Portal \(Europe\)](#)

DART-Europe is a partnership of research libraries and library consortia who are working together to improve global access to European research theses.

### [DiVA \(Scandinavia\)](#)

Based in Sweden, covers 26 Scandinavian institutions.

### **[Hong Kong University Theses Online](#) (Hong Kong)**

The Hong Kong University Theses Collection holds 18,148 titles of theses and dissertations submitted for higher degrees to the University of Hong Kong since 1941.

### **[NARCIS - National Academic Research and Collaborations Information System](#) (Netherlands)**

Gives access to online theses drawn from the repositories of a range of Dutch universities.

### **[NTLTD Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations](#) (United States)**

A collaborative effort of various organisations, this contains over a million records of electronic theses and dissertations – mainly US although some from a handful of other countries. Note that in the US, thesis refers to Masters level, and dissertation is doctoral.

### **[Theses Canada](#) (Canada)**

Comprehensive collection of Canadian theses provided by Library and Archives Canada (LAC).

### **[Thèses en Ligne TEL](#) (France)**

French site which encourages students of French universities to self-archive their theses.

## **Accessing theses and dissertations from other UK or worldwide institutions**

If the thesis you want is not available online, you will need to place an Interlibrary Loan request via the library catalogue. This service is available to all registered staff and students of the IOE. Theses from abroad will take longer to arrive and will cost more. Information is available on the [Interlibrary Loans](#) web page or email [InterLoans@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:InterLoans@ioe.ac.uk) for more information.

## **Other libraries**

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There is a list of links for some other individual countries on the theses listing at Senate House Library <http://www.shl.lon.ac.uk/resources/theseslistings.shtml>. Some of these are freely available, for others you may need to be a member of Senate House Library. All registered IOE staff and students are entitled to join Senate House Library. Check their website for opening times and access details before you go.

### **Further Help**

If you need further assistance please contact the Library Enquiry Desk [lib.enquiries@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:lib.enquiries@ioe.ac.uk) and we will be happy to help.