

IOE Library Guide

Researching international and comparative education topics

This guide is intended to provide some searching points for finding quality international and comparative resources suitable for academic study.

International Guides

Before searching specific databases, you may find our listings of international websites useful. General international and regional listings can be found at <http://www.ioe.ac.uk/services/344.html>. Regional listings include:

- **Africa (East, West, South)**
- **Americas & Caribbean**
- **Eastern Europe**
- **East & South Asia & Pacific**
- **Europe**
- **Middle East & N. Africa**

Search Strategy

Before starting any search you should spend some time planning. Our [Search strategy guide](#) provides help on formulating your search, but in order to do this you will need to:

1. Define your topic. If you are researching a topic about which you have already read widely, you will be aware of key resources and the breadth and range of the topic. If the topic is completely new to you, you will need to start with a broad search before defining your needs more specifically.

2. Decide on the depth. How much information you need and the depth of your search will depend on whether you are writing a short assignment or reviewing the literature in preparation for a major piece of research. It is sensible to start by searching broadly before moving on to more specific keywords.

3. Divide up your topic. By dividing your subject into parts, you will refine your searching. For example, if you are researching *Education and globalisation in developing countries*, start by separating your terms: *education + globalisation + developing countries*.

After you have defined, decided and divided up your topic, in a preliminary search, try combinations of terms on the library catalogue: e.g. *education and globalisation* or *education and developing countries* or *developing countries and globalisation*. Also consider searching for a specific country or borrow subject terms from catalogue records: e.g. *developing countries*, *globalisation*, *economic and social development*, etc. The catalogue record can also identify key authors, organisations and electronic links that you may want to pursue further.

Catalogue Search Example

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Catalogue Record

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Key authors and organizations can be identified and searched

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Educational research
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Study methods
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May be used with terms for particular social or racial groups (e.g. Blacks, American Indians etc.) for general works on the education of a particular group

Library Information

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Subject terms, related subjects and electronic links can be searched further

Other Library Catalogues

As well as the IOE catalogue, you should consider other library catalogues. You will find a comprehensive list of library catalogues in the [Searching](#) section of our Library website. **SOAS** and the **British Library of Development Studies (BLDS)** will be of particular interest for education and development worldwide.

- **SOAS** at www.soas.ac.uk/library/
- **BLDS** at blds.ids.ac.uk/index.html

Key Databases

- **British Education Index**
- **ERIC**
- **Australian Education Index**
- **International Bibliography of the Social Sciences**

See **Library Guides** about these databases at: www.ioe.ac.uk/services/344.html.

If you are researching a broader topic, beyond the scope of education databases, you should make use of appropriate **databases** listed at: www.ioe.ac.uk/services/23494.html.

Gateways

- **Eldis** at www.eldis.org/
- **OECD** at **iLibrary** www.oecd-ilibrary.org/
- **Intute** at www.intute.ac.uk/

Major Websites

- **OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development)** aims to bring together governments to compare policy, solve problems and identify good practice. Investigate the **iLibrary** (partially free or via subscription) for papers, statistics, tables and reports. For more educational issues, go to www.oecd.org/edu.
- **UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)** promotes international collaboration through education, science and culture. For education, start at www.unesco.org/en/education; for outline information on individual countries, use the UNESCO World Data on Education at www.ibe.unesco.org/Countries/WDE/2006/index.html.
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