

PHIL 201: Problems in Philosophy

Library workshop

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Outline

- Takeaways from the video tutorials
 - Library website
 - Searching Sofia
 - How to choose your research topic
 - How to develop your search strategy
 - Using a database – demonstration with Academic Search Complete
 - Citing
 - Evaluating
- Questions period

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And more: <https://library.concordia.ca/help/using/sofia/searching.php>

How to choose your research topic: <https://youtu.be/Q0B3Gjlu-1o>

How to develop your search strategy: <https://youtu.be/kxK318KRK50>

Using databases: https://youtu.be/XksP004x_14

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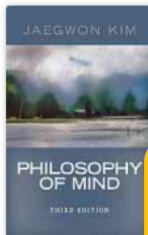
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
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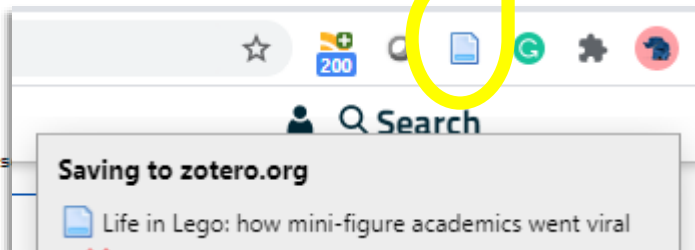
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