POLI 366: Politics of Africa Library Workshop

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Course Webpage

Vanier Library – Loyola Campus
24/7 access: Between 11pm – 7am access with your student card
1st, 2nd, and 3rd floor VL – “Vanier Library”
Sciences, Psychology, Communications & Journalism
Special Collections
Print Journal Archive
Group study rooms and silent study rooms

Webster Library – SGW Campus
24/7 access: Between 11pm – 7am access with your student card
2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th floor of LB - “Library Building”
Poli Sci, Government Info, Maps, History, Social Sciences, Humanities,
Engineering & Fine Arts
Interlibrary Loans
Current Print Journals
Group study rooms and silent study rooms

Grey Nuns – SGW Campus
Located at 1190 Guy St.
Access with student card only
Group Study Rooms
Quiet Study
Bring your own device
Outlets/Wifi
No collections
Library Services

- Your student ID card is your Library Card; you need it to borrow books, use the printers on campus, and access the library after 11pm and Grey Nuns at all times.

- Borrow up to 30 print books at a time, and keep them for 21 days (then renew them, if no one else requests them).

- Borrow a laptop for a 1 day loan.

- Use your MyConcordia username and password to login to the library computers and your library account online.
How do I find these?


Search tips
Print Books at Webster Library

World History: D-DX (3rd floor)
  African history: DT 1 - DT 3415 (LB3)

Political Science & Government: J – JZ (4th floor)
  Political institutions and public administration – Africa: JQ 1870 – JQ 3981
  Local government – Africa: JS 7525 – JS 7818.9
  Colonies & colonization, emigration & immigration: JV 1 – JV 9480

Search tips – All Databases & Library Catalogue

- **And** – limits how many results your search produces
  - Example: religion AND politics

- **OR** – increases the number of results your search produces
  - Example: government OR regime

- **“ ”** - exact phrase
  - Example: “social welfare”

- *** - truncation**: retrieves all words that start with the letters entered.
  - Example: democra* FINDS: democracy, democratic, democracies, democratically, democratization and democratisation
Avoid Searching with non-essential words

Effects on
Impact of
Consequences of
Influence of
Results
Importance of
Significance of

Each author may use different linking words when discussing similar topics.

You don’t want your search to be limited to those books and articles that only contain the word “effect” or “consequence”.
Topic: Are elections vehicles for democratization?

MAIN IDEAS:
• Elections
• democratization
• Country: Sierra Leone

SYNONYMS OR RELATED WORDS:
Elections
  • voting
  • voters

democratization
  • democracy
Academic / Peer reviewed sources
Searching for Books

"Sierra Leone" and (elect* or vote* or voting) and democra*
How do I know if a book is scholarly?

Author Information – is the author a university faculty member? Or academic researcher?

Biographical sketch

Hans Lofgren is Associate Professor in Politics and Policy, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deakin University, Australia. He has published widely on health and pharmaceutical policy and is the editor of (with P. Sarangi) The Politics and Culture of Globalisation: India and Australia (2009) and (with E. de Leeuw and M Leahy) Democratising Health: Consumer Groups in the Policy Process (2011). Owain David Williams is a Research Fellow in the Centre for Health and International Relations, the Department of International Politics at Aberystwyth University, UK. He has published on global health governance and new actors in health. His work includes with Adrian Kay (eds.) Global Health Governance: Crisis, Institutions and Political Economy (2009), and Partnerships and Foundations in Global Health Governance with Simon Rushton (eds.) (2011).
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discussed the possibility of a form of African citizenship that could sit alongside national citizenships (African Union, 2004). There have also been suggestions of some sort of secondary citizenship arrangement for the African diaspora (African Union, 2005).

The European Union also has special arrangements for citizens of other European member states, described as ‘second country nationals’, as opposed to ‘third country nationals’. The EU is widely considered to be the most integrated and extensive regional international body (for example Medjoub et al., 2008, p. 8). The 1991 Maastricht Treaty discussed the notion of a new EU citizenship, which was more clearly elaborated in the 2007 Lisbon Treaty. Consequently, many of the hallmarks traditionally associated with citizenship, like health care, freedom of movement and settlement, employment and the right to vote, are
BCI Card – Borrow from other Libraries

Use a BCI card – to borrow books

You can use the BCI card to visit a different university library in person:
- Up to 3 books, for 2 weeks
- McGill, UdeM, UQAM, etc.

To receive a card, take your student card to the circulation/Loans desk at Webster or Vanier libraries and ask for a BCI card.

Why wouldn’t Concordia have the book or article?
- Different programs/areas of expertise/languages
COLOMBO – Interlibrary Loans

Interlibrary loans/COLOMBO

Books
Request **print** books from other libraries, which are delivered to Concordia for your use.

E-books are **Not available to borrow** from other libraries.

E-Journal Articles

Request e-journal articles from other libraries and a PDF copy will be delivered to your email within a week.

Use the ‘Create Request’ option on the left hand menu in COLOMBO to request articles.
You can combine databases to search several at the same time, never search more than 3 at once.

I’m combining 2: Political Science Complete & Academic Search Complete
Searching for articles – using keywords

Put your keywords into separate search boxes

Use Limits and Subject terms to narrow down your search
How do I know if the article is scholarly?

Author Information – is the author a university faculty member? Or an academic researcher?

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Subject Terms: ELECTIONS
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Peter Suber, *A Very Brief Introduction to Open Access*
Non-academic sources
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Check in each of these tabs for information about the country

Sierra Leone

In brief
Political stability will be supported by the smooth transition of the administration led by Julius Maada Bio and formation of an inclusive government. Fiscal policy will focus broadly on consolidation in 2018–19 as the government implements reforms advocated by the IMF to ensure the resumption of disbursements from the IMF and win over investor confidence. Persistent imbalances on the fiscal and external account and high inflation will continue to pose serious macroeconomic challenges.
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Spotting fake news online

University of Toronto Libraries: [How do I spot fake news?](https://libguides.utoronto.ca/fakenews)

**Verifying news stories (or sites you should get to know)**

- [FactCheck.org](https://www.factcheck.org): monitors the accuracy of U.S. political stories.
- [PolitiFact](https://www.politifact.com): verifies political news stories.
- [Snopes](https://www.snopes.com): fact-checks Internet rumours and stories.

**Spotting a fake news story**

(adapted from Professor Zimdars’ ‘[False, Misleading, Clickbait-y, and/or Satirical “News” Sources’](https://www.zimdarseducation.com/false-news/). Refer to Professor Zimdars’ site for a more extensive list).

Check the domain name. Does it look strange? Those ending unusual domains such as “.com.co” are fake news.

Refer to the ‘About Us’ area on a website to see what it says, or refer to the websites above for more information on the story or source.

Read multiple news sources to see how (or if) they are reporting on the same story.
African Government Information

Find official government resources online:

"sierra leone" elections voting vote

See also: canadian research index government information databases
Evaluation of government publications

Questions to Ask

Who is the publisher?
Is it a government? Or an organization?

Check the About Us pages – who is responsible for the website and why are they distributing the information?

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