POLI 404: International Institutions
Library Workshop

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  - Economics, Public Policy, Terrorism, Socialism, Communism, H-HV (LB4)
  - Political Science & Government, Political Theory, J - JZ (LB4)
    - International Relations, International organizations and associations, Political non-governmental organizations, NGOs, Intergovernmental organizations & IGOs, JZ (LB4)
    - Intergovernmental organizations. IGOs, KZ (LB4)
  - World History, D-DX (LB3)
Known items


- Book chapter
- Search for the Book Title in Library Catalogue
- Leave out “The”, “A”, “An”, etc. when searching for an exact title
Known items


- Journal Article
- Search for DOI or article title in Discovery search
- Search for article title in Google Scholar
  - Search for Journal title in the Library Catalogue
Known items

1. **Identify the format**: is it a book, book chapter or an article?
2. For books & book chapters: search the discovery search or library catalogue with the **title** of the book.
3. For articles: search the Discovery search with the **title** of the journal article.
4. For articles: search Google Scholar with the **title** of the journal article.
5. For articles: Search the Library Catalogue - Journal Title search for the Journal’s title.
6. **Ask or assistance/request from elsewhere**: If you are unable to locate the items, use Ask-a-librarian chat and/or request them through COLOMBO
Yearbooks & Handbooks

- “A concise reference book providing specific information about a subject or location.”

- Published yearly = Yearbook

- Provides context for a topic and helps define or narrow a topic

- Overview of an IGO or Country
Yearbooks & Handbooks

- **Europa World Plus** (online): “Provides historical, economic and statistical information on over 250 countries.” And International Orgs

- **Yearbook of International Organizations** (print): Authoritative handbook, includes IGOs, directory type information: structure, mission, activities, commentary, etc.
Search Tips

- **AND** - limits how many results your search produces
  - Example: security AND politics

- **OR** - increases the number of results your search produces
  - Example: economy OR finance

- **“ ”** - exact phrase, limits your search results
  - Example: “international cooperation”

- *** - truncation**: retrieves all words that start with the letters entered and expands search results
  - Example: peace* finds peace, peacebuilding, peacemaking, peacekeeping
Avoid Searching with Linking words

- Effects
- Impact
- Consequences
- Influence
- Results
- Importance
- Significance

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”
Useful Subject Headings

- International agencies
- International Relations
- International Relations - Philosophy
- International Relations - Case studies
- International Monetary Fund
- World Trade Organization
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- European Union
- United Nations
- International Monetary Fund
- World Bank
Useful Subject Headings

- Neoliberalism
- Liberalism
- Pluralism
- Realism
- Globalization
- Democracy
- International cooperation
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- Request a book from another university library and it will be delivered to Concordia for your use (for 2 weeks)

- Request an article from another university library and (generally) 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
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- Up to 3 books, for 2 weeks
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- Why wouldn’t Concordia have the book or article?
  - Different programs/areas of expertise/languages
Articles

- For current information
- Useful for case studies

**Scholarly Articles:**
- Original research contributed by scholars and experts
- Usually include methods used, results/interpretation and significance
- Lengthy bibliography, for further reading
- Peer reviewed

- Versus: Newspapers & Magazines
Check the following:

- Who is the **author** of this document? Is this person or organization expert in the field?

- Are the **goals** of the sponsors/authors clearly stated? Look for possible bias.

- Is this a **peer-reviewed** source? Is there any editorial control?

- Is the publication or revision **date** provided?

- **Target audience**: what is the level of information?

- Are there **links** to other sources or **from** other resources, a bibliography?
Political Science Complete

Use the Thesaurus to look-up your search words

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