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Fact Sheet: Literature Research

Sadly most term papers do not contain journal articles or research papers as basis for literature research. But these can be easily downloaded online if you know how to use the different research options on- and offline. Therefore you should make yourself familiar with the different ways of research available in and around Potsdam/Berlin. The following will contain some advice regarding research on scientific literature:

Tips on How to Search for Monographies and Edited Books:

UP-Catalogue:

Searching for monographies and edited books, you can visit at foremost the online catalogue of the university library <http://info.ub.uni-potsdam.de/>. In the research mask you can directly look for the author, title or keywords. The button “advanced” makes a more specific research possible.

Cooperative Library-Network Berlin-Brandenburg (KOBV):

If it's the case that you can't find the wanted book in the university library you can always advance your research on all university libraries in the area Berlin-Brandenburg. An online-platform for this is <http://www.kobv.de/> where you can order most books via interlibrary loan (see: <http://www.ub.hu-berlin.de/service/fernleihe/>).

Karlsruhe Virtual Catalogue (KVK):

Furthermore, there is the option to use the meta-catalogue by the KVK, which encompasses all of the regional-library-networks in Germany and even more international library-networks <http://www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/kvk.html> .

How and here do I find articles from magazines?:

Magazine Databank (ZDB):

Most important for the research of magazines is the ZDB <http://dispatch.opac.d-nb.de/LNG=DU/DB=1.1/>. On this platform you can find the worldwide biggest data source

for magazines, journals and newspapers. Through searching via ZDB you can easily find out which library or university has the wanted issue in stock.

E-Journals:

These days most scientific journal articles are available online as fulltext-pdfs. But these are not for everyone freely accessible. However, most of the university libraries have licenses for numerous journals.

- **UP-Catalogue:**
under the following address you can find a search mask to all E-journals available at the UP: <http://rzblx1.uni-regensburg.de/ezeit/fl.phtml?bibid=UBPO>.
Furthermore, the university catalogue offers the opportunity to search directly within journal-database (option: journals)
- **ISI Web of Knowledge (Social Science Citation Index):**
Another very useful platform for research of mainly English journal articles: http://apps.isiknowledge.com/WOSGeneralSearchinput.do?product=WOS&search_mode=GeneralSearch&SID=U1C4IG4jLl5Gm3n96e2&preferencesSaved=&highlighted_tab=WOS
The search mask of this platform offers some options to search for magazine and journal articles. Moreover you can gain access to the full text for which the UP holds a license. To use the service of ISI Web of Knowledge you need to be inside the UP-network.
- **Google:** If you are inside the UP-network you can always just search for the title and author of an article on google. Because often platforms like JSTOR or other publishers offer you direct access to download the article.
- **Google Scholar:** Furthermore Google offers a specific scientific-research service.
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What kind of issue specific databanks exist and where can I find them?:

Data-Infosystem (DBIS):

This platform offers a searchmask to get an overlook on issue specific databanks from different divisions. You can gain access to a lot of these from the DBIS website. Currently the DBIS offers for political science 169 different databanks: http://rzblx10.uni-regensburg.de/dbinfo/dbliste.php?bib_id=ubhub&colors=15&ocolors=40&lett=f&gebiete=17

More Tips:

VPN-SSL-Gateway or from home into the UP-network:

The UP offers a service through which you can get access to the UP-network from your own computer. Through this you can easily download full texts etc. from home. The ZEIK webpage offers a detailed description, how provide such a connection: <http://www.zeik.uni-potsdam.de/internet/vpn.html>

Subito:

If it's the case that you need an article from a journal or edited book really urgent and it's not available online, than there is always the option to use service offered by Subito (<http://www.subito-doc.de/>). Subito is a document delivery service where you can order articles from all over Germany and sometimes even from abroad for six euros each.