



Quick Start Guide- Social Science Open Access Repository

The Social Science Open Access Repository (SSOAR) is a database of social science literature maintained by the Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences. It has over 36,000 texts which are open-access and provided by social scientists and social science research institutions.

This guide is intended to help you search the database.

Searching

The screenshot shows the SSOAR homepage with a navigation bar containing links for Home, Guidelines, Browse and Search, Advanced Search, and Add new document. Below the navigation bar is the title "Social Science Open Access Repository" and a message: "Search our database of 36419 full texts:". A search input field is present with a "Go" button to its right. Below the search field is a welcome message: "Welcome to the Social Science Open Access Repository (SSOAR)! Here on our website you will find steadily growing holdings of freely available, full-text social science documents."

There are Basic and Advanced Search options. If you already know what you are specifically looking for, type your search terms in the box on the homepage and click **Go**.

If you want a more refined search, for example because you are doing research around a topic, click on **Advanced Search** to be taken to the page below.

The screenshot shows the "Advanced Search" interface. It features a table with columns for "Conjunction", "Search type", and "Search for". There are three rows for adding search criteria. Below the table are options for "Results" (set to 10), "Sort by" (set to relevance), and "order" (set to descending), followed by a "Go" button. To the right of the search interface is a "Searchtutorial" box containing a list of search operators: "...", Phrase Search; *, ?, Wildcards (* = none or multiple, ? = one); ~, Fuzzy Search; ^n, Boosting (n = positive Number). Below the list are "Search Operators: AND / OR / NOT" and a link to "detailed search manual".

Type what you are searching for in the boxes. If you type a title or part of a title, click on the Search Type drop-down menu and select Title. You can also search authors, keywords and other elements this way.



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It will automatically search for articles which have what you typed in all of the rows. For example if I typed 'Williams' next to Author and 'Microeconomics' next to Keyword, then my search would only return articles which had both Williams as an author and Microeconomics as a keyword.

You can use the drop-down menus on the left of the page to select OR. This will expand your search to include articles which satisfy at least one of the rows. For example, my search would return articles which only had Williams as an author, or Microeconomics as a keyword, or both.

You can select NOT to exclude articles from your search.

The 3 drop-down menus at the bottom let you control what the search results page looks like. You can change how many results per page there are. The search will automatically return articles which fit your search criteria the best, but you can use the drop-down menu next to **Sort by** to change the order to publication year or alphabetical by author. If you select publication year, the order will be most recent first. If you want the oldest articles to be first, change **descending** to **ascending**.

On the right side of the page there are search tips.

Search results

After you have clicked **Go** you will see a page like the one below.

The screenshot shows a search results page for the query 'microeconomics'. The search bar contains 'microeconomics' and a green 'Go' button. Below the search bar, there are three dropdown menus: 'Results' set to '10', 'Sort by' set to 'relevance', and 'order' set to 'descending'. A green 'sort' button is next to the 'order' dropdown. The results section shows 'Showing 10 out of a total of 147 results. (0.018 seconds)'. Below this is a pagination bar with '1-10 of 147: 1 2 3 4 ... 15' and a '>>' button. Two article entries are visible:

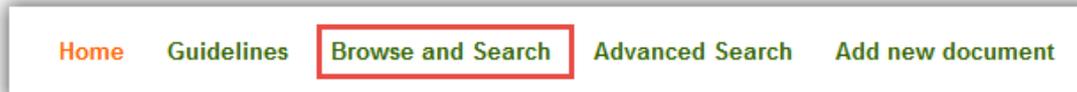
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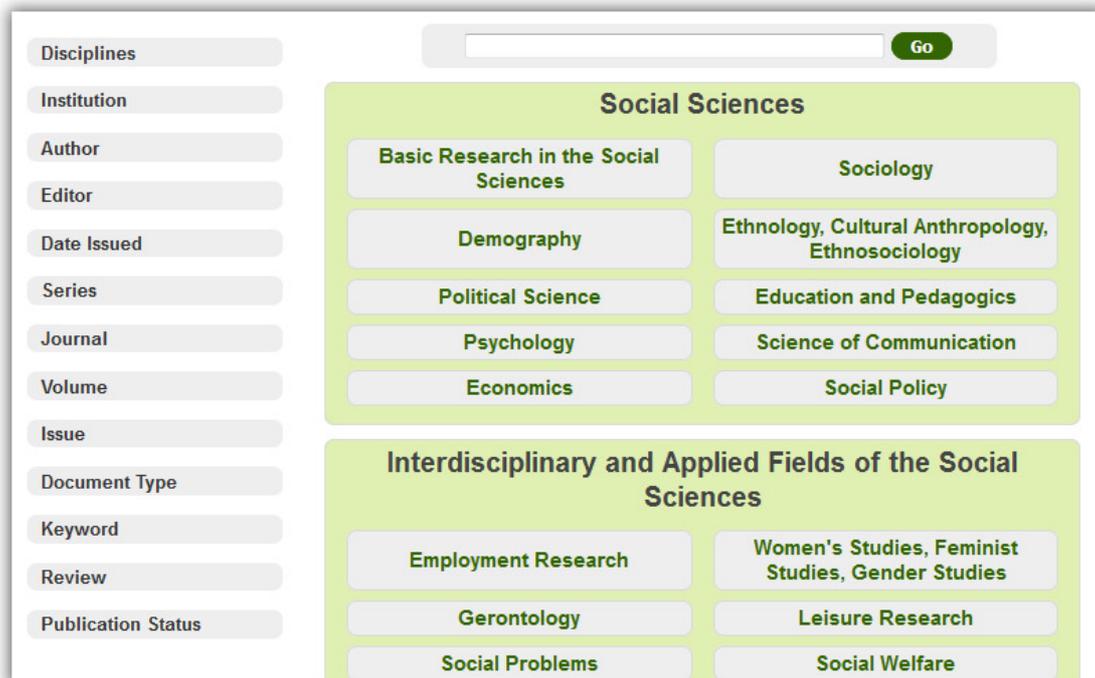
- 'You can conduct another search' points to the search bar.
- 'You can change the order of the results' points to the 'Sort by' and 'order' dropdown menus.
- 'Click to read the article' points to the title of the second article.
- 'Click the title to see more details' points to the title of the first article.



Browsing



To start browsing, click **Browse and Search** near the top of the page. This will take you to a list of subjects.



Clicking on one of the subjects will take to you a list of articles most relevant to that subject.

Clicking on **Disciplines** in the top left corner will allow you to browse more specific subject areas.

Clicking on any of the other links on the left side of the page will show you groups of articles, the largest of the groups being at the top. For example clicking on **Author** will show you the authors who have contributed the most articles. The number in brackets is the number of articles in that group. If you click on one of the subjects, the groups on the left side of the page will change to be only groups relevant to that subject.



Viewing articles

When you click on the title of an article you will be taken to a page like the one below.

The screenshot shows an article page for "The Art of the Possible: Toward a Cognitive Model for Political Action Choice" by Edmonds, Bruce. The page includes a PDF download link, a citation suggestion, and an abstract. Red callout boxes with arrows point to various features: "Click to see other articles by this author or institution" points to the author's name; "Click to read the article" points to the PDF icon; "Click on a keyword to see other relevant articles" points to the keywords section; "You can export the reference to EndNote" points to the export options; and "Click to see other articles by this author or institution" also points to the author's name.

The Art of the Possible: Toward a Cognitive Model for Political Action Choice
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Further Details

Abstract The consideration of political action by individuals is constrained by what those people consider possible, in terms of not only their immediate actions but also in terms of what changes in the world those individuals believe could occur because of their, or others', actions. However, there are two major complications to this picture: (a) people are heavily influenced by others they are in social contact with in terms of both goals and assessment of possibility, and (b) since what people do is influenced by what world-changes they consider possible, and people know this, what can change is influenced also by what others think others around them think is possible. Political action is influenced by social networks, including: the spread of information, the spread of social norms, the spread of social network, and adjustments to social norms. An implementation of an agent-based model is presented which simulates social contact, goal-directed action choice, negotiation and social norms.

Keywords [political culture](#); [political action](#); [political attitude](#); [cognitive factors](#); [simulation](#); [protest](#); [decision making](#); [political lawsuit](#)

More documents from Edmonds, Bruce
More documents from European Quarterly of Political Attitudes and Mentalities

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If you use Firefox you will see this bar at the top:

The screenshot shows the Firefox browser toolbar with the following callouts:

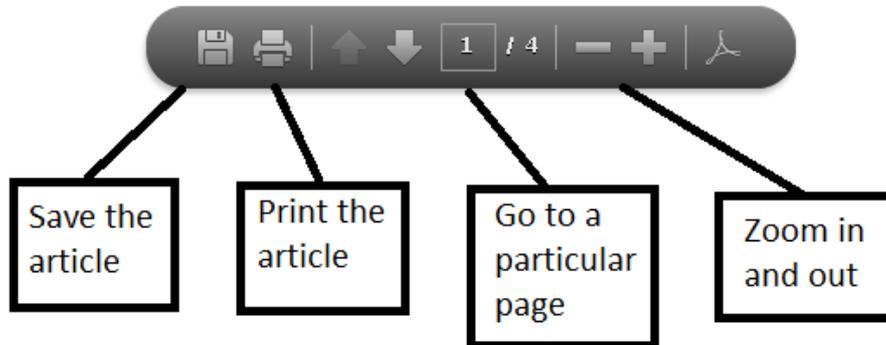
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