Library resources

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Today’s session

• DiscoverEd
  • Making sure you know the basics

• Essential digital resources for you

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  • You can use keywords to search single search box
  • Or use Advanced Search option.

• You can **sign in** to access your Library Account
  • Renewals, requests, fines, favourites, etc.
  • Report issues with e-resources
  • Ensures you’re seeing full set of resources if working off-campus

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Some shelfmarks to browse:

**BL** (Religions, mythology, rationalism)

**C** (Archaeology, history of civilisation, genealogy, etc.)

**D-DX** (World History; history of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia)

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**GN** (Anthropology, including prehistoric archaeology)

**PA** (Greek and Latin language and literature)
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Covert and Overt Operations: Interwar Political Policing in the United States and the United Kingdom

Jennifer Luff

The American Historical Review, Volume 122, Issue 3, 1 June 2017, Pages 727–757,
https://doi-org.ezproxy.is.ed.ac.uk/10.1093/ahr/122.3.727
Published: 08 June 2017

This article reveals a startling episode unknown to contemporaries and historians: Britain’s secret Interwar bar on Communists in government service. Between 1927 and 1946, thousands of unwitting industrial workers suspected of Communist sympathies were investigated, and many were fired or blacklisted from government employment. Contrary to popular and historical accounts, the...
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Beyond your reading list - Some essential digital resources

Searching for academic literature on your subject?

- Bibliographic databases
- Search 100s of 1000s of references/records at one time
- Sophisticated search functionality
- Subject specific

Looking for reference works or texts?

- Access to various digital versions of dictionaries*, encyclopedias, thesauri, maps, Latin and Greek texts, etc.

*Not just OED but also resources like Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (ODNB), Oxford Classical Dictionary Online, etc.

www.ed.ac.uk/is/databases-subjects
Or
www.ed.ac.uk/is/subject-guides
Beyond your reading list - Some essential digital resources

Looking for primary source material?
- Over 300 digital primary source databases
- Late Medieval Period onwards
- Official documents, personal papers, diaries, rare books, census material, pamphlets, manuscripts, images, moving images, sound recordings, etc.

http://edin.ac/primary-sources
http://edin.ac/images

Searching for newspaper articles?
- Over 40 newspaper databases (100s of titles)
- Archive and current content
  - 17th century onwards
- UK and international titles
- Magazine/periodical archives too

http://edin.ac/newspapers-magazines
Further resources

• Subject Guides
  http://edinburgh-uk.libguides.com/archaeology
  http://edinburgh-uk.libguides.com/classics
  http://edinburgh-uk.libguides.com/history

• DiscoverEd FAQs
  http://edin.ac/2cXRLo8

• Databases
  www.ed.ac.uk/is/library-databases

• Accessing e-resources
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• Information literacy courses (Digital skills)
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