

Introduction: Use of electronic information resources

This guide highlights some of the most important general reference resources available both in hardcopy in the University Library and via our electronic subscriptions.

Access from outside the University Network (the .cam domain) will require use of a either an Athens or Raven password. These are available to current staff and students of Cambridge University.

Encyclopedias & dictionaries: general

	CUL classmark/URL
Craig, Edward (general editor) <i>Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i> . 10 vols. London: Routledge, 1998. Also available online. http://www.rep.routledge.com/	R196.1
An authoritative reference work with scholarly articles on philosophers and philosophy and related interdisciplinary fields from all continents and on all periods. Additionally includes articles on new concepts and recent scholarly developments. The online version is constantly updated.	
Craig, Edward (general editor) <i>Concise Routledge encyclopedia of philosophy</i> . London: Routledge, 2000. Condensed version of <i>Routledge encyclopedia of philosophy</i> (s.a.).	180:1.b.200.2
Sills, David L. (ed.) <i>International encyclopedia of the social sciences</i> . 19 vols. [New York]: Macmillan, 1968-1991.	R200.2
A standard encyclopedia in this field with c1,900 articles. It concentrates on theory and methodology, psychology and sociology, with few articles on historical topics, biographies and excludes entries of those born after 1890. Articles average c1,500 words.	
Audi, Robert (general editor) <i>The Cambridge dictionary of philosophy</i> . 2 nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.	R196.131
Excellent concise dictionary of philosophy, covering concepts as well as people. Includes cross-references, a selective name index and an appendix of special symbols and logical notation. No bibliographies.	
Blackburn, Simon <i>The Oxford dictionary of philosophy</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994.	R196.4
Includes c. 2,500 entries, mostly very brief on topics and people. No bibliographies. Concentrates more on definition of terms and less on schools of thought and individual philosophers.	
Honderich, Ted (ed.) <i>The Oxford companion to philosophy</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press, c1995.	R196.130
Covers mainly western philosophy and all its aspects in over 1,900 articles. Emphasis is on contemporary rather than historical philosophy. Includes biographies and bibliographies, a chronological table of philosophy and an index.	

Encyclopedias & dictionaries: aspects of philosophy

Kelly, Michael (editor in chief)

Encyclopedia of aesthetics. 4 vols.

R400.15

New York;Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998.

In c. 600 articles critically considers art, culture and nature. Includes biographical entries on philosophers, psychologists and creative artists. With index and bibliographies.

Becker, Lawrence C. & Becker, Charlotte B. (eds.)

Encyclopedia of ethics. 2 vols. 2nd ed.

R196.18

2nd ed. London: Routledge; 2001

In c. 435 articles discusses concepts, issues, principles, theories, major figures and history of philosophical ethics. With bibliographies and analytical indices of names and subjects.

Roth, John K. (ed.)

International encyclopedia of ethics.

R196.17

London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 1995.

Covers a wide range of applied ethics and other ethics-related topics in c. 819 articles, some in substantial depth. Aims to cover western as well as Asian cultures. Includes biographies.

Gregory, Richard L. & Zangwill, O.L. (eds.)

The Oxford companion to the mind.

R196.56

Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987.

Covers the fields of psychology, philosophy of mind, and physiology of the brain and nervous system in c. 1000 articles. Entries range from brief definitions to substantial essays. Emphasis on Anglo-American scholarship. Includes biographies.

Zeyl, Donald (ed.)

Encyclopedia of classical philosophy.

R196.6

London: Fitzroy Dearborn, c1997.

Discusses philosophy of Greek and Roman antiquity from 600BC to 600AD in more than 270 articles. Covers epistemology, ethics and political thought as well as individual people. With bibliographies and name and subject index.

Waibl, Elmar & Herdina, Philip

German dictionary of philosophical terms. 2 vols.

R196.135

München: K.G. Saur; London: Routledge, 1997.

An English-German German-English dictionary of c. 20,000 entries of specialist English and German terminology used in the discipline of philosophy and related areas. Includes 1,300 cross-references index of philosophical titles and their translations and an index of their authors.

Bibliographies

Arts & humanities citation index. 1975-. Half-yearly.

Philadelphia: Institute for Scientific Information.

R915.300

1981- also available online as **Web of Science**. Weekly.

Personal Athens password required.

<http://wok.mimas.ac.uk/>

A multidisciplinary index to the journal literature of art, architecture, language and literature. More than 1,300 journals are indexed, including reviews. Non-journal literature, such as conference literature or books, are not included. Use to search for papers which have cited a known paper or other work.

Philosopher's index: an international index to philosophical periodicals. Quarterly.

Bowling Green, Ohio, Bowling Green State University, [1969-].
With a retrospective index to publications from 1940.
1940- also available online (WebSpirs) Quarterly.

R196:5.18

<http://webspirs.cam.ac.uk/>

The most important bibliographical and abstracting resource in this field indexing scholarly articles on philosophy and related interdisciplinary fields, such as history, theology, law and languages. Includes articles in c. 300 major journals in English, French, German and Italian, and dissertations. With subject index.

Religion index. 1949-. Annual.

Religion index one: Periodicals.

R101:5.1

Religion index two: Multi-author works, Festschriften.

R101:5.2

[Chicago]: American Theological Library Association, 1985-.

Also available online as **ATLA religion database** (WebSpirs). Quarterly.

<http://webspirs.cam.ac.uk/>

A bibliographical resource indexing scholarly articles on religion and theology. It covers such topics as Biblical studies, world religions, Church history, and religious perspectives on social issues. It consists of more than one million records covering the research literature of religion in more than 30 languages, and includes more than 200,000 articles from 650 journals, more than 300,000 essays from 14,000 multi-author works, and more than 300,000 book reviews. Includes subject index, author index, title index and scripture index.

Biography

International directory of philosophy and philosophers 2001-2002.

12th ed.

[Ask in
Philosophy Library]

Charlottesville, Va.: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2001.

11th ed. 1999/2000. Bowling Green, Oh.: Philosophy Documentation Center, 1999.

Ref.50.21

A guide to philosophical activities in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. Companion volume to *Directory of American philosophers*. Includes information such as names, contact details, areas of specialisation of universities, colleges, research centres, institutes, councils, societies, associations, publishers and philosophers engaged in research and teaching.

Directory of American philosophers, 2002-2003. 21st ed.

Charlottesville, Va.: Bowling Green State University, Philosophy Documentation Center, 2002.

[Ask in
Philosophy Library]

16th ed. 1992-1993. Bowling Green, Oh.: Philosophy Documentation Center, Bowling Green State University, c1992.

Ref.50.U15

A guide to philosophical activities in the United States and Canada. Companion volume to the *International directory of philosophy and philosophers*. Includes information such as names, contact details and areas of specialisation of universities, colleges and philosophers engaged in research and teaching.

Brown, Stuart; Collinson, Diané & Wilkinson, Robert (eds.)

Biographical dictionary of twentieth-century philosophers.

R196.9

London: Routledge, 1996.

Lists details of c. 1,000 philosophers with brief entries. Includes some bibliographies, a guide to schools and movements, a nationality index, a category index, an index of influences. The definition of "philosopher" is fairly broad.

The philosopher's phone and e-mail directory 2000/2001.

Bowling Green, Oh: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2000.

[Ask in Philosophy Library]

Lists address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, world-wide-web addresses, University or College affiliations in the US and Canada.

Lutz, Bernd (ed.)

Metzler-Philosophen-Lexikon: von den Vorsokratikern bis zu den Neuen Philosophen. 2., aktualisierte und erweiterte Aufl.
Stuttgart: Metzler, 1995.

R196.28

Biographical dictionary covering only European philosophers. Gives biographical details and some lengthy essays outlining the philosopher's main thoughts, ideas and influences. Includes many illustrations and photograph, bibliographies and a name index.

Huisman, Denis (general ed.)

Dictionnaire des philosophes. 2e éd. rev. et augm. 2 vols.
Paris: Presses universitaires de France, 1993

R196.129

Substantial biographical dictionary of over 3,500 entries, giving biographical details and essays on the philosopher's thoughts and ideas. Includes bibliographies, indices of contributors, of philosophers arranged by discipline and by school.

Special collections : printed & manuscript

Venn collection (1,100 vols)

[Ask in Rare Books Reading Room]

Books on logic, donated by logician John Venn (1834-1923). Covers 16th-19th centuries, in various languages. Largest private collection on logic.

Leigh collection (8,000 vols)

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Ralph Alexander Leigh (1915-1987), Prof. of French at Cambridge University. Collection concentrates on French literature, philosophy & history of 18th and 19th centuries. Special emphasis on Rousseau, his circle and his critics.

Wittgenstein archive

[Contact Wren Library, Trinity College]

Consists of manuscripts, typescripts and dictations on philosophical subjects 1914-49; correspondence 1912-51. 32 boxes. Listed and indexed. An online catalogue of the papers is available at <http://rabbit.trin.cam.ac.uk/~jon/Witt/Wittgenstein.html>.

Internet resources

Humbul Humanities Hub.

<http://www.humbul.ac.uk/>

Part of the nationally-funded Resource Discovery Network (RDN), it aims to provide an Internet portal to the study of the humanities. Includes online tutorials.

The RDN guide for the Arts and Humanities

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/subject/arts-hum/>

Philosophy links supported by the Philosophy Faculty, Cambridge University.

<http://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/Links/links.html>

Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

<http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/>

Reference tool for research and study developed by James Fieser (general editor). Articles include adaptations from public domain sources, adaptations of material written by the editor for classroom purposes, and original contributions by professional philosophers around the internet.

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy.

<http://plato.stanford.edu/contents.html>

An established collaborative work by many reputable scholars, this free resource covers philosophy and related disciplines. Still very much under development, with many topics awaiting an entry. Updated infrequently.

This guide was largely compiled by the Librarian of the Philosophy Library, Cambridge University.