

Historical Abstracts: quick start guide

This database is very good for finding journal articles on world history (not US or Canada) from the 15th Century onwards.

Getting started

1. Go to the library homepage at <http://library.leeds.ac.uk> or to the **Learn** tab in Minerva.
2. Type **historical abstracts** in the Library search box.
3. Select **Historical abstracts** from the results list.
4. Click on the link **Historical abstracts -- EBSCO Databases** to enter the database.

Searching Historical Abstracts

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Historical Abstracts search interface. It includes a search bar with the text "second world war* or *world war II", a dropdown menu for "Select a Field (optional)", and buttons for "Search" and "Clear". Below the search bar are three rows of search terms: "form* or welfare", "brit* or engl* or *united kingdom", and "Add Row". The interface also features a "Search Options" section with radio buttons for "Boolean/Phrase", "Find all my search terms", "Find any of my search terms", and "SmartText Searching". There is a "Limit your results" section with checkboxes for "Linked Full Text", "Peer Reviewed", "References Available", and "Historical Period from". The "Historical Period from" section includes fields for "Year" and "Era" with a dropdown menu. The "Published Date from" section includes fields for "Month" and "Year" with dropdown menus. The "Publication" field is also visible.

1. Combine keywords with AND / OR.

2. Type your keywords into the search boxes. It is possible to combine terms with OR in a single box.

3. Many different search options, All text, Author, Title, Journal Source.

4. Limit your search by type of document, date published and many more.



Combining keywords

- Use AND to search for both the words and narrow the search, eg Britain AND reforms
- Use OR to search for either of your terms and broaden your search, eg Britain OR UK

Understanding your results and finding the full text

2. Narrow your search by using limits in the left hand column.

1. Add to folder to save, email, print or export references to Endnote.

3. Links take you to more details, often a summary (abstract) of the article.

Search Results: 1 - 10 of 564

1. **Fighting the War or Preparing for Peace? The ILO during the Second World War.**
Krieg führen oder den Frieden vorbereiten? Die ILO während des Zweiten Weltkrieges. By: Kott, Sandrine. Journal of Modern European History. Aug2014, Vol. 12 Issue 3, p359-376. 18p. doi:10.1017/S14747480140001945.
Subjects: INTERNATIONAL Labour Organisation -- History; Commercial Sectors; Labor Unions and Similar Labor Organizations -- History -- 20th century; **WORLD War, 1939-1945**; INTERNATIONAL cooperation -- History -- 20th century; LABOR laws & legislation -- International cooperation -- History

2. **World War II, Post-war Reconstruction and British Women Chemists.**
By: Horrocks, Sally. AMBIX. Jul2011, Vol. 58 Issue 2, p150-170. 21p. Historical Period: 1939 to 1955. DOI: 10.1179/174582311X13008456751026.
Subjects: GREAT Britain; **WORLD War, 1939-1945**; WOMEN chemists; CHEMISTS; **COLD War, 1945-1989**; HIGHER Education; WOMEN -- Employment; PROFESSIONAL education of women; WOMEN -- Education (Higher)

1. To find the full text, click on **check@leeds**. It will try and link you directly to the full text.

2. If it can't find a direct link it will try and find a link to our print copies of the journal
Or a link to the library catalogue to search for the title of the journal.

Results from Check@Leeds

World War II, Post-war Reconstruction and British Women Chemists.
Author: Horrocks. Published in: AMBIX, v. 58 no. 2, pp. 150-170 Date: 20110701

On-line full text articles
Read *this article* at [Ingenta Connect](#)

HOLDINGS 01-01-2005 -

Leeds holds some volumes of this title in print format
Search [Leeds University Library Catalogue](#) to view details

Try the catalogue
Sometimes direct linking fails - click here to search for the journal in [Leeds University Library Catalogue](#)

Cited References

If you click the **Cited References** link on a result, a new screen presents a list of records/references which have been cited/used in your article.

Getting help

- Click on **Help** in the top right corner of the database search screen.
- Contact Library enquiries: <https://library.leeds.ac.uk/contact/enquiries>