

How to find the information resources for your assignment? (social sciences)

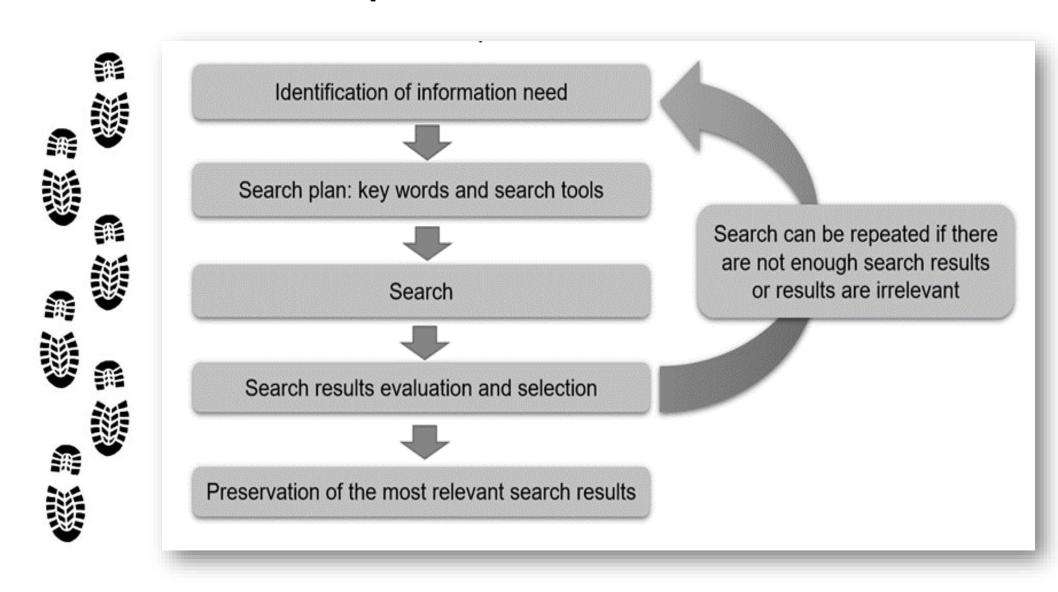
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I know the theme of my assignment. What is my second step?



Information search plan



Identification of information need

- Information novelty
- Type of information
- Information format
- Search language
- Information quantity
- Time spend searching

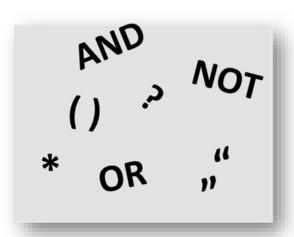


- Less than 5 years old? 10 years old? Older?
- Books? Publications? Conference proceedings?
- Bibliographical? Full-text documents?
- o English? Other languages ?

Keywords

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- theme;
- synonyms, related terms;
- translation to other languages;
- context, where the words are used;
- term search in encyclopedias, controlled dictionaries and thesaurus.



<u>ERIC</u>	<u>UNESCO Thesaurus</u>	<u>Merriam-Webster</u>	<u>Thesaurus.com</u>	Encyclopedia.com
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Search tools selection

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Institutional E-CATALOGUE	Institutional PUBLICATION DATABASES,	SUBSCRIBED DATABASES	OPEN ACCESS RESOURCES	SPECIALIZED SEARCH SYSTEMS	INTERACTIVE SEARCH TOOLS
	thesis and dissertation REPOSITORIES	(ScienceDirect, EBSCO, Wiley, JSTOR etc.)	(Directory of Open Access Journals, Open Access Button etc.)	(Google Scholar, RefSeek etc.)	(Connected papers etc.)

Evaluation of search results

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Aspects of information selection:

- relevance to the topic
- novelty
- variety
- quantity
- quality

Aspects of information quality:

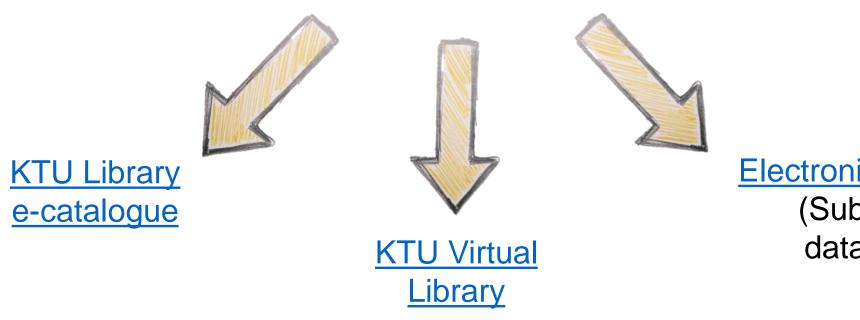
- reliability
- objectivity
- authorship of the resource
- publisher
- the aim of publishing
- list of references

Tips for effective information search

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- ✓ It is impossible to find all relevant information resources. Balance between the time spent for information search and quantity number of found information resources should be maintained
- Search strategy is not fixed. There is no right solution, one key word or the best search tool
- The main search principles (selection of key words, tools and resources) can be applied performing search in any information resource.
- ✓ Good search tool: enough information resources found easily and in a short period of time.
- ✓ Write down selected key words, tools etc. Preserve necessary documents and links, make notes.
- ✓ If you can not find necessary information ask for help of your supervisor or subject librarian.

How to start information search? Library suggests:



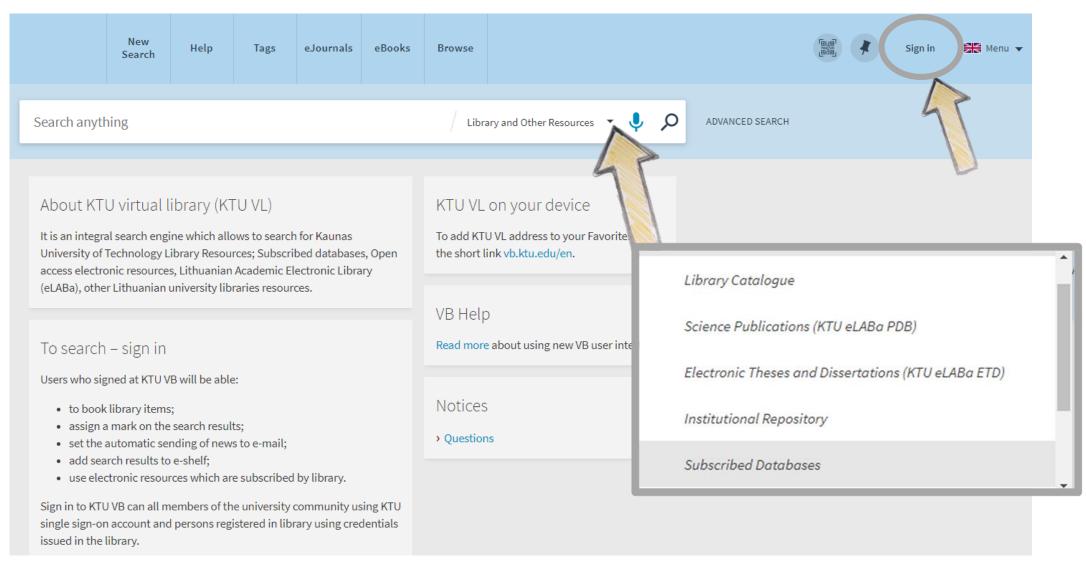
Electronic resources
(Subscribed databases)

Enter name or phrase

Where to search: O Library Catalogue O KTU Science Publications KTU Virtual Library

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one stop shop to perform search among all library resources



Filter your search results





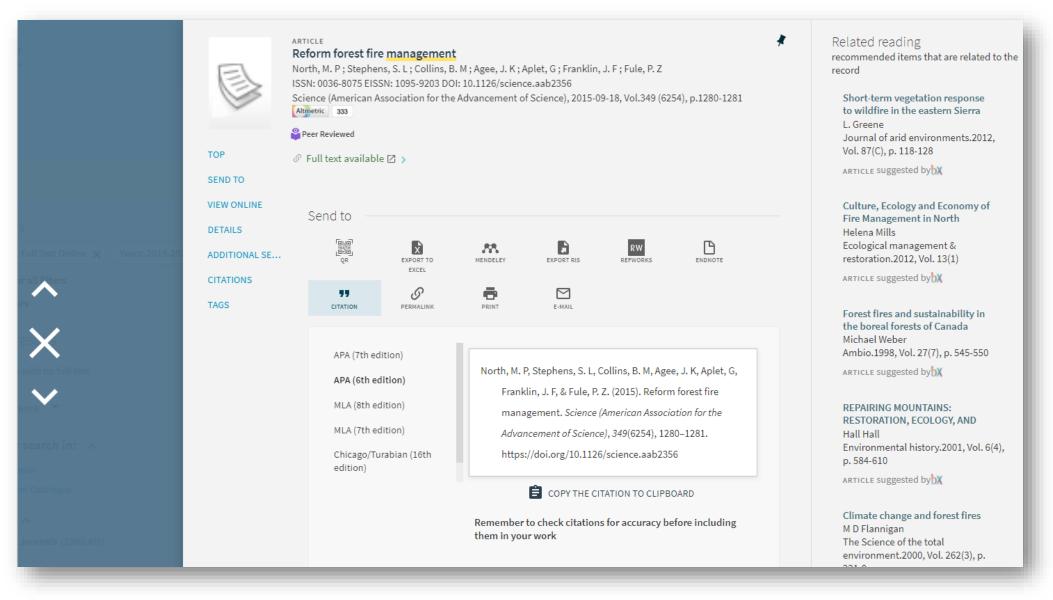
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	Analysis (38,267)
	Artificial Intelligence (74,050)
	Artificial Neural Networks (14,729)
	Classification (14,072)
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	Computer Science, Information Systems (15,800
	Engineering (61,022)
	Engineering, Electrical & Electronic (36,040)
	Life Sciences & Biomedicine (31,019)
	Machine Learning (40,902)
	Methods (15,127)
	Neural Networks (31,482)
	Optimization (18,941)
	Physical Sciences (25,114)
	Physics (26,983)
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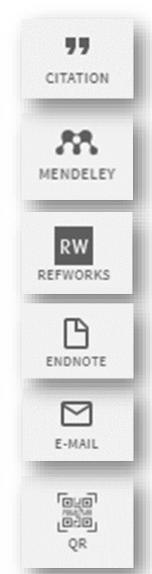
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	Business Source Complete (37,869)
	esp@cenet (24,669)
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	Freedom Collection Journals [SCFCJ] (46,146)
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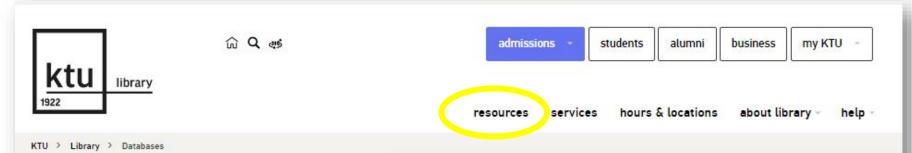
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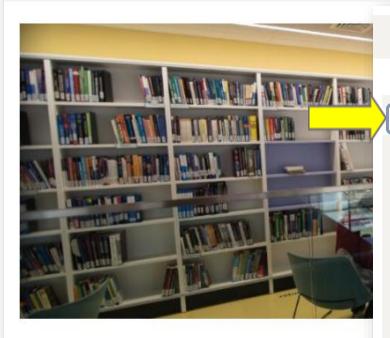
Search result, its citation and saving





Subscribed databases





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Reference management tools

Information for users

Catalogue

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Study modules literature search

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Databases according to topics

Databases and descriptions according to the alphabet

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Publication search in subscribed databases







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<u>Academic Search Ultimate</u> (EBSCO Publishing) – a multi-disciplinary full text database, with more full text periodicals, including peer-reviewed journals.

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Emerald Management eJournals Collection – peer-reviewed journals of social sciences.

<u>JSTOR</u> – access to more than 600 scholarly journals in the field of social sciences and humanities.

SAGE Journals Online – full-text journals covering topics in business, humanities and social sciences

Science Direct Journals – full-text of Elsevier Science journals in fields of Science and Social Sciences.

<u>Springer LINK Journals</u> – peer-reviewed journals covering topics in various disciplines.

<u>Taylor & Francis</u> – peer-reviewed journals in various fields of Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Wiley Online Library – full-text journals covering topics in various disciplines

Target: International Journal of Translation Studies – full-text scholarly journal.

Ebook search in subscribed databases









Wiley Online Library



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Other databases

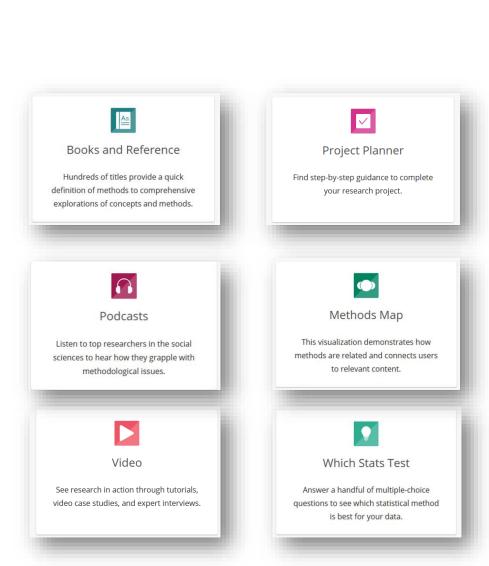


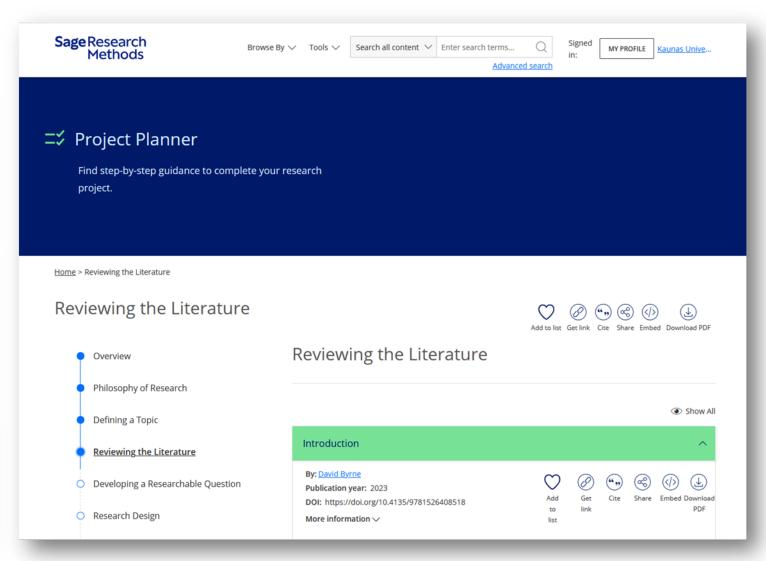
<u>Passport</u> – market research reports about various consumer products and industries worldwide from Euromonitor International.



<u>SAGE Research Methods</u> - the ultimate methods library with books, reference works, journal articles, and instructional videos

SAGE Research Methods: database that can answer – how?





Access to e-resources 24/7 with KTU single sign-on account

KTU Virtual Library

 one stop shop search in all subscribed databases

VPN (Virtual Private Network)

- install VPN client into your personal computer
- sign on to VPN and start search in DB

Remote access (EZproxy)

- library.ktu.edu/
- Resources -> Databases -> Information for users;
- single KTU sign-on;
- select database, where search will be performed









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Open access resources

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Open access to books, publications, conference proceedings etc.

- ✓ DOAB Directory of Open Access Books.
- ✓ DOAJ: Directory of Open Access Journals
- ✓ Open Access Button open access publications
- ✓ <u>OpenDissertations</u> (EBSCO Publishing) an open-access database built to assist in locating both historic and contemporary dissertations and theses
- ✓ etc.

Specialized search systems

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- ✓ Google Scholar
- ✓ Google Books
- ✓ Microsoft Academic Search
- ✓ RefSeek

Better than Google!



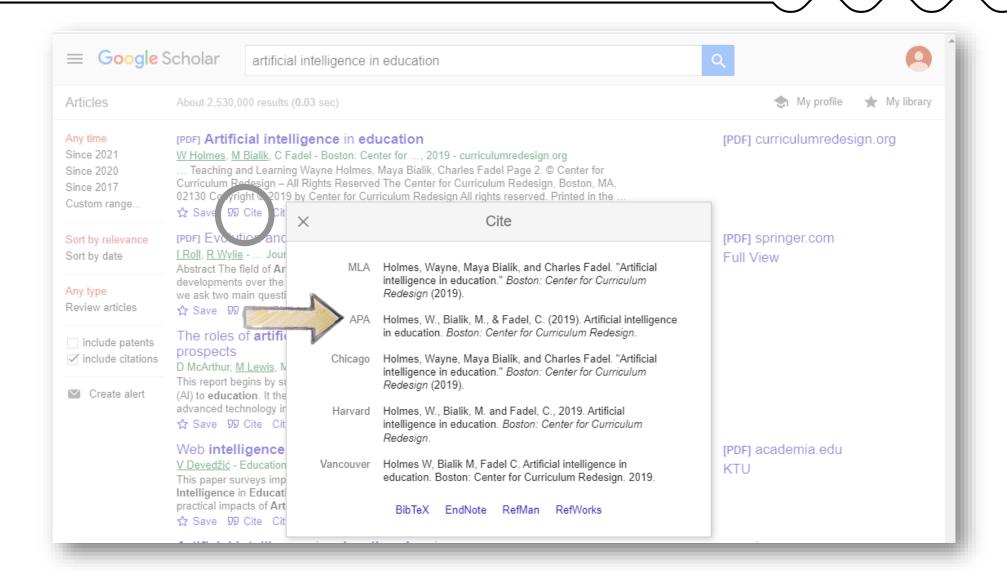






Google Scholar

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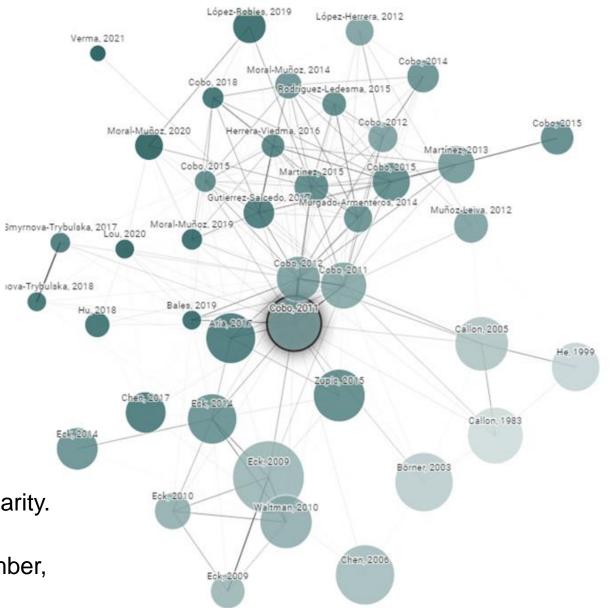
Interactive search tools

<u>connectedpapers.com</u> – helps to:

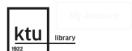
- get a visual overview of a new academic field;
- make sure you haven't missed an important paper;
- discover the most relevant prior and derivative works.

The size of the circles indicates the number of citations, the intensity of the color - novelty, the distance between circles - the level of thematic similarity.

The search is possible by keyword, article title, DOI number, or URL from *arXiv*, *PubMed*, or *SemanticScholar*.



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