

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

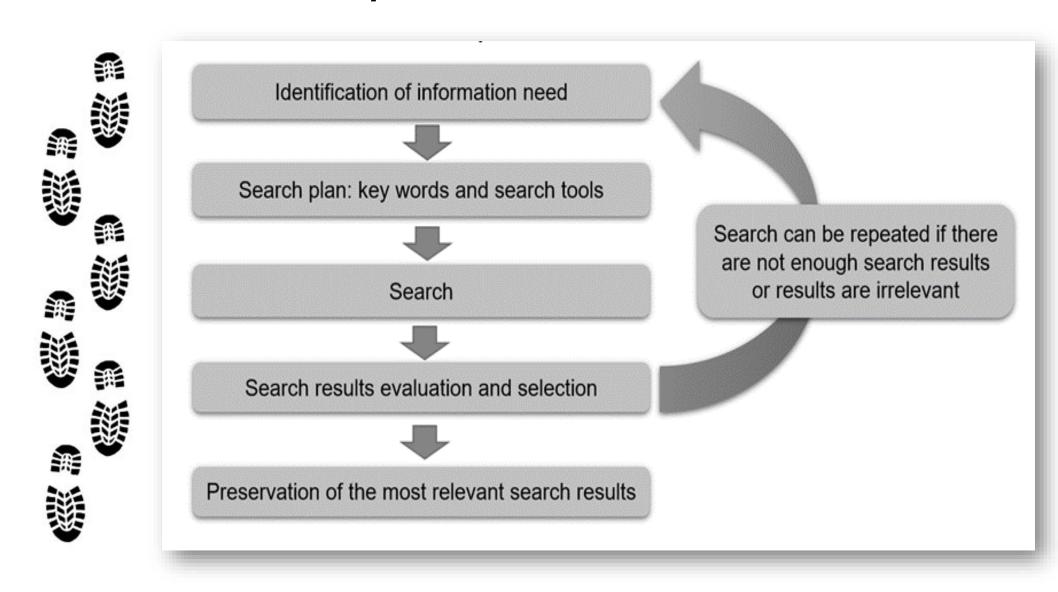
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I know the theme of my assignment. What is my second step?



Information search plan



Identification of information need

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

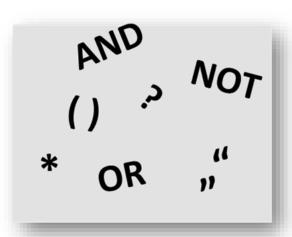


- Less than 5 years old? 10 years old? Older?
- Books? Publications? Conference proceedings?
- Bibliographical? Full-text documents?
- o English? Other languages ?

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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Googol = 10^{100}

| 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:

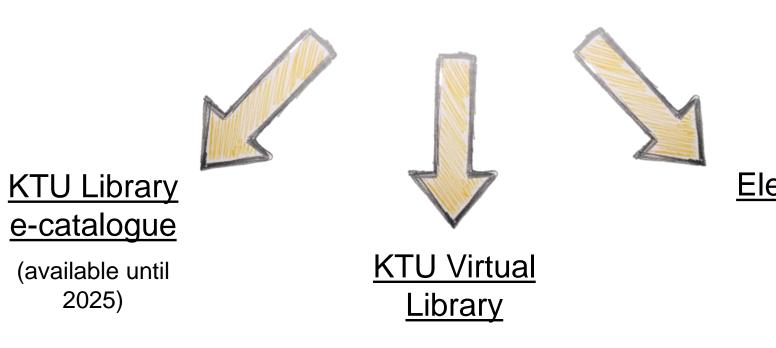
- reliability
- objectivity
- authorship of the resource
- publisher
- the aim of publishing
- list of references

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:



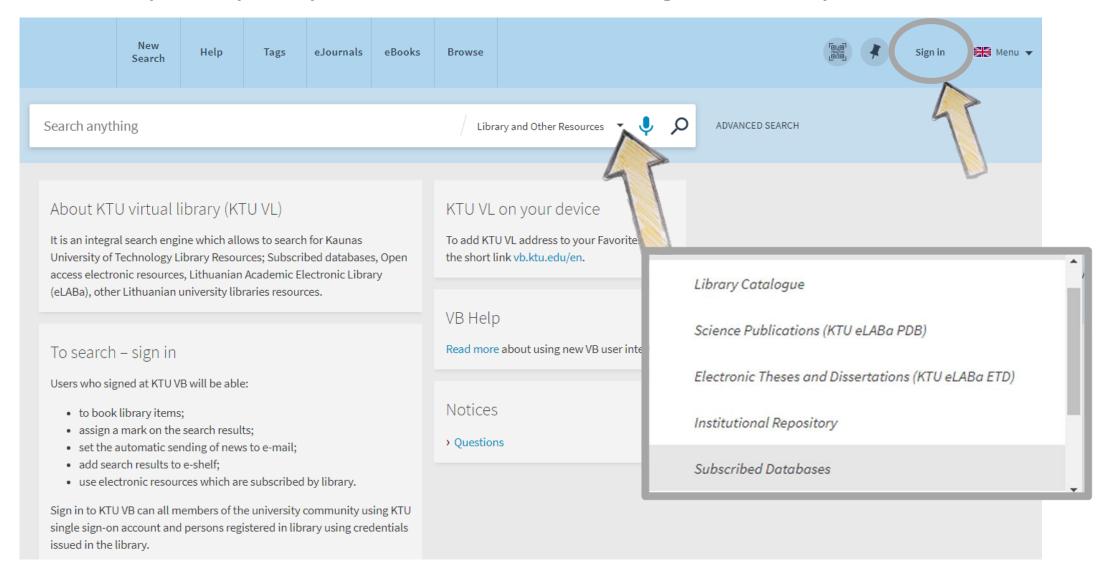
Electronic resources
(Subscribed databases)

Enter name or phrase

Where to search: O Library Catalogue O KTU Science Publications
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one stop shop to perform search among all library resources



Filter your search results

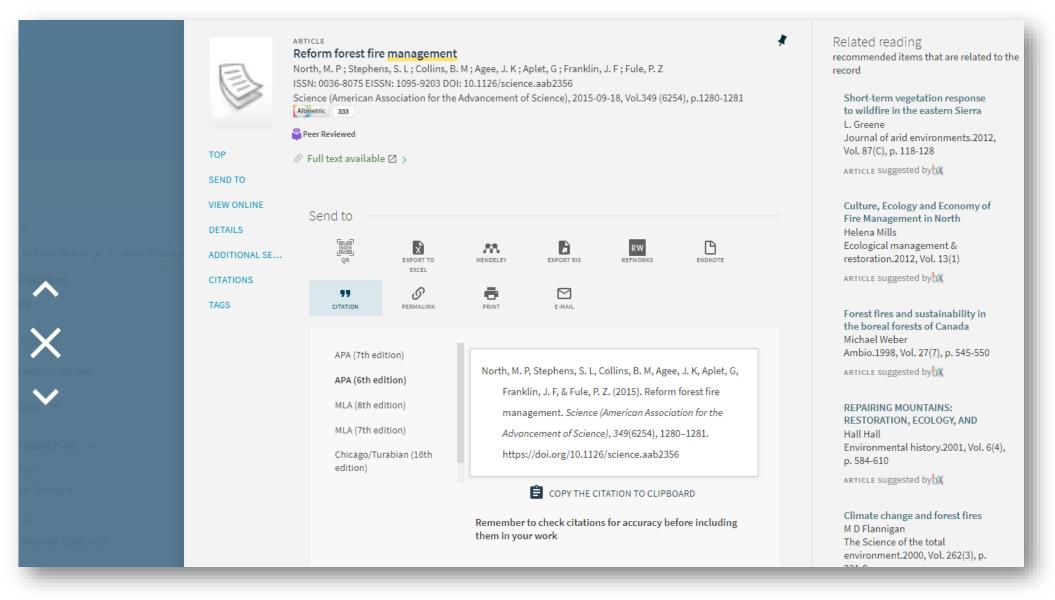


| Availability ^ |
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| Full Text Online (339,137) |
| Peer-reviewed Journals (202,250) |
| Open Access |
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| Resource Type ^ |
| Articles (271,710) |
| Books (2,269) |
| Conference Proceedings (9,901) |
| Datasets (4,742) |
| Doctoral Theses (513) |
| Government Documents (9) |
| Images (669) |
| Journals (276) |
| Market Research (3) |
| Newspaper Articles (7,581) |
| Other (Subscribed Resources) (35) |
| Parts of Book (10,630) |

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| | Algorithms (53,946) |
| | Analysis (38,267) |
| | Artificial Intelligence (74,050) |
| | Artificial Neural Networks (14,729) |
| | Classification (14,072) |
| | Computer Science (109,787) |
| | Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence (82,709) |
| | 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) |
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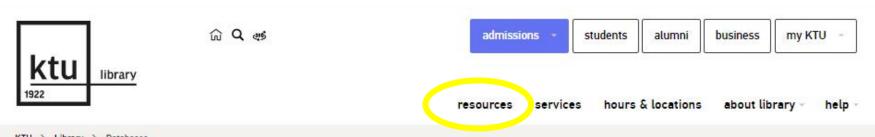
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Search result, its citation and saving

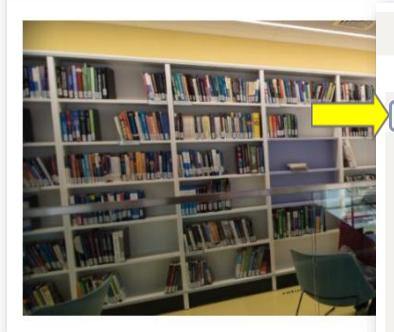




Subscribed databases



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Resources

Databases

Free trial databases

Reference management tools

Information for users

Catalogue

Virtual library

Study modules literature search

Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library eLABa

Institutional repository KTU ePubl

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Databases according to topics

Databases and descriptions according to the alphabet

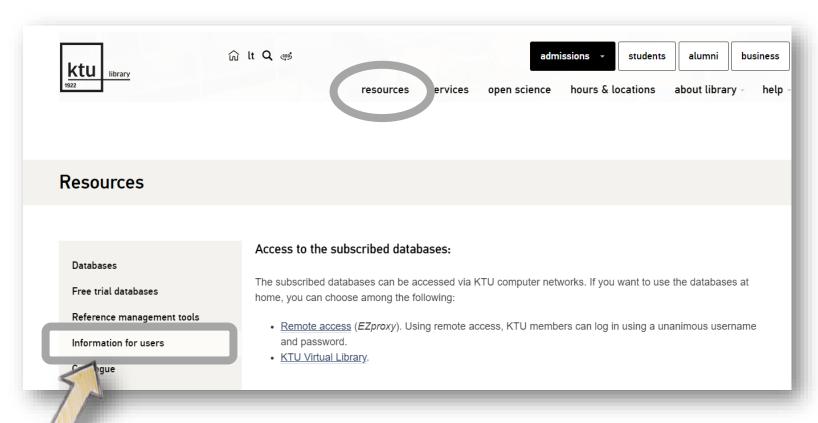
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- remote access KTU single sign-on;
- select database, where search will be performed

KTU Virtual Library

 one stop shop search in all subscribed databases

Publication search in subscribed databases







SSAGE journals









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<u>Business Source Ultimate</u>(EBSCO Publishing) – a scholarly database of business, including marketing, management, MIS, POM, accounting, finance and economics. .(<u>EZproxy</u>)

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

<u>JSTOR</u> – access to more than 600 scholarly journals across 60 disciplines (<u>EZproxy</u>)

<u>SAGE Journals Online</u> – full-text journals covering topics in business, humanities and social sciences (<u>Ezproxy</u>)

<u>ScienceDirect Journals</u> – full-text journals in fields of Science and Social Sciences (<u>EZproxy</u>)

Springer LINK Journals – peer-reviewed journals covering topics in various disciplines (EZproxy)

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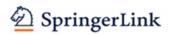
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Target: International Journal of Translation Studies – full-text scholarly journal. (EZproxy)

Ebook search in subscribed databases









Wiley Online Library



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<u>Wiley Online eBooks</u> – 126 online books covering topics in Finances, Engineering, Physics, Computers Sciences, Chemistry and more. (<u>EZproxy</u>)

<u>Taylor & Francis</u> - access to 118 e-books covering topics in social sciences and humanities.

Other resources and databases



<u>The Economist</u> – e. journal. Access is provided by the Social Sciences and Humanities Library.



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



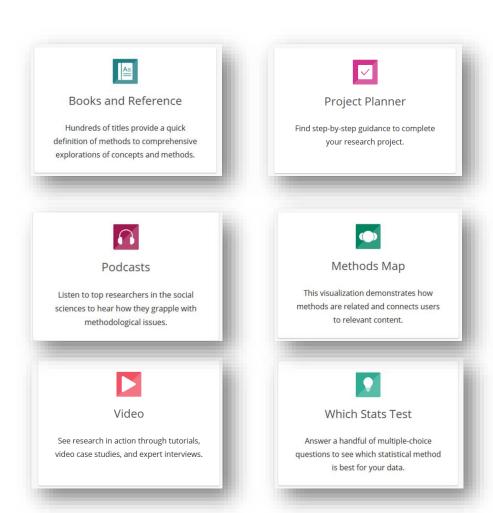
<u>SAGE Business Cases</u> - a database covering a wide range of business areas such as leadership, entrepreneurship, family business, etc. (<u>EZproxy</u>)

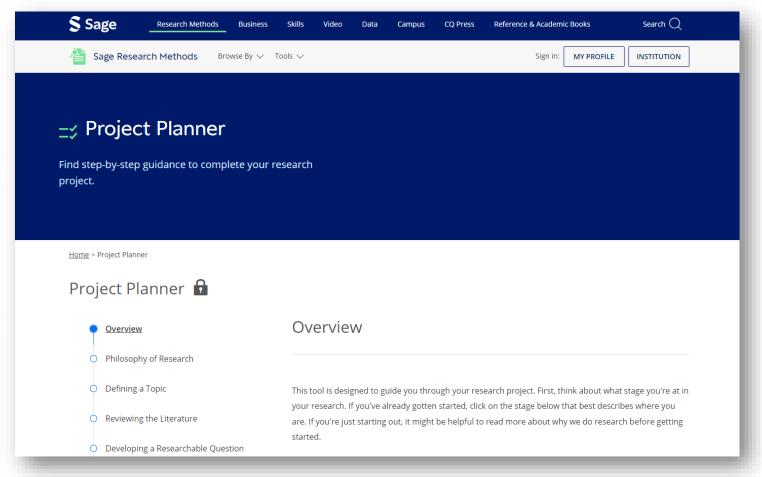


<u>SAGE Research Methods</u> - the ultimate methods library with books, reference works, journal articles, and instructional videos. (<u>EZ proxy</u>)

SAGE Research Methods: database that can answer – how?

(EZproxy)







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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
- ✓ OpenDissertations (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!



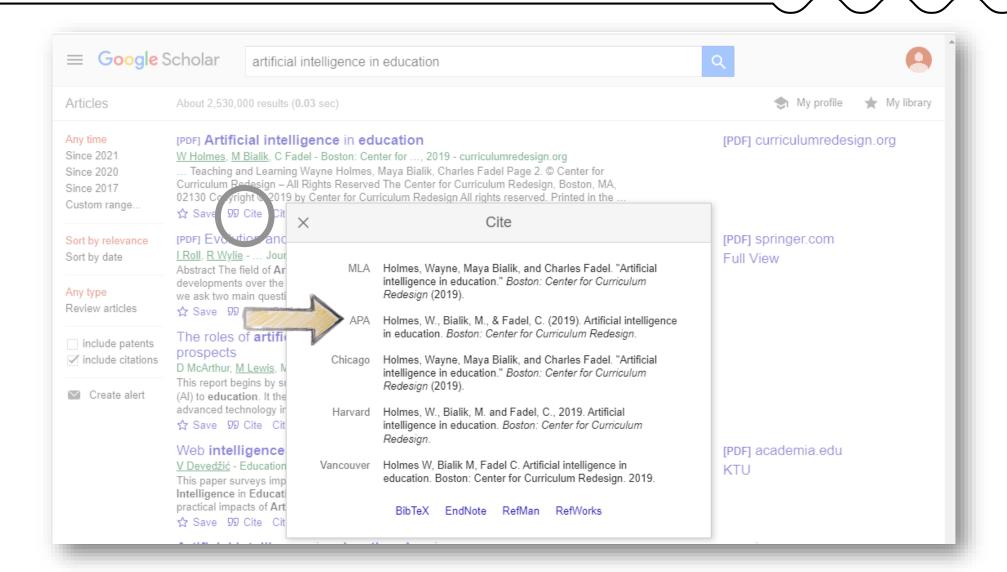






Google Scholar

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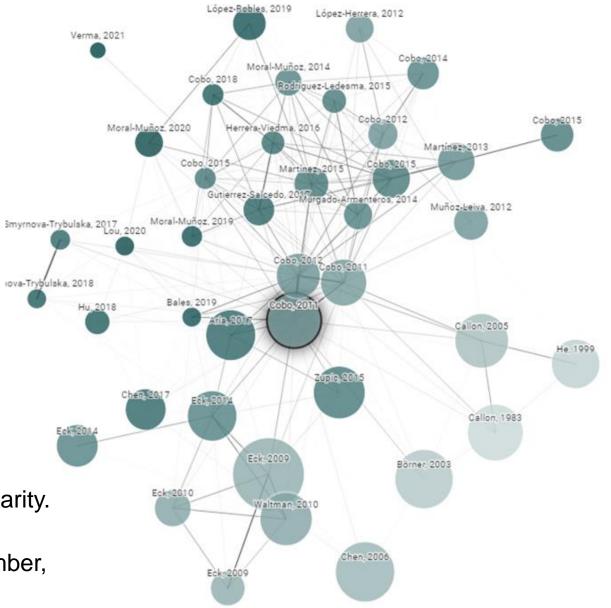
Interactive search tools

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

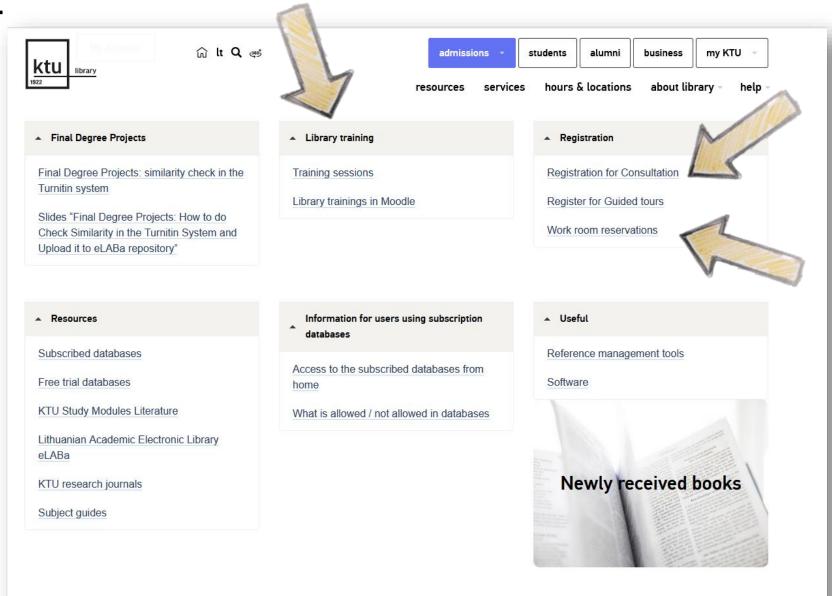
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