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ASIA

Bibliography of Asian Studies (Requires BU login)

Index of Articles, Journals, Books

An index to works, primarily in the humanities and the social sciences, pertaining to East, Southeast, and South Asia. Covers articles, chapters in edited volumes, conference proceedings, anthologies, Festschriften, and books

AM Explorer (Adam Matthew Explorer) (Requires BU login) Primary Sources

AM Explorer is a cross-collection search of the entire corpus of Adam Matthew's digitized arts and cultural heritage material in subjects including Area Studies, Cultural Studies, Empire and Globalism, Ethnic Studies, Gender and Sexuality, History, Politics, Literature, Theatre, and War and Conflict. It includes rich materials on Asia and Christian missions mainly from British, Canadian, and American archives.

CHINA

China Online Journals [Wanfang Data, Wan fang shu ju, COJ] (Requires BU login) Articles & Journals

China Online Journals (COJ) features core journals in arts, humanities, education, business, economics, finance, law, politics, government and the social sciences, as well as a unique broad collection of Chinese university journals.

Late Qing and Republican-Era Chinese Newspapers. (Open access)

Primary Sources

The collection includes the press of more than twenty cities, spanning the Chinese mainland and the entire half century. The collection provides researchers a perspective on Chinese life, culture, and politics throughout the collapse of the Qing Dynasty, the years of provisional government and civil war, and the birth of the People's Republic.

China Data Online (Requires BU login)

Data & Statistics

Subscription to China Statistical Databases through China Data Center which provides comprehensive updated information on China's economic development at national, provincial, city, county, and industrial levels, including: Monthly Statistics, National Statistics, Provincial Statistics, City Statistics, County Statistics, Industrial Statistics and Statistical Yearbooks. BU's subscription is limited to 14 China Statistical Databases.

Airiti Library 華藝線上圖書館 https://www-airitilibrary-com.ezproxy.bu.edu/ (Requires BU login)

- 1. Chinese Electronic Periodical Services (CEPS) 中文電子期刊資料庫暨平台服務, that provides full-text access to more than 3,000 Chinese language journals from around the world, including some 900 of Taiwan's most important periodicals across the full range of humanities, social sciences, and science disciplines.
- 2. Chinese Electronic Theses and Dissertation Services (CETD, or 華藝中文碩博士論文資料庫) offers full-text theses and dissertations from nearly 60 of Taiwan's most important academic and research institutions since 2004, covering the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, applied sciences, and medical and life sciences.

Sinica Sinoweb https://p-udpweb-com.ezproxy.bu.edu/sin (Requires BU login)

This database gives full-text access to past and current issues of the following Sinological periodicals published in Taiwan (mostly through the academic institutes that comprise Academia Sinica, in Chinese with English abstracts), including the Bulletin of the Institute of History and Philology Academia Sinica, Bulletin of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Bulletin of the Institute of Modern History Academia Sinica, Research on Women in Modern Chinese History, Oral History Journal, Newsletter for Modern Chinese History, Taiwan Journal of Anthropology, Taiwan Historical Research, Chinese Studies, Thought and Words: Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Shih-Huo Monthly, Legein Semi-Annual Journal, Legein Monthly, and the Journal of Chinese Ritual, Theatre and Folklore, among others.

CRISE (Chinese Recorder Index Search Engine): Digital index search engine & full-text of the important journal Chinese Recorder and Missionary Journal (1867-1941) http://www.airiticri.com/index.php (Requires platform login)

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The Chinese Recorder and Missionary Journal is the longest-lived English-language publication dating from the turbulent period of 19th-century China. It was published continually from 1868 until Pacific War hostilities ultimately led to cessation of its publication in 1941. It was launched as a platform for the exchange of information between missionaries and discussion of missionary tasks, as well as to foster understanding of Chinese culture and promotion of missionary work. The detail and depth of many articles that appeared in its pages over the years, supplemented by hand-sketched drawings and photographs, and the precise statistical figures it records chronicle more than seven decades of observations and insights into China by Western-born missionaries, and provide researchers with an invaluable first-hand view of near-modern Chinese history and life.

- 1 vol. The Missionary Recorder: A Repository of Intelligence from Eastern Missions, and a Medium of General Information (1867)
- 1-72 vols. The Chinese Recorder and Missionary Journal (1868-1941)
- 2 vol. *Chinese Recorder Index: A Guide to Christian Missions in Asia 1867–1941*. Complied by Kathleen L. Lodwick, reprint edition, published by agreement with Rowman & Littlefield Publishers through the Chinese Connection Agency, a division of Yao Enterprises, LLC.

Content

 Abundant and precious historical photographs, sketches and maps chronicling in detail people, buildings and conditions of the people.

- Not limited to missionary history in China; content includes local history, education, medical treatment, society, history, culture and external relations of China during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- Discussion of various cultural challenges for missionaries, such as Confucian thought, translation of the Chinese canonical literature, Chinese etiquette, etc.
- Difficulties encountered in missionary work, such as launching religious activities in China, problems with translation from Chinese to English and Romanization, maintaining missionary health and discussion of dwellings.
- Statistical information and discussion of missionary postings in China: number of baptisms, consecrations, missionary school students, graduates, etc.
- Discussion of Western missionary work in Japan, Korea, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Southwest Asia and the Pacific, as well as Africa and North America.
- Discussion of major events and issues pertaining to Chinese society, such as minutes of the 1877, 1890 and 1907 General Conference of the Protestant Missionaries of China and major protestant church events, withdrawal of education rights, anti-Christian movements, anti-Opium movements,
- Missionary information and their travelogues and acquired knowledge.
- Information about Protestant publications of various eras.
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JAPAN

JapanKnowledge (Requires BU login)

Articles & Journals; eBooks; Encyclopedias & Dictionaries

JapanKnowledge is an extensive database, mostly in Japanese, with information about Japanese language, culture, history, and more. It includes encyclopedias, dictionaries, ebooks, news articles, and multimedia. Access to the digital publications of Toyo Bunko.

I-STAGE (Requires BU login)

Articles & Journals

Presents the Japan Science and Technology Information Aggregator, Electronic (J-STAGE), a system developed by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) that helps academic societies create and publish electronic journals. Allows users to browse and search participating journals.

KOREA

Korean Journal Database [KCI, Web of Science, WOS] (Requires BU login)

Articles & Journals

Search articles from multidisciplinary journals covered in Korean Citation Index (KCI). KCI is managed by the National Research Foundation of Korea and contains bibliographic information for scholarly literature published in South Korea.

Korean Database [KRpia] (Requires BU login)

eBooks

Full-text collection of Korean classical books including: history, literature, folk literature, natural history, oriental medicine, religion, myth, and other classical works.

KISS: Han'guk ui haeksim chisik chongbo chawon [Korean Studies information service system] (Requires BU login)

Articles & Journals

KISS is a full-text database of Korean journals and proceedings. KISS provides over 1.3 million articles from about 3,285 scholarly journals on social science, humanities, medicine pharmacy, engineering, natural science, physical education and art, linguistics, agricultural science, oceanography. KISS also provides government documents and reports.

DBpia (Requires BU login)

Articles & Journals

DBpia is a database of articles from Korean scholarly journals in fields including sociology, literature, economics & business, medical science, humanities, theology, law and administration, arts, engineering, natural science, and education. Back issues of each journal title are searchable by article title, author, keyword, journal title and publisher.