Development Studies

A guide to finding information

1. Books

If you are looking for a particular book and know the author or title, you can use the Books & e-books tab on the library web page to see if it is held. The catalogue will give the exact location (shelfmark) for that book.

There are a large number of ebooks which can also be accessed via the library catalogue.

You may wish to find books by browsing the shelves – here are some key shelfmarks:

- Human rights: 323.4
- Refugees: 325.21
- Economic development in Developing countries: 338.911724
- Law of Peacekeeping: 341.58
- NGOs (but some material elsewhere): 361.7091724
- Disasters/Emergencies: 363.34
- Shelter after disaster: 363.3483
- Reconstruction after conflict: 363.34988
- Urban planning in Developing countries: 711.4091724
- Housing in Developing countries: 711.59091724
- Low cost, transitional housing: 728.1

Shelfmarks are on the following levels in the Library:

- 000 - 499 Level 2
- 500 - 719 Level 3
- 720 - 999 Level 4

2. Journals

Both print and electronic/online journals are listed by title on the Library catalogue. (NB: look under the journal title, not the title of the article you need).

3. Journals articles

Journal articles can be accessed by either using Discover or a database (listed below), and can be accessed via the home page by clicking on the button Find a database and then entering the title of the database.

- Academic Search Complete (multidisciplinary with some full text)
- Best practices database (UNCHS) Full text reports
- Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals (architecture, including shelter)
- Business Source Complete (full text country/economic reports, in addition to many full text journals
- IBSS International Bibliography of the Social Sciences
- PsycINFO
- Sociological Abstracts
- Web of Science (limit search to the Social Sciences Index)
- Zetoc (multidisciplinary, based on journals held at the British Library)
If the article you require is not available in any of the library’s collections then you may be able to obtain a copy via the library’s Inter-Library Loan service.

5. Websites:
Accord  http://www.c-r.org/accord
Communication Initiative Network  http://www.comminit.com
DFID: UK Department for International Development  
https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development
Eldis (Institute of Development Studies, Sussex) - development policy, practice and research  http://www.eldis.org/
Forced Migration Online  http://www.forcedmigration.org
Globethics.net  http://www.globethics.net/
HumanitarianNet  http://www.humanitariannet.deusto.es/
Humanitarian Practice Network  http://www.odihpn.org
Human Rights Watch  http://www.hrw.org/
Institute of Development Studies  http://www.ids.ac.uk/
Millennium Development Goals Indicators  
Overseas Development Institute  http://www.odi.org.uk
Oxfam Policy and Practice  http://policy-practice.oxfam.org.uk/
Oxford Dept of International Development  http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk
Shelter Case Studies  http://www.sheltercasestudies.org/
Swiss Resource Centre and Consultancies for Development  http://www.skat.ch/
UCL Bartlett Development Planning Unit (working papers etc)  http://www.bartlett.ucl.ac.uk/dpu/

6. Series/annual publications
Global report on human settlements UN Habitat 711.4 UNI and on internet
Human development report UN Development Programme 330.9 HUM and internet
Participatory learning and action (formerly PLA Notes) 338.911724 PLA and on internet
State of the world's children 613.0432 STA
State of the world's cities 711.4 STA and on internet
The state of the world's refugees UNHCR 325.21 UNI and internet
World development report World Bank 338.91 WOR and internet
World disasters report Int'l Fed' n of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies 363.348 INT

7. Ian Davis Disaster Management Collection
This special collection is located in the Library on Level 2, Zone C, in the compact shelving area. All the books are indexed on the Library catalogue; they are all reference only, but for many titles there are also loan copies in the Library’s main book stock (this is indicated on the Library catalogue).

8. Statistics
United Nations Demographic yearbook Statistics Collection R 312 UNI
United Nations Statistical yearbook Statistics Collection R 310 UNI
World Bank African development indicators Africa Publishing 316 AFR
World Bank Atlas of global development Atlas Collection 338.910223 ATL
World Bank World development indicators Statistics Collection R 330.0212 WOR
World resources Statistics Collection R 333.70212 WOR

Also refer to Library Research Guide 16 http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/resources/intstat.doc.

9. Newspapers
Apart from printed newspapers, the library has available two collections of online newspapers (see below).
Factiva (for international newspapers)
LexisLibrary (UK national and regional newspapers)
These can be accessed via the library’s home page by clicking on Find a database

10. Dissertations
Oxford Brookes MA in Development and Emergency Practice dissertations are held in the Built Environment Resource Centre (AB 215) in the Abercrombie Building. Email: berc@brookes.ac.uk Tel: 01865 483445

Your Academic Liaison Librarian (Geoff Morgan) – is available to help you use the library’s resources and find the information you need. Please contact him via email: g.morgan@brookes.ac.uk or phone: 01865 483137. He also has a subject help page which you can access via the library’s home page by clicking on Subject Help and selecting Development Studies.

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