



POLS 675 Russian Foreign Policy

Library Research Session 1

30 Aug. 2007, 1:00-2:15, CIC

Scholarship - Locating books & articles

Databases, E-Journals, Citation Linker, Library Catalog

News sources

Databases E-newsletters, World Wide Web

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Welcome – Login, Attendance [1 min.]

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Goals for Session 1 [1 min.]

- Help students locate articles for required weekly readings;
- Help students track events and developments in Russian Foreign Policy;
- Help students identify tools for finding scholarly content on Russian Foreign Policy;
- Help students get started on their research assignment from August 28.

[THIS SESSION WILL NOT COVER ADVANCED SEARCH STRATEGIES]

[WORKSHEETS WILL BE COLLECTED AND RETURNED TO YOU BY YOUR PROFESSOR]

Objectives/Outcomes: By the end of Session 1, students will:

- Be familiar with the Russian and East European Studies page on the Information Gateway;
- Be able to locate journal articles using E-Journals, Citation Linker, or the Library Catalog;
- Be familiar with several major news sources on Russian Foreign Policy;
- Be able to locate other news sources on Russian Foreign Policy;
- Be able to locate databases with scholarly content on Russian Foreign Policy;
- Be aware of subject indexing (controlled vocabulary) used by various databases.

Part 1: Information Gateway [3 min.]

Main Research Tools: [Databases](#), [Library Catalog](#), [E-Journals](#), [Web Sites](#)

[Db's and Web Sites > by Title; by Subject > Areas Cultural Studies > REES](#)

Where to go for help: [Subject Specialists](#)

Other Tabs: [Not Needed for this course](#)

Part 2: Scholarship: Databases [30 min.]

Worldcat - What is it?

[Db. that allows for searching the holdings of other libraries; helps find items that KU does not own – borrow through ILL](#)

Expanded Academic *et al* - Subjects terms / topic descriptors / controlled vocabulary, etc.

[\[The biggest challenge in searching for content on your topic is the selection of "search terms". Db's frequently provide subject terms, descriptors, controlled vocabulary, and or synonyms to help get at the content. For example, take Expanded Academic](#)

[Subject Guide Search > Russia foreign policy > explore terms](#)

These subject terms can either lead you to content or help you determine the best search terms to use for a particular database.]

PROBLEM 1: Use one of the databases below and then answer the questions that follow.

[ASSIGN ONE GROUP TO EACH db AND HAVE THEM REPORT BACK]

American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies (ABSEES) [yes]

CSA Worldwide Political Science Abstracts [yes]

Project Muse [yes]

Web of Science: Social Sciences Citation Index [not really, it's keyword]

JSTOR [no]

1. Does the database use subject terms, descriptors, thesaurus of topics, etc.? Describe what you found.
2. Try using the subject browse, thesaurus, descriptors to find articles on Russia and one other topic (i.e. foreign policy, media, environment, oil, gas, human rights, etc.) How many results did you get and how many were relevant?
3. Now use the same terms and do a keyword search. Were there any false hits? Compare the results from question 2 above. Which strategy did you prefer?

Part 3: Locating Articles [15 min.]

PROBLEM 2: Try to locate a copy of the article given below. You have one minute to do so.

Lynch, A.C. 2001. "The Realism of Russia's Foreign Policy." *Europe Asia Studies* 53 (1), 7-31. [This article was selected from your syllabus]

If you did NOT locate this article, where can you go for help?

If you DID locate the article, how did you do it?

Write down three different ways to find this article using KU library resources/tools.

1. E-Journals > Title of Journal > select Aggregator > Correct issue of journal
2. E-Journals > Citation Linker > input information and follow link to article
3. Library Catalog > Journal Title > follow links to electronic copy or find print copy.

[Some articles may only be available in paper. Others may be freely available on the web]

PROBLEM 3: Choose one of the following journals and list the databases that index the journal and the dates of coverage. Browse articles in the journal.

Communist & Post Communist Societies
Problems of Post-Communism

Journal of Democracy
Post-Soviet Affairs

Journal selected: _____

Database: _____ Dates _____

Database: _____ Dates _____

Part 4: News Sources [30 min.]

East View Universal Database of Central Newspapers (UDB-COM) – What is it?

PROBLEM 6: Starting from the Information Gateway find **East View's UDB-COM** and answer the following questions.

[STUDENTS DO NOT CONNECT TO EAST VIEW – IT WILL OVERLOAD EV's SERVER]

1. What does the Database of Central Newspapers contain (1-2 sentences)?
[Full-text electronic versions of major Russian and many NIS periodicals on the same day they are published. The archives of back issues of newspapers and journals are a source for information on business, economics, domestic and foreign policy and important political events in Russia and the former Soviet Union.]
2. How many sources in the database are in English? List them.
[DEMO THIS ON THE BIG SCREEN – STUDENTS HELP]
[6: ITAR-TASS Daily, Moscow News, The Moscow Times, New Times, The Russia Journal]
3. What other East View Databases that have content on Russian Foreign Policy with sources in English? List at least one with English sources.
[UDB-CIS: The Baltic Times, Belarus in the World, Central Asia and Caucasus, The Messenger, The Times of Central Asia]
[CDPSP: All in English]
[UDB-EDU: Far Eastern Affairs, Social Sciences]
[UDB-MIL: Defense and Security, International Affairs, Military News Agency, Military News Bulletin, Military Parade, Military Thought, Russian Military Review]

Johnson's Russia List (JRL) - What is it?

PROBLEM 4: Using the World Wide Web find **JRL** and answer the following questions.

1. What is Johnson's Russia List?

[Johnson's Russia List is a daily e-mail newsletter with news and analysis about all aspects of contemporary Russia. Managed by David Johnson, the list carries an eclectic collection of wire service and foreign newspaper reports, translations from the Russian press, and analytical pieces by Russian and foreign academics.]

2. How do you subscribe?

[Send a Subscription Inquiry to davidjohnson@starpower.net]

3. Is it free? Please elaborate

[Yes, but David Johnson requests a donation of \$25 or \$50 in support of the work, especially from those who use it frequently and depend on it.]

Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) - What is it?

PROBLEM 5: Using the World Wide Web find **RFE/RL** and answer the following questions.

1. What kinds of subscriptions are available and how are they distributed? Are there any specifically related to Russia?

[[Newsline](#), [Headlines](#), [Analytical Reports](#) (i.e. [Russian Political Weekly](#)), and [Reviews](#).]

2. List three Specials (ongoing reports) with content on Russia. Also give a headline for each Special.

[[RFE/RL Interviews](#), [The Power of Youth](#), [Central Asia in Focus](#), [Crisis in Chechnya](#), [Energy Politics in the Caspian and Russia](#), [Religion and Tolerance](#), [EU Expands Eastward](#)]

Kidon Media-Link – What is it?

[[Portal to newspapers and other news sources worldwide](#)]

Problem 7: Find **Kidon Media-Link** on the WWW. Select one non-English speaking country (preferably from the former Soviet-Bloc) and identify news sources with English content. Write them down.