



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	Slavic Library Department 240 Watson Library (Moving to 5 th floor)
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Goals for Session 1 (per consultation with Professor Mariya Omelicheva)

- 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.

Part 1: Information Gateway

Main Research Tools.

Where to go for help?

Part 2: Scholarship: Databases

Worldcat - What is it?

Expanded Academic *et al*

Using Subjects terms / topic descriptors / controlled vocabulary, etc.

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

- American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies (ABSEES)
- CSA Worldwide Political Science Abstracts
- Project Muse
- Web of Science: Social Sciences Citation Index
- JSTOR

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

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.

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. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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

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 (1-2 sentences)?

2. How do you subscribe (1 sentence)?

3. Is it free? Please elaborate (1 sentence).

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?

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

Kidon Media-Link – What is it?

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.