HUMA 2400

Library Workshop

* March 31, 11am – 12 noon
* April 6, 2pm-3pm

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Welcome

Please

• Sit down
• Put away phone
• Login & open Chrome or Firefox
• Go to http://libguides.ust.hk/huma2400
• Go to Get out a pencil or pen
Library Workshop Goals

By the end of this workshop you will

• Be able to a class syllabus as a starting point for your research by using the meta-data

• Use PowerSearch strategically to expand your searching and research

• Have found at least one good item for the Literature Review
Your HUMA 2400 LibGuide

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HUMA 2400 - Approaches to Humanities in China Studies: Research Methods & the Humanities of Love, Hatred, Life and Death

Introduction

This guide is created to be a resource to you as you work on your Research proposal assignment for HUMA 2400, in particular the third task, the Literature review.

It will also introduce you to skills and habits on how to become familiar with new scholarly areas.

Your professors have divided the task into 5 parts:

1. Statement of Purpose – Main research question under a broader topic
2. Research Questions – The building blocks for a research framework to address the main question
3. Literature Review – Review of the previous scholarship on the subject
4. Research Methodology – Methodologies applied to answer each research question
5. Statement of Significance – What is potential contribution of the proposed study

Literature Review - Definition

You select documents on the topic that contains information, ideas, data, & evidence.

You write it from specific standpoints - express views on the nature of the topic & how you will investigate the topic or question(s).

You effectively evaluate (express critically, not just summarize) the documents you selected in relation to the research you propose.

(Hart 1996, p.13)

Literature Review - Purpose

- Demonstrate your skills in library (research literature) searching
- Show your command of the subject area (“I know my stuff”) 
- Show you understand the research problem
- Justify your
  - research topic
  - research design
  - research methodology

(Hart 1996, p. 13)
Exploring a New Area of Research is...

• Scary
• Outside my comfort zone
• Exciting
• Weird
• Thrilling
• Makes me feel clue-less
• Fun
• Interesting
How to explore a new area of study (3 min)

• How do you usually start to learn a new area of study?

• What are your methods to learn-to-learn something new?

I usually ________________________________

The good thing about it is: ________________

The thing that causes me difficulty is: ________________
Sharing (5 min)

http://farm9.staticflickr.com/8384/8550541887_67f0fe2e9f_z.jpg cc (some rights reserved)
If Scholarship were a continent....

Where’s my TripAdvisor or 蚂蜂窝 ???!!!!

Strategies for planning Research

Strategies

These strategies are not "do it once in this order & be done". Instead, they are recommendations for approaches that are often done several times at different points in your research.

1. **Start with what you have been given**
   1. Ideas, information, data, themes, methods of analysis from lectures
   2. Ideas, information, data, themes, arguments, from readings

2. **Look for clues in your readings (syllabus)**
   1. Main argument, findings (in abstract? in conclusion?)
   2. Keywords, special terms?
   3. Important authors?
   4. References to other articles, books, statistics in assigned readings (for your follow-up) = Classic Scholarly Method

3. **Use References from things you research & find = The Classic Scholarly Method**
   1. When you do research, you will find things cited in papers & books you read. You can then look those up and read them.

4. **Think about the arguments & evidence from the readings and lectures and other info**
   1. See if/how they apply to your topic.
   2. What questions do they give you? Start to search for answers or evidence that might lead you to your answer, your theory, your argument.

5. **Search for more answers or evidence (or questions!) in recommended in PowerSearch or other search tools**

6. **Use links in the "Details" part of the PowerSearch records to find useful related items**
Syllabus as Starting Point

Using PowerSearch to explore & dig the syllabus
- Authors
- Call numbers
- Subjects

Not just at HKUST! Any Library online system 😊
Syllabus as Starting Point - Authors

1. Search author

2. Refine my results (left-hand column)

3. Scroll down for English
Syllabus as Starting Point - Authors - Literature

Find
• Books OF Chinese literature
• Books & articles about Chinese literature
Syllabus as Starting Point - Authors + Details (Subject)

Modern Chinese stories and novellas, 1919-1949
edited by Joseph S.M. Lau, C.T. Hsia, and Leo Ou-Fan Lee
1981

Subjects:
Chinese fiction -- 20th century -- Translations into English;
Short stories, Chinese -- Translations into English

Keywords:
20th century; Chinese fiction; Translations into English; Short stories, Chinese

Authors:
Lau, Joseph S. M., 1934-; Hsia, Chih-tsing, 1921-2013; Lee, Leo Ou-fan

Series Titles:
Modern Asian literature series
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1. **Winter plum: contemporary Chinese fiction**
   - edited by Nancy Lin
   - 1992
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2. **Born of the same roots: stories of modern Chinese women**
   - edited by Vivian Ling Hui
   - 1981
   - *Library Item*
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3. **The Picador book of contemporary Chinese fiction**
   - edited by Carolyn Chee and David Su Li-yan
   - 1998
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Example 2 – Start with Syllabus – Anthropology

1. Author

Details -> Subject -> Gifts - China
Example 3

**The Chinese path to individualization**

Yan, Yunxiang


*Full text available*

**Title:**

The Chinese path to individualization

**Format:**

Article

**Notes:**

This article explores the rise of the individual and the consequential individualization of society which should be viewed as a reflexive part of China's state-sponsored quest for modernity. It traces the origin of the individualization process to the Maoist era, arguing that some collectivist programmes of social engineering and the socialist path of modernization under Maoism ironically resulted in a partial individualization of Chinese society. Examining profound social changes during the three decades of the post-Mao reforms, the article reveals a number of similarities with the individualization process in Western Europe but also demonstrates some important differences. In the last section, the theoretical implications of the Chinese case in light of Ulrich Beck's theory of individualization and second modernity are discussed.

**Subjects:**

The Individual; Individualization; Chinese Modernity; And State Power

**Authors:**
Start with Syllabus - Search call numbers of items

Don’t forget Encyclopedias
Example: Encyclopedia of Modern China
Scholars have long believed that there are fundamental differences between China and the West in the meanings and expressions of emotions within personal relationships such as love and friendship (Cheung Chan-Fat 1999, Sun Lung-Kee 1991). In Western countries, emotions are basic concepts of love, which is categorized into the eros-philia-agape schema (Joh 2007). Unlike love in English, love in Chinese culture is rooted within a rich and complex concept of qing. In Chinese culture, the scope of qing encompasses, but is not limited to, notions of care, fondness, camaraderie (friendship), forgiveness, and respect. Qing is so embedded in Chinese culture that...
Databases Beyond PowerSearch

Some Useful Article Databases

- 中國期刊全文數據庫-文史哲、教育與社會科學綜合、政治軍事與法律及經濟與管理 (1994-) = CAJ Full-Text Database
- Academic Search Premier - an EbscoHost database
- JSTOR
- MLA international bibliography
- Research Library - Proquest

Browse more Library subscribed Humanities and Social Sciences databases

Citation Search Database - search famous articles from your syllabus as a cited reference

- Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science)

What if an article is not available in the Library?

- Use the Library's Document Supply Service
Search an author in “Person about” field
HKUST doesn’t have the journal “Modern Chinese Literature and Culture? Really???
MLA International Bibliography (3) Double-check PowerSearch for Journal

HKUST has it in paper format
Use family name & initials
### Cited Reference Search

Find the article that cites a person's work.

#### Step 2: Select cited references and click "Search." 
Hint: Look for cited reference variants (sometimes different pages of the same article are cited or papers are cited incorrectly).

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Round-up

• When Beginning to Research a new area, your syllabus & readings are your “old friends” to guide you on your journey

• Author Search

• Details – leading to subject search

• Call number search & browse

• Other databases can also help you enter the research area

• The Cited Reference search is especially useful – plug in the names of the important authors on your syllabus
Questions & Feedback

Questions?

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