Finding resources
Changes in the library

• LRC is closed to students
• Student and IT Support has moved into the library
• 1 East Helpdesk – library enquiries
• 1 West Helpdesk – IT enquiries
• Law Reference is on 4 East
• Undergraduates can now borrow 15 books
• New MFDs
• New library website

Reminder: we are cashless!
The aim of today’s session

To help you find good quality information on Mediation and Negotiation

By the end of this session you will:

• be able to identify which LSBU resources will provide good quality material on your topic
• have practiced using some of these resources
• be able to identify where you can find good quality resources outside LSBU
Researching your subject: on and off-campus

Resources
• Books and e-books
• Journals and e-journals
• Online, searchable collections of journal articles, reports
• Data and statistics
• TV & radio programmes

Where to find them
The Law Libguide
https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law
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- Library catalogues
- Databases
- Training materials
- Contact details
- Current awareness

A work in progress!
Contact details for 1:1 support
Contact details for library account enquiries
Links to Libguides for the library, IT Support, Moodle, MyLSBU
Tabs for resources and referencing
Journal articles

Written by experts in your area:
• Academics
• Practitioners
• Researchers

Can be:
• results of a piece of research
• a literature review
• a case study

Peer review
• Quality check
• A process by which the methodology and results are discussed and checked by independent experts in the same field.

How to access them
• Not via Google!
• Mostly online
• Massive databases containing thousands of journals and millions of articles

You are expected to use journal articles in your assignments.
Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations

- Free resource
- Type in a legal abbreviation (eg from a citation or reference)
- Will provide the full name
  - eg WLR – Weekly Law Reports
Find this article

Lydia Pearce, ‘Wiki-working the Thin Blue Line’ (2016) 180 JPN 868

What is the journal title?
Use Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations to find out
Researching your topic: using journal databases

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law
Databases

• Legal Databases
  • Westlaw
  • Lexis

• Academic databases
  • SocIndex
  • Academic Search Complete
  • SAGE etc
Westlaw

Cases
• Also has full text of the Law Reports
• Weekly Law Reports and 30 specialist titles
• Most comprehensive case-finding database for England & Wales
• Brief case histories also included

Legislation
• Legislation in force, including commencement and amendment information

Journals
• Legal Journals Index - shows content of almost all UK legal journals
• 80 full text journals
Lexis Library

Cases
• 40+ specialist law reports in full text
• All England Law Reports/ The Law Reports
• Unreported cases from mid-1980s onwards
• Only source for NI case law

Legislation
• England & Wales - Public & General Acts plus Statutory Instruments
• Full Scottish Parliament Acts and SIs

Journals
• Over 60 full text journals aimed at an academic audience
EBSCO
Wide subject base
Academic journal articles
Sage Premier

Your gateway to world-class research journals

Search all SAGE Journals

Advanced Search

Standalone database
Wide subject base
Academic and non-academic fulltext journal articles
Use Advanced Search
Searching for journal articles

- Keywords
- Identify alternative terms
  - synonyms (similar/identical meanings)
  - alternative spellings

- Keep a note of every search you do
  - adjust key words as you go along
Researching your topic

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Focussing and broadening your search

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(Westlaw does not need AND between search terms)

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- eg young adults **OR** adolescents **OR** youth **OR** teenagers

Use **NOT** to exclude a topic (this will give you fewer results)
- eg mediation **NOT** High Court
Truncation and phrase searching

In Westlaw and Lexis use ! to find different possible endings to a word

eg criminal! would find criminal, criminals, criminality, criminalisation, criminalization etc

In the academic journal databases (eg. Academic Search Complete, Sage etc) use *

eg globali* would find globalise, globalize, globalisation, globalization, globalising, globalizing, globalised etc

Use “” [quotation marks] to search for a phrase

eg “data protection” AND “human rights”

(Lexis presumes phrase searching so does not need “”)
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**Truncation and Phrase searching**

- Use ! or * to truncate a word

  eg “social media” **AND** “US President” (Lexis assumes phrase searching – use AND or OR to separate search terms)
Getting materials we don’t have at LSBU

• Inter-library loans – 10 in your third year

• SCONUL – using other universities’ libraries
  • Usually reference only
  • Can access Eduroam with your LSBU credentials
OSCOLA Referencing

• Used only for Law
• Footnotes
• Abbreviations

• OSCOLA bible

• Citing the Law
  https://ilrb.cf.ac.uk/citingreferences/oscola/tutorial/index.html
Further training

• Assignment Surgeries
• Workshops
  • Refworks
  • Literature searching
• Book on via the calendar on the Training tab
Where to get Help
Library and Learning Resources

Academic Liaison Team (ALT)

Law and Social Sciences
LLRlss@lsbu.ac.uk

Research Helpdesk, 3 Bridge
Mon-Fri 12.00-4pm
Any questions?