Basic Search for Research Materials

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Topics

- 1. Fundamentals of literature search
- 2. GRIPS Library collections
- Online resources subscribed by GRIPS and search tools
- 4. Materials not available at GRIPS

1. Fundamentals of literature search

- Literature search in study workflow
- Details of bibliographical references
- Navigation to resources

1. Fundamentals of literature search

Literature search in study workflow

Study Workflow

Consulting previous researches researches theme

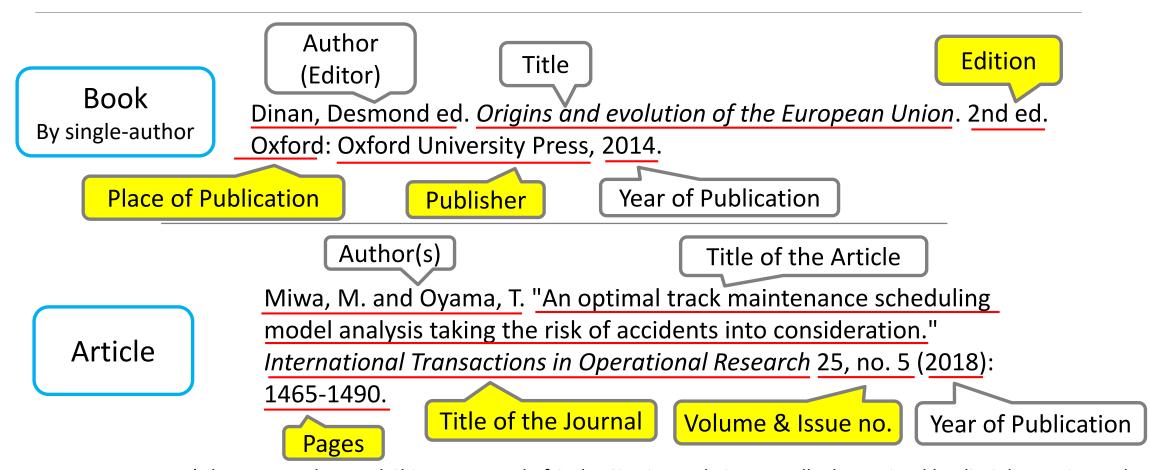
Collecting research materials

Writing Publication Assessment

Literature search

- The differences between books and journals
- Books
 - Systematic/established works
 - Time lag between events and publications than in journals
- Journal articles
 - Covering recent developments and emerging studies

Details of bibliographical references



^{*}These examples used Chicago Manual of Style. Citation style is generally determined by discipline or journals.

Navigation to resources

1. Choose search tools by the type of materials



- 2. When the materials are available at GRIPS...
 - Use <u>GRIPS Collections</u>: books, journals, GRIPS doctoral dissertations/master's theses
 - Use <u>online resources</u>: e-journals and e-books subscribed by GRIPS, open access materials



- 3. If the materials are not available at GRIPS, you can:
 - borrow books / get copies of articles through the Inter-Library Loan (ILL)
 - visit other libraries
 - apply for Book Purchase Request (Xstudent only)

2. Use GRIPS Library collections

- Search for books and journals in the library catalogue (OPAC)
- Doctoral dissertations and master's theses

Search for books and journals in the library catalogue (OPAC)

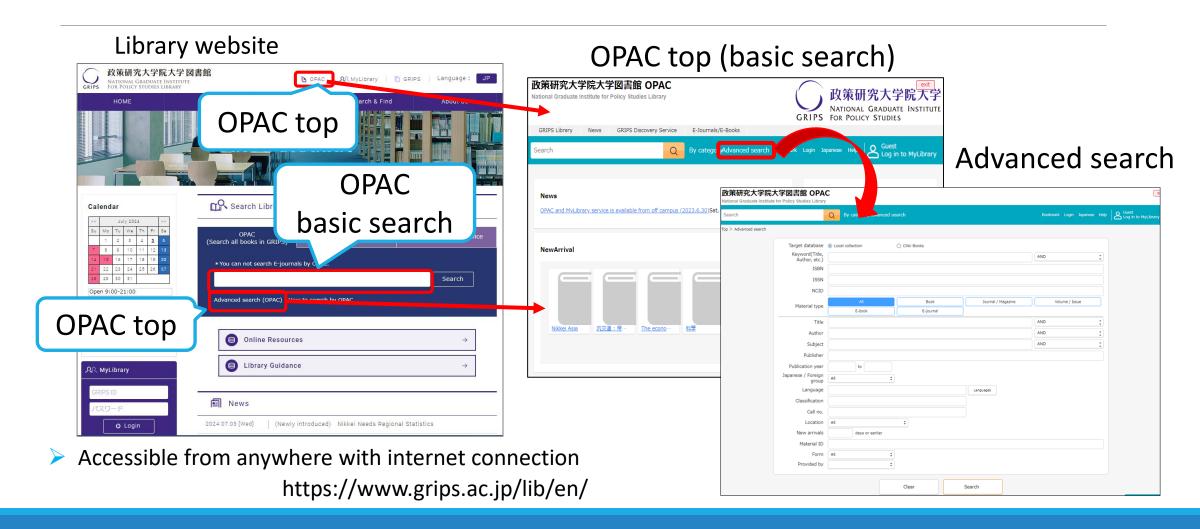
What you can search in OPAC

- i. Print books and journals in the GRIPS Library collection
- ii. GRIPS' subscribed e-books (can be accessed off-campus via EZproxy)
- iii. [Option] The collections of other libraries in Japan

What you cannot search in OPAC

- i. GRIPS doctoral dissertations/master's theses
- ii. **Journal articles** To find journal articles, use <u>GRIPS Discovery Service</u> or <u>databases.</u> Full-text might be available online.
 - If there is no full text link for an article, search <u>OPAC</u> by journal title, volume and issue information to check the availability of the print journal.

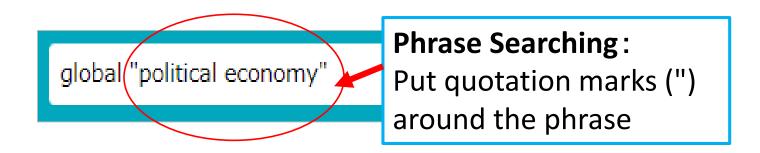
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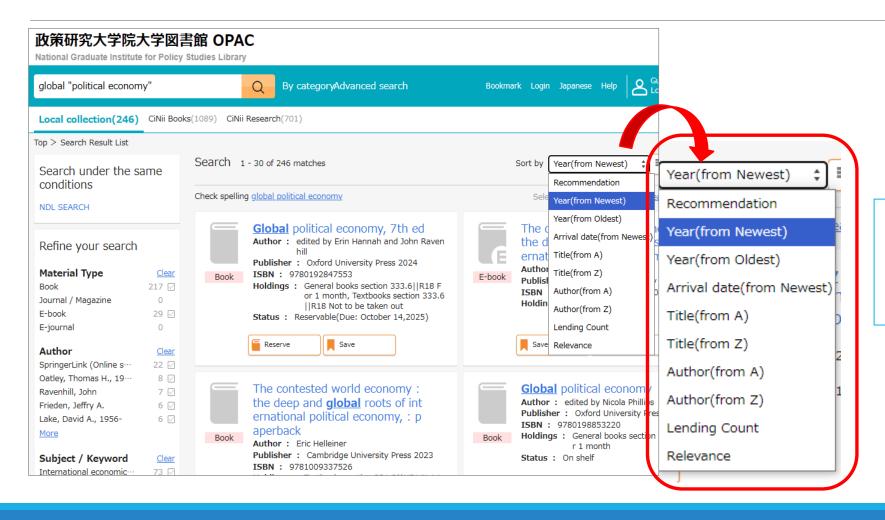
Example 1: Books [Basic search]



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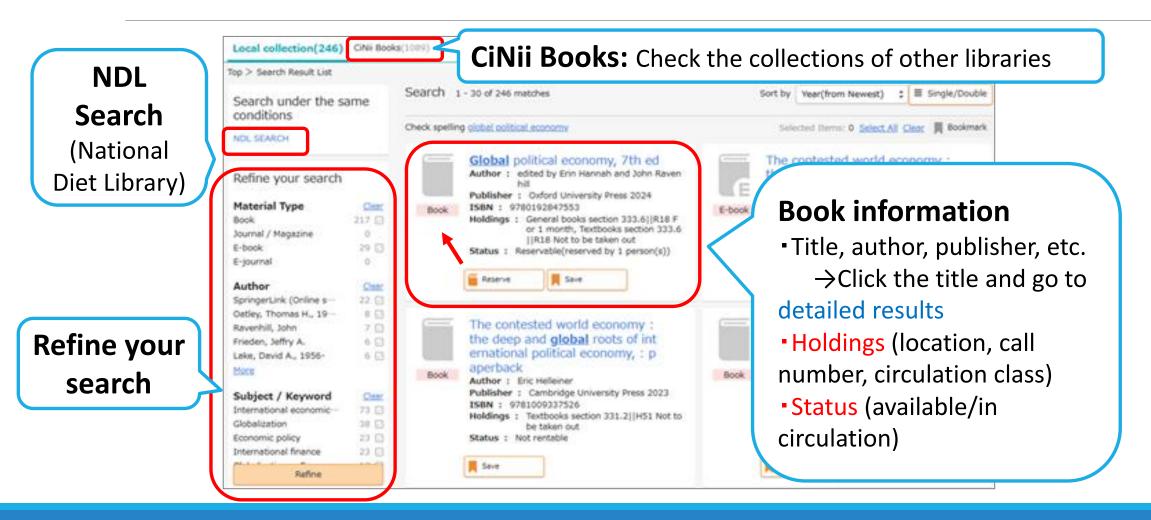


List of results (Books)



By default, search results are sorted by 'Recommendation'.

List of results (Books)





Top > Search Result List > Details (Local collection)

Global political economy
edited by Erin Hannah and John Ravenhill
7th ed

• There are a few extra copies of some textbooks in the general books section.

- E-books might be available.
- → Search with E-Journal/E-Book search

Location

Textbooks: In-library use only

General books, Faculty publications, New

arrivals etc.: May be borrowed

Reserve

Circulation class

Status

Blank → Books are available

Notes

Reserve materials
currently on
loan→Log in to
MyLibrary



Status / Waiting

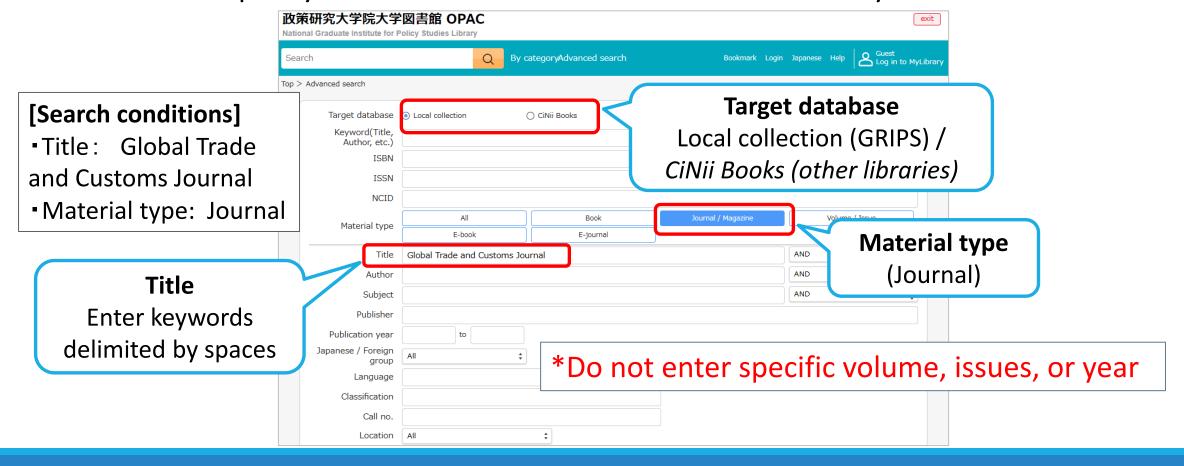
Due date and number of reservations appear

→ Books are on loan

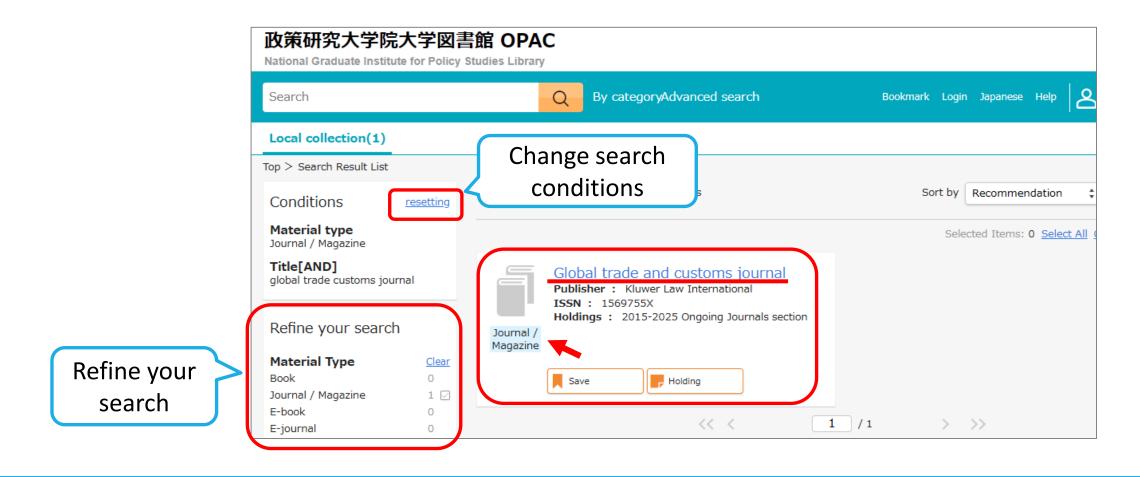
Call number : Books are arranged by call number (shown on spine labels)

Advanced search (Journals)

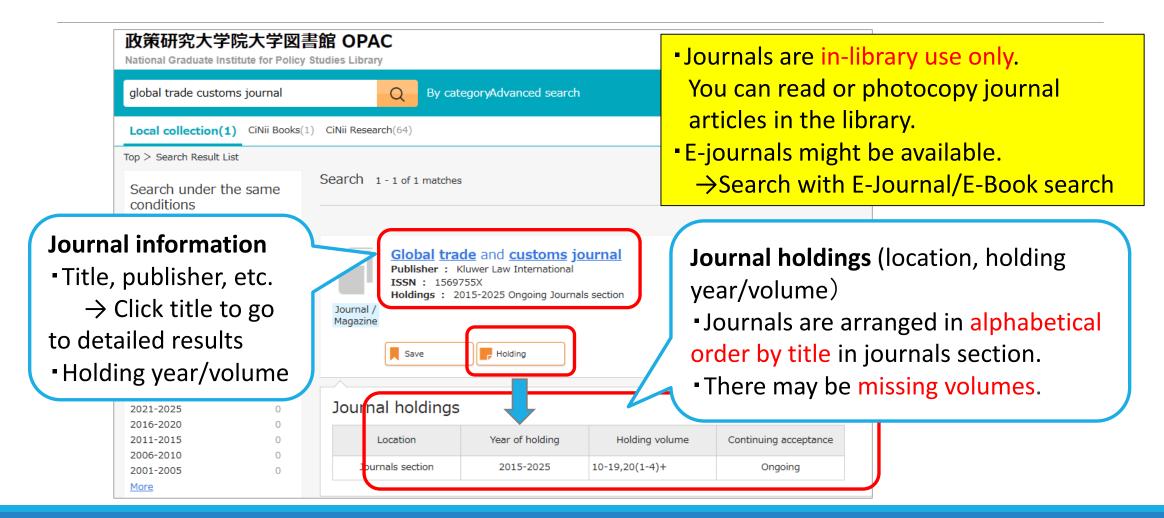
> You can specify detailed search conditions here to narrow your search.



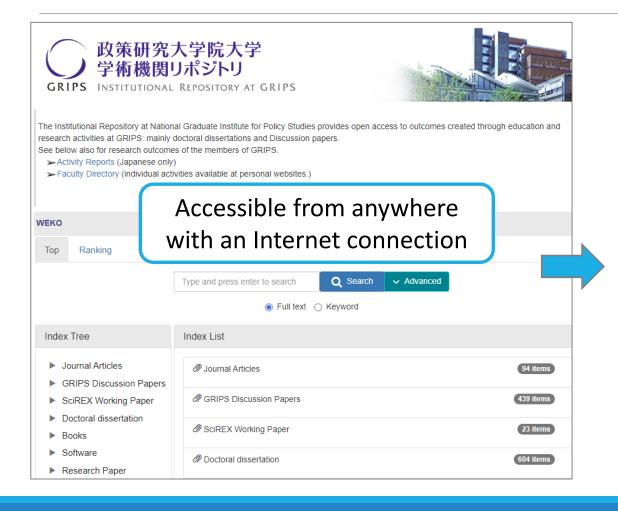
Search result (Journals)



List of results (Journals)



GRIPS doctoral dissertations



Search with GRIPS Institutional Repository

- Published before 2012: hard copies are located in the Library
 - ⇒ In-library use only
- Published from 2013 onwards:

full texts are available in the GRIPS Institutional Repository

https://grips.repo.nii.ac.jp/

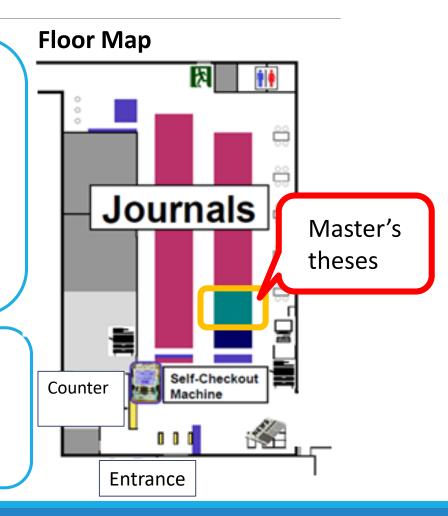
GRIPS master's theses

[Print format theses]

- The library holds hard copies of GRIPS master's theses
 - Search the list available in the library
- In-library use only

[Digital format theses]

Partially available on the Student Portal

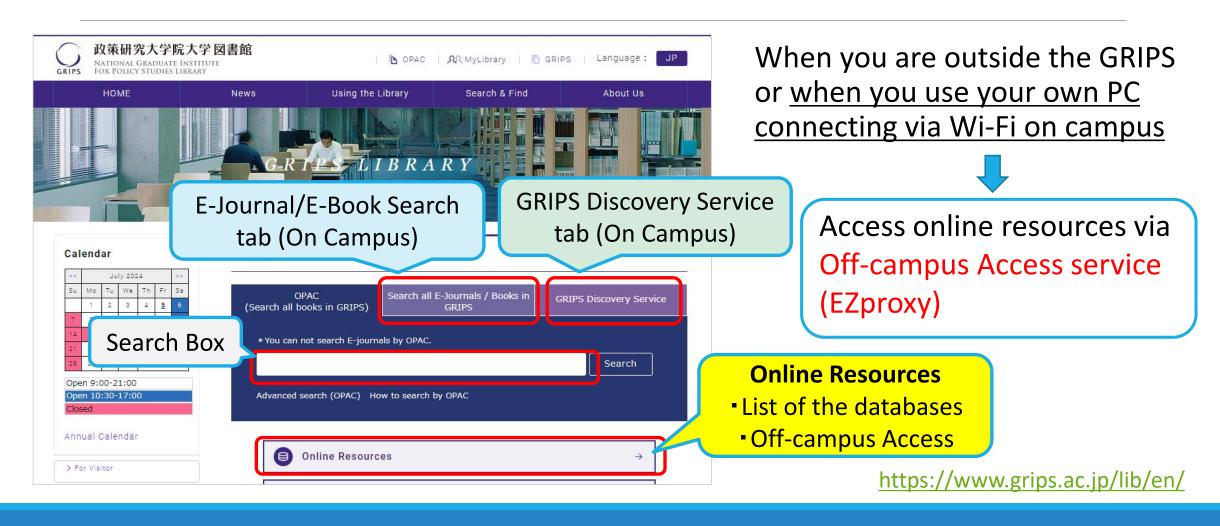


3. Online resources subscribed by GRIPS and search tools

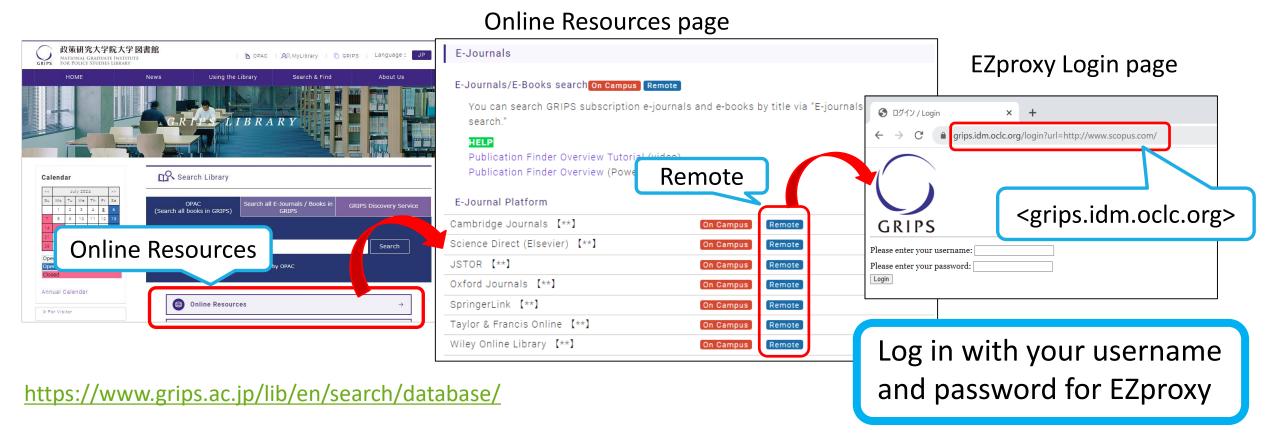
- Off-campus Access Service (EZproxy)
- Search tools for online resources
 - (1) E-Journal/E-Book search
 - (2) GRIPS Discovery Service
 - (3) Online databases

3. Online resources subscribed by GRIPS and search tools

How to access online resources



Off-campus Access Service (EZproxy)



Individual ID and password were provided to each student for off-campus access.

3. Online resources subscribed by GRIPS and search tools

Search tools for online resources

- (1) E-Journal/E-Book search
 - Search GRIPS' subscribed electronic journals and electronic books
- (2) GRIPS Discovery Service
 - Search various academic information all at one time
- (3) Online databases
 - Select a database according to what you search for

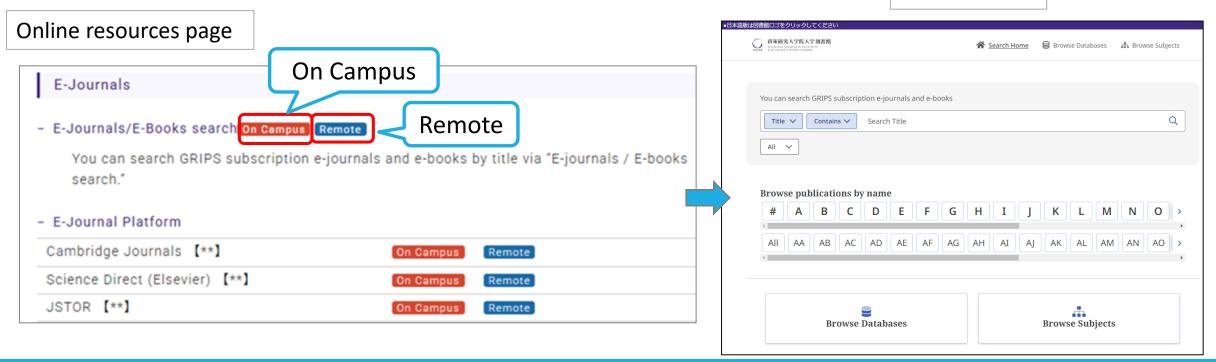
Search tools for online resources

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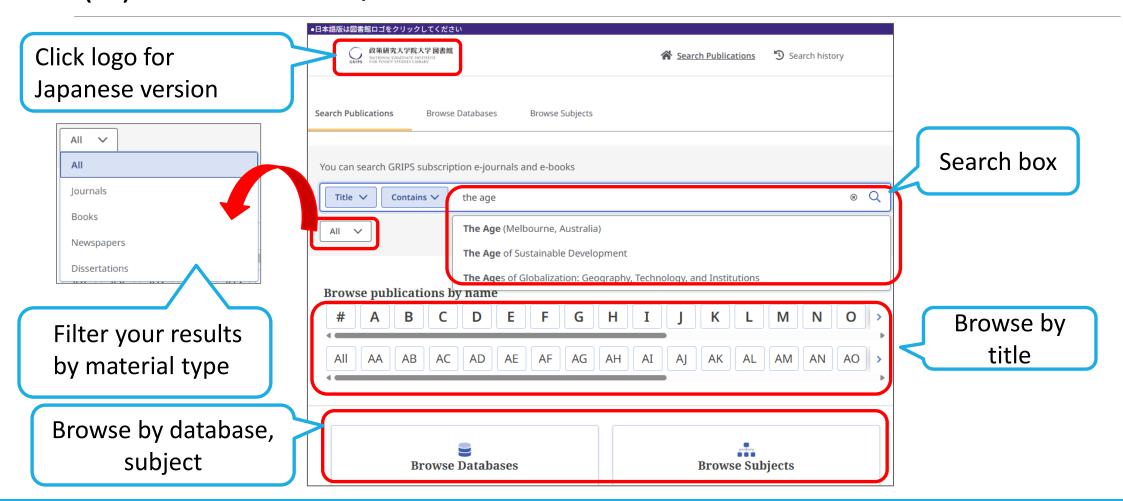
You can search or browse GRIPS' subscribed e-journals or e-books

by journal titles/book titles and access full-texts.

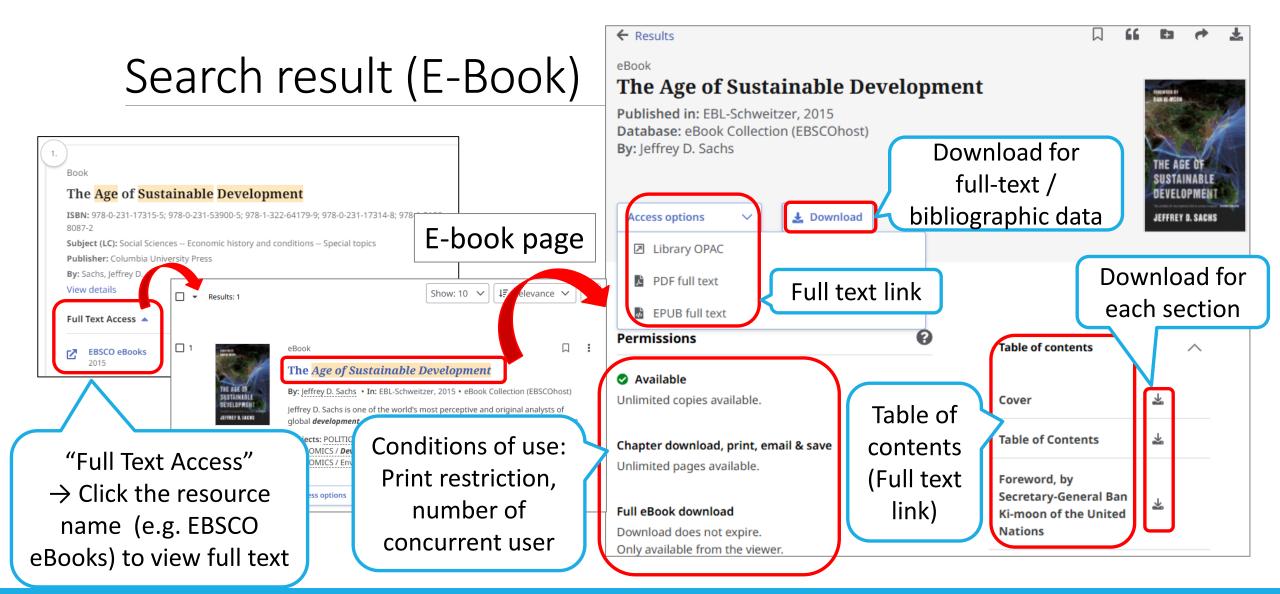
Search screen



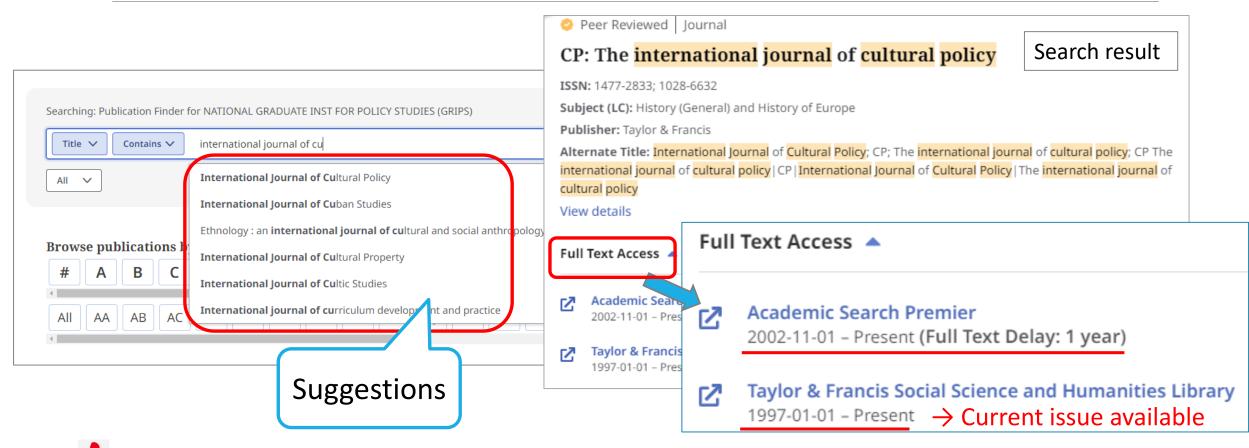
(1) E-Journal/E-Book search



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E-Journal Search



"Full Text Access"→Select the resource name which covers the year you want to use

(2) GRIPS Discovery Service (GDS)

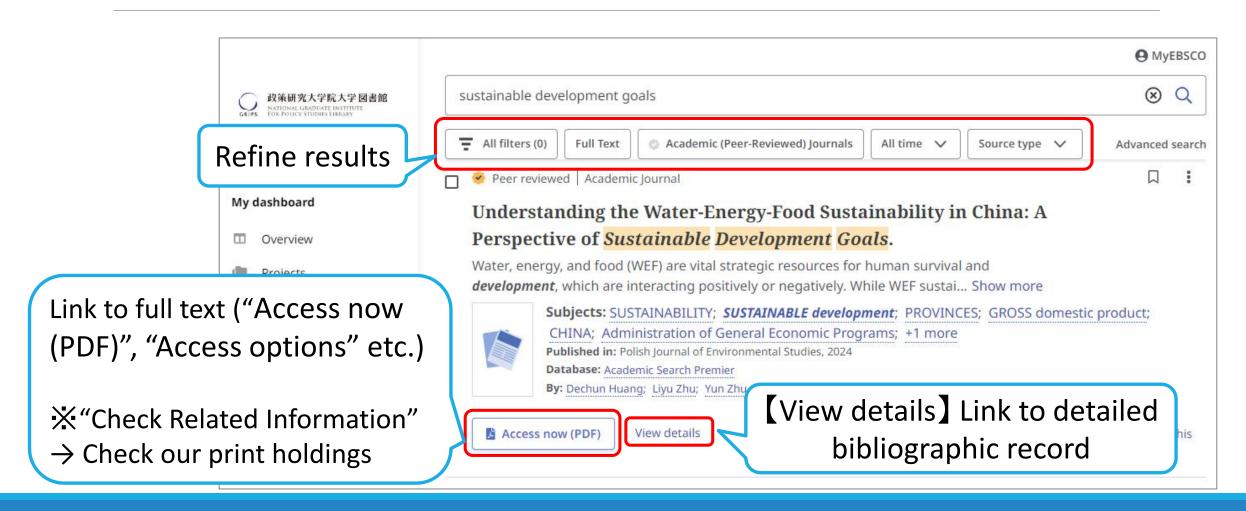
- You can search <u>GRIPS' subscribed online resources</u> and <u>online open access academic resources</u> all at one time.
- Some of the search results provide links to full texts.

Printed books and journals are not included.

(2) GRIPS Discovery Service



Search results



3. Online resources subscribed by GRIPS and search tools
Search tools for online resources (2) GRIPS Discovery Service

E-J/E-B search and GDS

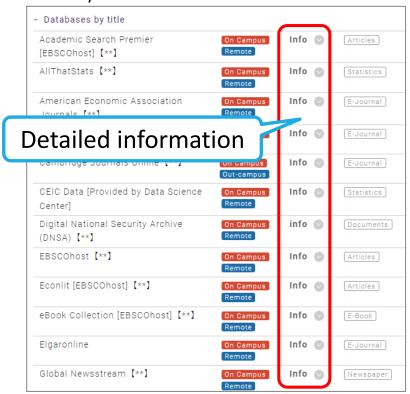
	E-Journal/E-Book search	GRIPS Discovery Service
Search scope	Publication titles (e-journals, e-books)	 Title information Publication Titles Titles of articles in journals or chapter in books Full text
Full text link	0	Δ*

^{*}Some of the search results provide full-text links.

3. Online resources subscribed by GRIPS and search tools
Search tools for online resources

(3) Online databases





- Choose an appropriate database according to what you want to search for
 - Subject fields: multiple fields, natural/social science, humanities, etc.
 - Material types: journal articles, news, documents, statistics, etc.
- Some databases provide full-text links
 - e.g. EBSCOhost (Academic Search Premier)
- How to access: available on campus (or from off campus) /in-library use only / open access

Not all the databases are in GRIPS Discovery Service

https://www.grips.ac.jp/lib/en/search/database/

3. Online resources subscribed by GRIPS and search tools
Search tools for online resources (3) Online databases

Examples of databases

Database		Type of content	Note	Full Text
EBSCOhost	Academic Search Premier	Articles	Multi-disciplinary database of journals	0
	Econlit	Articles	Economic literature with abstracts	×
	eBook	e-Books	GRIPS' subscribed e-books	0
Scopus		Articles	Multi-disciplinary abstracts and citations database (Full texts are available if GRIPS has subscription to the journals)	Δ
Global Newsstream		News	News around the world	
Westlaw Next *Registration is required. Contact us by email.		Legal info, News	Legal and business information, newspapers, news wires	0

3. Online resources subscribed by GRIPS and search tools Search tools for online resources

Why can't I just Google?

Internet search engines (e.g. Google, Google Scholar)

Things to keep in mind when using Google Scholar:

- Coverage unknown
- No quality control
- Includes preprints or other versions of the articles (not the final version published in journals)



Use online databases in addition to Google / Google Scholar

4. Materials not available at GRIPS

Inter-Library Loan (ILL)

Using other libraries

■ Book purchase request **Student only

Inter-Library Loan Service (ILL)

- You can borrow books or obtain copies of articles from other libraries
- Apply via MyLibrary
- Fees: GRIPS Library pays the fee for requested materials used for research purpose in principle

Books written by multiple authors

⇒ Make a book-loan request

- Notes
 - Journals cannot be borrowed → Make a photocopy request
 - Follow the Copyright Law*
 - * It is permissible to make a single copy of a part of a work, or of all of an individual work in a periodical already published for a considerable period of time (i.e. the next volume has already been published, or three months have passed since publication).

4. Materials not available at GRIPS

Using other libraries

- Borrowing at cooperative agreement libraries
 GRIPS members may visit in person and directly borrow from the following libraries.
 - JICA Library*
 - United Nations University Library (pre-booking is required) *
 - Disaster Management Library
 - *You will need a lending card. Apply at the GRIPS Library in advance.
- You can visit other libraries to browse materials or make copies of them.
 Library policies vary among institutions (e.g. pre-booking and/or a letter of introduction may be required).
 - *Please be sure to consult the GRIPS Library staff before visiting.

Book Purchase Request **student only

- GRIPS students may request the purchase of books related to policy studies to add to the Library's collection.
- How to apply: Apply via MyLibrary
- Notes

Requests for purchase of the following materials will not be accepted:

- materials which the Library already holds in its collection;
- test-preparation or language study books; and
- journals and electronic resources.

4. Materials not available at GRIPS

ILL or Book Purchase Request

- which option is best for you?
- Inter-Library Loan Service (ILL)
 - ILL is generally the quickest way to get materials not available at GRIPS.
 - You can request a loan for a book; a copy of a book chapter or journal article.
 - Materials borrowed through ILL are one-time, short-term loans, usually 2-3 weeks.
- Book Purchase Request
 - The book you request will be added to the GRIPS Library's collection.
 - It may take some time to become available.
 - Submitting a request does not guarantee purchase.

Upcoming webinar schedule

Day/Date	Time	Database
Wednesday, October 8 Thursday, October 16 *same content	12:15-13:00	Basic Search for Research Materials
Friday, October 31	12:15-13:15	Scopus & Mendeley
Tuesday, November 11	12:15-13:15	GRIPS Discovery Service & EBSCOhost
Tuesday, December 2	12:15-13:15	CEIC Data

X All webinars will be recorded and shared later.

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