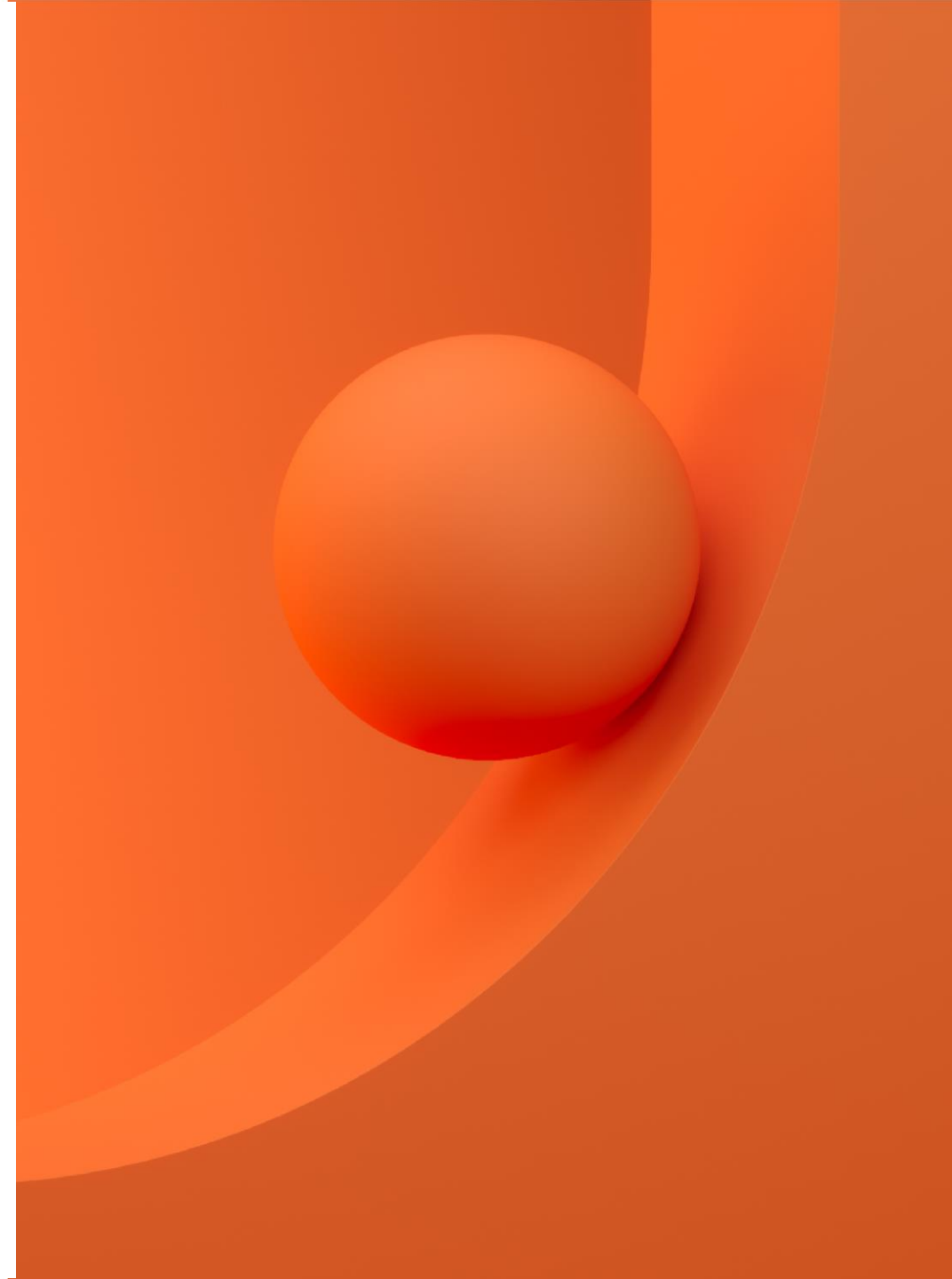# How to find information for your papers?

MRU Library, 2022

The aim

To get familiar with the search of information in the main MRU, Lithuanian and foreign scientific e-resources.

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Keywords

- The **title** of your paper gives you the **main keywords**;
- Think of **synonyms** and **related terms** (e.g. teenager OR young adult OR adolescent, etc.);
- Whole title or **abbreviation** (e.g. European Union OR EU);
- Common name or **scientific term** (e.g. flu OR influenza);
- **Singular** or **plural** (e.g. child OR children).

Keywords

Thezaurus – a type of dictionary that lists words in groups of synonyms and related concepts.

- UNESCO thesaurus
- HASSET
- European Education Thesaurus (EET)
- MeSH (Medical Subject Headings)
- ...and many others.

Searching for keywords in Thezaurus

Formulating a search query

AND – the operator narrows the search by instructing the search engine to show only those records that contain *both* words or phrases. If you do not insert AND between your search terms, it will be inserted automatically in most of the search systems.
**Example: renaissance Italy** is searched as **renaissance** AND **Italy**

OR – the operator OR broadens the search to include records containing either one keyword or the other. The OR search is particularly useful when there are several common synonyms for a concept or several variants to write a word.
Example: adolescent OR **teenager;**

NOT – the operator narrows the search by excluding unwanted words. You want to find books that are about architecture, but EXCLUDE those that discuss landscape.
Example*: architecture** NOT **landscape**

Boolean Operators
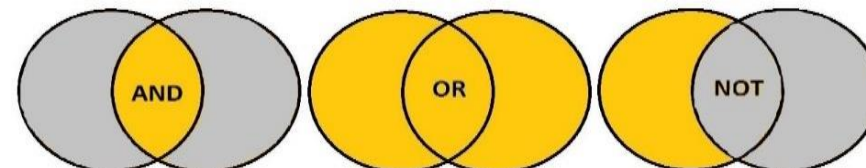
Using special search symbols

- To search exact phrases, enclose the phrase in quotes.
  Example: **"artificial intelligence", "global warming"**
- To group terms together, use parentheses.
  Example: **(divorce** OR **separation)** AND **(teens** OR **adolescents)**
- To find a term with different endings, use a mark * .
  Example: **child*** - finds **child, children, childhood,** etc.

Formulating a search query

Searching for information sources

Search by:

1. Any word
2. Title
3. Author
4. ISBN, ISSN, ISMN, DOI
5. Publisher
6. Place of publication
7. Serial
8. Years of publication
9. etc.

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Basic Search | Multi-field Search | Advanced Search | Multi-base Search | C

Type word or phrase

Field to search   Any word

Words adjacent?   Any word

Base to search   Title

                         Author   Search

Limit search to: Place of publication

                         Publisher

Language   all   Year of publishing   n   Year to

Document type   all   Subject (lit)

Search hints   Serial

⚲ If you choose Yes for "V   ISBN, ISSN, ISMN   type in the phrase *computer pro*
programming.   Holdings cypher
⚲ Lowercase letters will f   l words also. For example, *comp*
⚲ You may use the Boole   System No   R in your search string. For exam
word *surgery.*   Barcode
⚲ Use the ? or * characte   tain portions of words. For exam

Simple search/
Basic search

Searching: **Academic Search Complete** | Choose Databases

Enter any words to find books, journals and more ⊠ Search ?

Search Options ▶ Basic Search Advanced Search Search History

- Keywords are searched in the whole document, bibliographical information, in keywords field and etc.
- It is easy to use – one search box to enter the keyword(s).
- Lots of results are provided – usually you have to narrow the results by using the Boolean operators or special searching system criteria.

Searching for information sources

Advanced search

- Several search boxes provided for the search.
- Allows to narrow the search and get more relevant results.
- Ability to choose where to search for every keyword.

Searching for information sources

Browsing

- You can review document lists by subject, alphabet, journal title and other criteria.
- Browsing from broad subjects to narrower results, for example, particular journal or article.
- Useful when you are not sure what you are looking for and want to get familiar with a subject.

Searching for information sources

MRU Library Electronic Catalogue

1. Enter the search term(s).

2. Note the Location of a book(s) *(Reading Room, Lending Department, etc.)*.

3. Write down the Call Number.

4. Find a book on the shelves by the Call Number.

Scientific resources for MRU community

https://www.mruni.eu/en/library/resources/

Subscribed Databases

- MRU Library subscribes to lots of fulltext and bibliographical databases, most of them are in English. Scientific journals, articles, e-books, legal acts, statistical information and etc. are available in these databases.

- Remote access (outside the University Campus) to the databases for MRU community is available by EZproxy system.

Scientific resources for MRU community

https://www.mruni.eu/databases/

Subscribed Databases

- You are able to download, print or e-mail articles from the databases.

- E-books can be read online, there is a possibility to download them for some period (reading conditions differs in variuos DB).

- Not all the documents will be available in full-text – it depends on subscription conditions in various databases.

https://www.mruni.eu/databases/

MRU Institutional Repository

- About 7000 documents.

- Books, scientific articles, conference proceedings, doctoral theses and other materials.

- Choose a proper collection.

- Search by: title, author, subject, etc.

Scientific resources for MRU community

https://repository.mruni.eu/?locale-attribute=en

Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library

- **Lithuanian academic libraries electronic catalogues:** books, scientific journals, doctoral theses, CD and other materials at MRU and other libraries of higher education institutions. Choose the relevant resource before searching.

- **Lithuanian academic electronic libraries in eLABa:**
  - ✓ Scientific publications of MRU and other higher education institutions in Lithuania.
  - ✓ Defended theses of higher education institutions in Lithuania: Bachelor, Master, Doctoral theses and their abstracts *(access to them differs).*

- **Other Lithuanian and foreign Open Access resources.**

www.lvb.lt/en

Open Access Journals

- DOAJ http://www.doaj.org/
- HighWire Press http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/allsites.dtl
- PLoS https://plos.org/
- PubMedCentral http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/
- Hindawi http://www.hindawi.com/journals/

Open Access Publishing

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Open Access Repositories

Open access to articles, books, conference materials, Bachelor and Master theses, Doctoral dissertations and unpublished papers.

- **DOAB** (Directory of Open Access Books) https://www.doabooks.org/
- **OpenDOAR** http://www.opendoar.org
- **ROAR** http://roar.eprints.org
- **OAIster** (Union catalog of digital resources) http://oaister.worldcat.org/advancedsearch

Open Access Publishing

Open Access Repositories

- Several repositories of theses defended at universities in various countries:

Scientific Information Search Systems
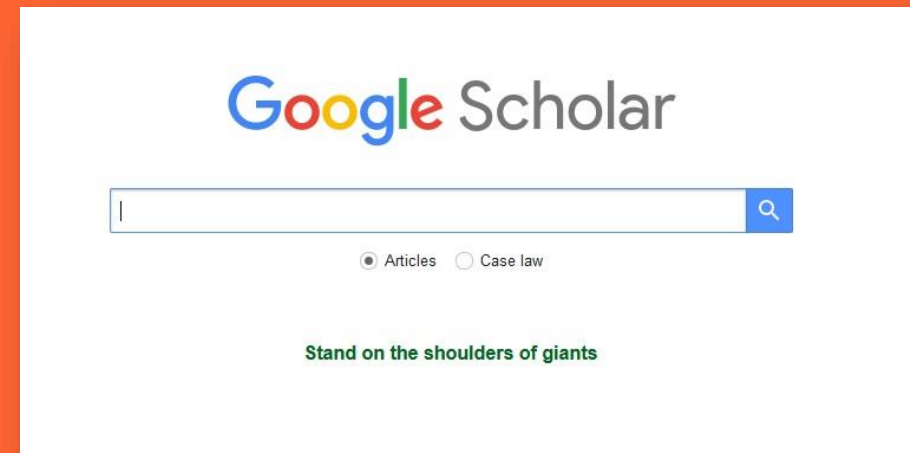
Google

Search "history of law" – about 87 700 000 results
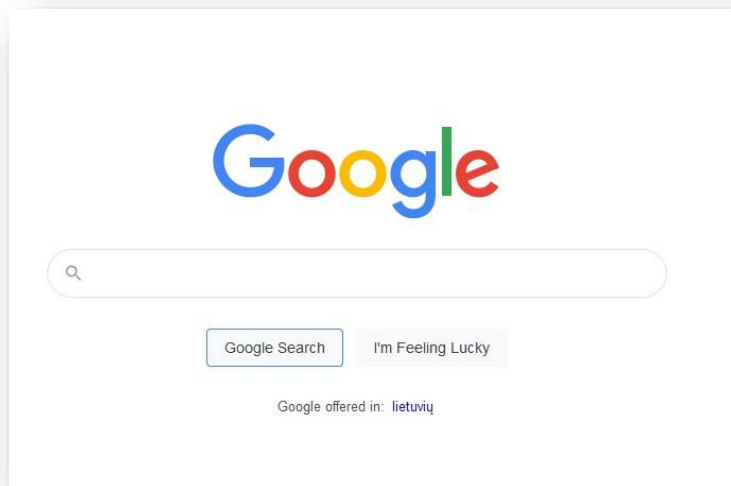
Google Scholar

Search "history of law"– about 127 000 results

Scientific Information Search Systems

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- Google Scholar https://scholar.google.com/
- Google Books http://books.google.com
- Google Patents https://patents.google.com/
- Worldwidescience http://worldwidescience.org/
- ScienceResearch.com http://www.scienceresearch.com/
- CrossRef Metadata Search http://search.crossref.org/
- BASE http://www.base-search.net/
- Biznar https://biznar.com/biznar/desktop/en/search.html
- Mednar http://mednar.com/mednar/desktop/en/green/search.html

You will find **lots** of information, but **only a part** of it will be freely available.

Where can I get HELP?

MRU Library webpage

https://www.mruni.eu/en/library/

"Personal" Librarian

Subject Librarian

Information Desk at the Library

- phone: +370 5 271 4599
- e-mail: **biblioteka@mruni.eu**

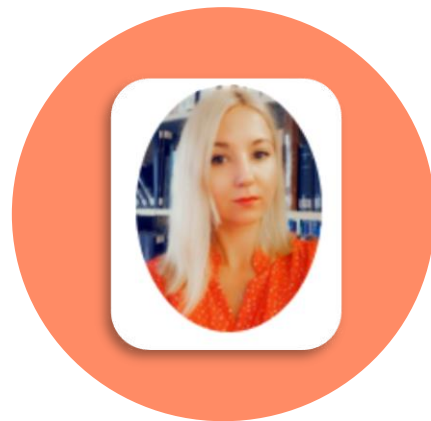**Help section at the webpage**

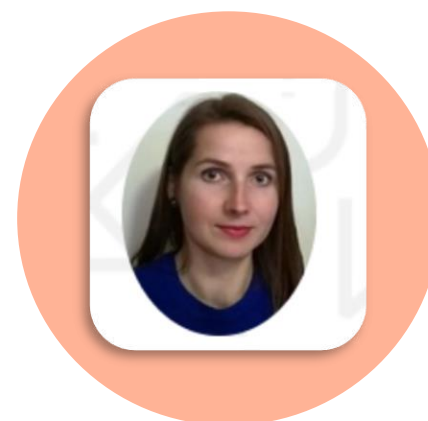**FAQ**

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Trainings
Individual consultations
Other services

Library Training

- **How to find information for your papers?**

- **Academic Literacy**

- **Reference management tools: Zotero and Mendeley**

- **How to prepare a good presentation for thesis defence?**

- And others on demand.

https://www.mruni.eu/en/library/library-training/

You can book:

- Individual consultation

  Contact the Subject Librarian of your faculty.
  Remote individual consultation via *Skype* or *MS Teams*.

- Information Search Strategy

- Invite Subject Librarian to your class (after making agreement with your lecturer).

https://resourcesbysubject.mruni.eu/subjects/

Reference Management Tools ZOTERO and Mendeley

- Free

- Helps to organize your references

- Helps to cite and automatically generate bibliographies

- Variety of citation styles (APA, Chicago, etc.)

How to cite and generate a reference list?

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- Follow the instructions of your Faculty Bachelor/ Master theses methodical requirements.

- **APA** (American Psychological Association) citation style or **Chicago** citation style is used for all academic and research papers at MRU.

Examples: **APA**   **Chicago**

Any questions?

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