



Human Rights: Searching in Online Databases

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- Go to the **Cook Library Home page** at <http://cooklibrary.towson.edu>
- Under **Find Articles**, click on **By Database Title**.
- Choose **Academic Search**. Once in it, click on the **Choose Databases** tab. Select **Social Sciences Abstracts** and **SocINDEX**. Click on **Continue**.
- Click on the **Advanced Search** tab.
- From the **Advanced Search** screen, change **Select a Field** to **SUBJECT TERMS** and type:
 - human rights and the name of a country/region
 - women's rights and the name of a country/region
 - For example: **human rights and latin america**
women's rights and iraq
 - Additional examples of searches might be:
 - § **women and sierra leone**
 - § **serb* and rights** (where serb* = serbs or serbia)
- This will result in a list articles in magazines, scholarly journals and newspapers on your topic.
- To limit your search to scholarly (peer-reviewed) articles, click in the box labeled **Scholarly (peer-reviewed) journals** on the **Advanced Search** screen.
- If you have already done your search and want to focus on scholarly articles only, click on **Refine Search** so that you can select to search only for scholarly articles.
- Related human rights issues can be searched with the name of a country/region using any of the following words:
 - children's rights
 - freedom of religion
 - political atrocities
 - political persecution
 - refugees
 - torture
 - ethnic or genocide (where ethnic = ethnic relations or ethnic conflict)
- Related women's rights issues can be searched with the name of a country/region using any of the following words:
 - women and social conditions
 - women and health
 - women and education
 - women and crimes against
 - women refugees

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