Research Guide to History of the Modern Middle East

Books
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Catalog
- Search by **Keywords** on your topic.
  - e.g. Turk* AND politics
  - e.g. Brit* AND Middle East
  - e.g. (Islam OR Muslim) AND politics AND Middle East
- Search by **Subject** on your topic.
  - e.g. Nasser, Gamal Abdel, 1918-1970
  - e.g. Afghanistan -- History -- Soviet occupation, 1979-1989
  - e.g. Soviet Union – Foreign Relations – Middle East

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A shared catalog that contains more than 26 million items owned by 37 academic libraries in Oregon and Washington, including UW, WSU, UO, and OSU. Requested items arrive within 3 to 4 days at the CU Library.

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**JSTOR**
- An archive containing many full text articles. Example search: (Islam OR Muslim) AND politics AND terrorism
- Limit your search to the “item title” field if you get too many hits
- Check the article box to exclude book reviews. Use quotes to search words as a phrase.
- Limit by date, if desired.

**Lexis Nexis**
- Covers many news resources. Choose **Power Search** to limit by date and publication title.
- Search news sources from 1980-present, e.g. “World Trade Center” AND attack. Contains socioeconomic profiles of and news about countries worldwide under “Research Countries.”

**History Reference Center and Academic Search Complete**
- Search by keywords. Consider combinations of names, events, and concepts.
  - e.g. Algeria* independence OR Algeria* revolution
- Limit your search to full text articles by checking the full text box on the search page.

**Journals List:** Use this to find a particular journal title or article online, e.g. Benallègue, Nora. “Algerian women in the struggle for independence and reconstruction.” *International Social Science Journal* 35, no. 4 (November 1983). Search: *International Social Science Journal* and then click the database link to locate the full text

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