GSWS – 318 Gender and Memory in Global Asia

- Library Workshop

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Agenda

Who might publish?
Choosing where to search
Mechanics of searching (concept maps, search syntax)
Library guide
Databases - articles, news & primary documents
Finding and citing images
Catalogue Search for books, book chapters, journal articles
Search techniques for Google
Who might publish

- Scholars
- Government
- Associations
- News Media
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Others
Choosing where to search for information on your topic

1. Which **disciplines** would study this? Look for database(s) that **index journals** that cover those disciplines.

2. Might there be **news stories from the time period**? Look for **newspaper databases** and by **searching the internet**

3. Might there be “**primary sources**”, such as photographs, oral histories, and government documents? Look for **archival (primary source) databases & search the internet**
Brainstorming

- Create “concept maps” for your topic
- Identify key terms that describe research concepts
- Identify synonyms & related words for each key concept
- Combine different concepts
Topic: Comfort women

- Collective memory, narratives, oral histories, apology

- Different aspects (political, social, cultural)
Truncation & Phrase searching

Use asterisk (*) to search for variations of a word

• **apolog** will find:
  
apology, apologized, apologizing

  Same results as: (apology OR apologized OR apologizing)

• Use quotation marks “_ _ _” to search for phrases
  
  • “comfort women”
Combine Concepts

“comfort women” OR “sexual slave*” OR prostitut* OR “sexual abuse*” OR brothel*

AND

“collective memor*” OR stories OR narrative* OR “oral histor*” OR testimon* OR interview* OR commemorat*

AND

militar* OR apology* OR “cover up”

AND

Japan* OR [other countries]
Topic

#metoo movement [name of country, region]

- Different aspects (political, social, cultural)
- Alternate terms:
  - “rape culture”, “date rape”, “sexual harassment”,
    “sexual assault”, “sexual abuse”, “sexual misconduct”
Questions?

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