SA 150 – Introduction to Sociology
- Library Workshop

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Objectives

- Differentiate between scholarly & popular sources
- Create “concept maps” for a topic
- Develop search strategies using keywords
- Use databases for Sociology
- Use Catalogue Search
Library guide SA 150

https://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/research-assistance/subject/sociology/sa150
Discuss with person next to you (2 mins)

Who may have published on this topic?

Child poverty in Canada
Who might publish

- Scholars
- Government
- Associations
- News Media
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Self-publishing
- Others
Scholarly / Peer-reviewed / Academic

- Written by scholars for scholars
- Reviewed by peers of the discipline before publication
- Usually have bibliographies
Identify the Scholarly Conversations

- Critiques
- Debates
- Frameworks
- Methodologies
- Theories
A Few Entry Points to Scholarly Debates

- Overview Sources (encyclopedia for discipline)
- Scholarly Books
- Journal Articles (scholarly)
- Literature Reviews
- Bibliographies
- New Dissertations
- Conferences
Popular

- Written by journalists and others
- Audience is the general public
Grey Literature

- Government
- Non-governmental / Advocacy organisations (NGOs)
- Think tanks / Research Institutes
Research Topic

Employment for visible minorities in Canada

**Identify key concepts**

employment, visible minorities, Canada

**Brainstorm** synonyms, alternate or related terms for each concept

Combine different concepts
Brainstorm

Employment for visible minorities in Canada

Concept 1: employment OR jobs OR work

Concept 2: “visible minorities” OR “women of color” OR “immigrants OR race OR ethnicity OR [a group’s name]

Concept 3: Canada OR British Columbia OR BC
Truncation symbol - Asterisk (*)

Searches for different endings of a “root” word

Employ* will find:

Employment, Employing, Employer(s), Employed, Employee(s), Employable
Phrase searching – Quotation marks (‘”’)

“Women of color”

“First Nations”

“Visible minorities”
Brainstorm and write down synonyms, alternate or related terms (3 mins)

Impact of globalization on employment in Canadian clothing manufacturing?

Concept 1:

Concept 2:

Concept 3:

Concept 4:

Concept 5:
Impact of **globalization** on **employment** in **Canadian clothing manufacturing**?

Concept 1: **global**

Concept 2: **employ** OR **unemploy** OR **jobs** OR **work**

Concept 3: **clothing** OR **fashion** OR **apparel**

Concept 4: **manufactur** OR **factory** OR **factories** OR **outsourc**

Concept 5: **Canad** OR **Montreal** OR **Toronto** OR **Ontario**
Time Saving Search Strategies

- Search the **databases** of a discipline for scholarly articles
- Use **Catalogue Search** for scholarly books
- Use **bibliographies** of relevant sources to identify more sources
Selected Databases

- **Sociological Abstracts**
  - Sociological journals, conferences, book reviews

- **Social Sciences Full Text**
  - Social sciences journals, some may be sociological
Catalogue Search (not the general search engine)

http://www.lib.sfu.ca/
Catalogue Search to use Advanced Search options
“Catalogue Search”

- “Sign-in” to see your library record, recall books, request material through “Inter-library-Loan (ILL)”

- Use capital letters (OR, AND) to combine concepts

- Use Citation Finder / ILL tab to request material not at SFU Library (Inter-Library Loans Service)

- Use “Browse” by “Title” to find books by title
Catalogue Search conti...

- **“Pin”** to track books or articles of interest (need to “sign-in”)
- **“Cite”** (to find citation using APA, MLA, Chicago styles)
- **Limit search results** by **“Subject”**, **“Language”**, **“Availability in the Library”**, **“Resource Type** (articles, books, media, dissertations, etc.)
- Use a relevant book, **click on its linked “Subjects”** to find other books on the same topic
Catalogue Search

Topic: Child poverty in Canada

(child* OR youth OR adolescen*)

AND

(poverty OR poor OR “low income”)

AND

(race OR “visible minorit*” OR immigrant*)

AND

(Canad* OR British Columbia OR BC)
Evaluate Information

- Is the author a recognized expert in the area?
- Does the information seem credible based on other sources that you've read?
- Who is the intended audience for this resource?
- How recently was this resource published or last updated?
- Are the author's sources clearly cited (are there references or a bibliography)?
Cite Sources

- Understanding and avoiding plagiarism
  [http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/academic-integrity/plagiarism-tutorial](http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/academic-integrity/plagiarism-tutorial)

- Citation Management Software and Tools
  - Zotero or Mendeley
    [http://www.lib.sfu.ca/find/research-tools/citation-software](http://www.lib.sfu.ca/find/research-tools/citation-software)

- For help, email
  [citation-managers@sfu.ca](mailto:citation-managers@sfu.ca)
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- **Guide SA 150**  
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