DIGITAL RESEARCH TOOLS

What are the first steps to take when starting an academic research in the online universe?

For research, it is important to select sources that are credible: in which information is *verified* and *verifiable*, sources that went through a process of editing and peer review, were published for academic audience, etc.

To find the best relevant academic sources for your research, you have several online tools and databases at your disposal free of charge. Use them! Wikipedia, blogs, random website articles of dubious background will not provide for credible citable material for scholarly research papers.

Wikipedia:Academic use

1. EVALUATING ONLINE SOURCES

WIKIPEDIA?

- Is it ever OK to use? When?

ENCYCLOPAEDIAS?

- Where else would I find definitions of concepts?

Newspaper articles?



BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

In the initial phase of research, look for bibliographies and annotated bibliographies Peer reviewed content:



- University press
- Academic journal

CONSIDER

- Relevance of the website
- People and institutions behind it
- Funding, advertising
- Editorial or commercial content?
- Various angles? Critical views?
- Evidence-based? Verified? Verifiable? Sources identified?
- Facts distinguished from opinions?
- How timely is the information?

FAKE NEWS FAKE NEWS EVERYWHERE

BLOGS?

- Is it ever OK to use blogs in academic writing?
- 2. LOOKING FOR ACADEMIC SOURCES ONLINE

FIRST THINGS FIRST: IF GOOGLE, THEN MAKE IT GOOGLE SCHOLAR!

- Find appropriate subject headings for your research to narrow down the search
- Identify key texts and authors
- Search for annotated bibliographies
- LOCATE the articles in journal databases or academic sites (Springer, JSTOR, academia.edu, etc.)
- THEN **search paid databases** through remote access at the library of the Slovak Academy of Sciences ... or go to the source
- Build up your searchable **LIBRARY**
- Set up **ALERTS**

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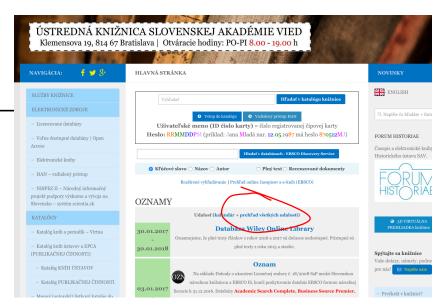
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