

## IBSS: International Bibliography of Social Sciences & Related Databases Smart Searching!

IBSS is one of many databases the library has purchased, that share a common interface. The common interface allows you to search across multiple databases at once, saving yourself time while doing your research. This is especially helpful when researching topics that are interdisciplinary and may have experts in many fields writing about them.

First step: Go to the UCSD Libraries' homepage at <http://libraries.ucsd.edu> and click on the "Databases A-Z" link near the top of the page.

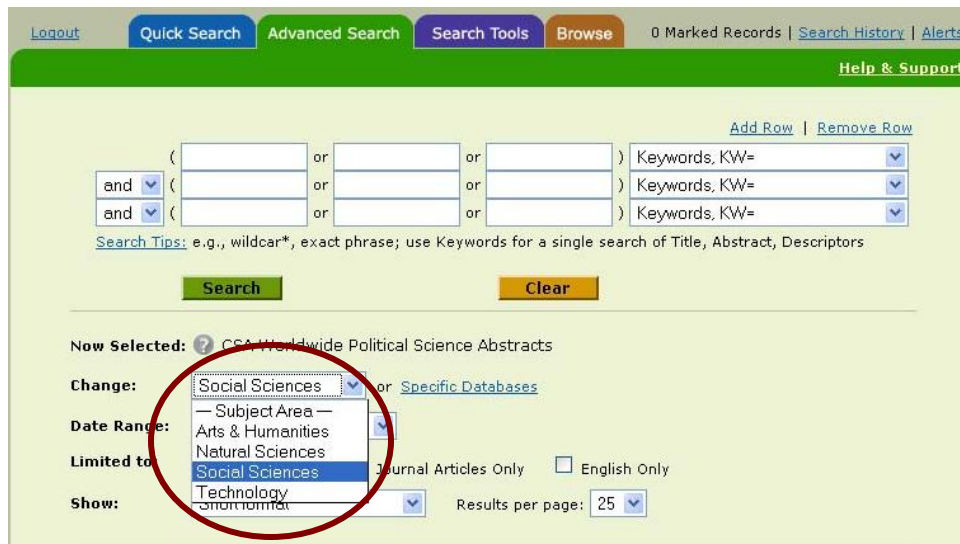
The screenshot shows the UC San Diego Libraries homepage. The header includes the UCSD Libraries logo and a search bar. The navigation menu contains links for LIBRARIES HOME, LOCATIONS, HOURS, SERVICES, COURSE RESERVES, CATALOG, HELP, and MY LIBRARY ACCOUNT. The main content area features a 'LIBRARIES HOME' sidebar, a 'Catalog - books, journals & more' search box, a 'Selected e-Resources' section with a 'Databases A-Z' link circled in red, and a 'Beyond UCSD Libraries' section. An 'Events' section is also visible at the bottom right.

From the Databases A-Z list, choose "IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences." You will find this under I. You may also go there directly using this link: <http://libraries.ucsd.edu/sage/stats?asset=1799673>

The screenshot shows the CSA ILLUMINA search interface. The page displays the search results for "IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences". The interface includes a search bar, a "Search" button, and a "Clear" button. The results section shows "Now Selected: IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences" and options to change the subject area, date range, and limited to options.

Now that you're in the database, you can just dive in and start a searching and you will probably find some good articles. But what if your topic is closely related to Political Science, Social Services, or any number of other disciplines? Normally you would have to search all those other databases as well. With this interface you can search the articles in over 20 social sciences databases simultaneously.

Using the drop down box next to "Change" select "Social Sciences"



Now you can start your research! Remember, this database interface makes it really easy to export your citations to RefWorks! (<http://www.refworks.com/refworks> )

(Also note: if you would like to also search databases with articles in other disciplines, you can click on the "Specific databases" link next to the drop down box and select the databases that interest you. An example of one database that might be useful to you outside the Social Sciences is *Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals*)

If you have any questions about this handout or your research, feel free to call or email me!

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