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## Philosopher's Index

**WHAT IS PHILOSOPHER'S INDEX?:** Philosopher's Index is the major database for scholarly research in philosophy. It contains over 328,000 bibliographic citations with author abstracts and covers major articles from anthologies and books written in English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish, as well as articles published since 1940 in more than 550 journals. All major fields of philosophy are covered, including aesthetics, epistemology, ethics, logic, metaphysics, political philosophy, social philosophy, and the philosophy of education, history, language, religion, and science. It is updated quarterly.

Use the  button to see if journal articles are available from a full-text database to which the library subscribes, to see CUNY's holdings for the journal, and to make an interlibrary-loan request.

**ACCESSING PHILOSOPHER'S INDEX:** Philosopher's Index is available anywhere within the Graduate Center by going to the library's Web site at [library.gc.cuny.edu](http://library.gc.cuny.edu) and clicking the link to *Databases*. Home access is explained at [library.gc.cuny.edu/info/remote.asp](http://library.gc.cuny.edu/info/remote.asp).

**SEARCHING PHILOSOPHER'S INDEX:** Use the Advanced screen to combine search terms and specific fields. Fields that can be selected include Terms Anywhere, Keywords, Author, Title, Abstract, Journal Name, and Review Author.

Enter the terms you want to search for in the query boxes, and choose the fields to search from the pulldown menu of field codes for each row. Rows may be added as needed to accommodate search terms. Terms may be linked using Boolean operators AND, OR, and NOT, available from the pull-down lists between fields. Indicate desired publication date using the Date Range pull-down list.

Use Quick Search for simple searches. Quick Search defaults to an anywhere search, looking for words in any field of the database record. More than one word will be treated as a phrase unless separated by "and" or "or." Quick Search allows the use of quotation marks and truncation.

**INDEXES:** Use the Index screen to locate specific terms within a database. Select Search History to bring up your prior searches. The index link

appears on the bottom right of the screen under Search Tools and can be used to browse through other elements of records. The indexes are especially good for finding variations on author names.

**E-MAILING/PRINTING/SAVING RECORDS:** Check the box at the top left of the desired record or use the Mark link at the upper left hand corner of the results page to select all the records on a page and click Save, Print, Email.

**OTHER SOURCES:** Full-text philosophy titles are available from Academic Search Premier, JSTOR, and Project Muse.

In addition, go to Full Text Journals on the library home page and under *Browse e-journals by subject* select *Religion and Philosophy* for a list of the more than 200 periodicals available in full text.

Also see [library.gc.cuny.edu/research/philosophy.asp](http://library.gc.cuny.edu/research/philosophy.asp) for database recommendations and a list of recommended online philosophy sites.

**OTHER GUIDES:** “Creating Accurate Search Statements,” “Finding Book Reviews,” guides to other databases, and more may be found at [library.gc.cuny.edu/guides/guides.asp](http://library.gc.cuny.edu/guides/guides.asp).

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