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Philosopher's Index on CSA Illumina

Reasons to Use *Philosopher's Index* on CSA Illumina

1. Access to over 328,000 records
2. Coverage dating to 1940
3. Indexing of 26 languages
4. Advance searching capability of 23 indexed fields
5. Searching via Browsable Indexes
6. Ability to cross- search with other CSA Illumina databases using an automatic de-duping feature
7. Lateral searching through Authors and Descriptors
8. Easy citation formatting via QuikBib

What Is *Philosopher's Index* and Why Should I Use It?

Philosopher's Index is a bibliographic database with informative, author-written abstracts covering scholarly research in all areas of philosophy. The literature covered goes back to 1940 and includes journal articles, books, book chapters (such as contributions to an anthology) and book reviews.

Philosopher's Index monitors over 550 journals from more than 40 countries. It is updated quarterly, with an average of 3500 records added per update. Extensive indexing includes personal and proper names along with subject terms; there is also the capability to search for the authors of book reviews.

The print equivalent is *The Philosopher's Index*, ISSN 0031-7993.

Supplier:

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Subject coverage includes:

- Aesthetics
- Axiology
- Metaphilosophy
- Metaphysics
- Philosophical Anthropology
- Philosophy of Education
- Philosophy of Epistemology
- Philosophy of Ethics
- Philosophy of History
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Logic
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Science
- Political Philosophy
- Social Philosophy

Field Name	Label	Search Examples
Abstract	AB=	ab=concept
Accession Number	AN=	an=3114956
Author	AU=	au=(aquila r e) au=(aquila richard) au=(aquila richard e)
Descriptors	DE=	de=phenomenology de=hermeneutics
ISBN	IB=	ib=0415349036 ib=0415*
ISSN	IS=	is=0031-8094
Journal Issue	JI=	ji=15
Journal Name	JN=	jn=(philosophy of science)
Journal Pages	JP=	jp=534 jp=534-555
Journal Volume	JV=	jv=5
Language	LA=	la=German
Monograph Title	MT=	mt=Kant mt=(Biomedical Ethics)
Publication Type	PT=	pt=journal article
Publication Information	PU=	pu=Berlin pu=2004
Publication Year	PY=	py=1992 py=200*
Publisher	PB=	pb=oxford
Related Work	RW=	rw=husserl
Review Author	RA=	ra=cooke
Source	SO=	so=(philosophical quarterly)
Title	TI=	ti=categorial ti=(The Generality Constraint and Categorial Restrictions)
Update	UD=	ud=20041223 ud=200412*

Table of Searchable Fields and Codes Available through *Philosopher's Index*.

Abstract Contains a summary of the original document. Not available for book reviews.

Accession number Contains a unique number which identifies the document. You can truncate your query as long as there are three characters before the *

Author Contains the names of individual(s) responsible for the content of the document; names appear last name first, followed by the first name or initials. If the document is a book review, either the reviewer's name or the name of the work's author may be found in a fielded search by Author. You may wish to consult the Author Name Index (Search Tools > Indexes) for a comprehensive list of names found in the Author field.

Descriptor Contains controlled index terms that describe the content of the original document. Records for Book Reviews will not have descriptors.

ISBN Contains the International Standard Book Number (ISBN)

ISSN Contains the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN)

Journal Issue Contains the number of journal issue in which the original article is found and displays as part of the source information.

Journal Name Contains the journal name of the periodical in which the original article is found and displays as part of the source information. You may wish to consult the Journal Name Index (Search Tools > Indexes) or [Serials Source List](#) for a comprehensive list of journal names.

Journal Pages Contains the page numbers of the original articles and displays as part of the source information. May be searched by First Page (FP) or End Page (EP) using the drop down menu in Advanced Search.

Journal Volume Contains the number of journal volume in which the original article is found and displays as part of the source information.

Language Denotes the language or languages of the main text body of the indexed article. Older records do not always show the language of the article.

Monograph Title Contains the name of the book or book being reviewed. You can search for any word or phrase in this field.

Publication Type There are 4 publication types in Philosopher's Index. A list of the main types can be found on page 5 or as an index in CSA Illumina (Search Tools > Indexes).

Publication Information Appears only in monograph and contribution records. Contains the name of the publication (in an abbreviated format) and four-digit publication year. You can search for any word or phrase in this field.

Publication Year Contains a four digit number which describes the year of publication of an item. You can truncate your query as long as there are three characters before the * (see example above).

Publisher Contains the name of the publisher, found in the Source Information.

Related Work Contains information about the work being reviewed (when book review is the publication type).

Review Author Lists the name of the individual responsible for the content of a book review, available only in records of book reviews.

Source Contains Journal Name (JN), Journal Volume (JV), Journal Issue (JI), Pages and Publication Year (PY). The SO field appears only in journal article records. If you are uncertain about the correct spelling of a Journal Name, you might wish to consult the Journal Name Index (Search Tools > Indexes).

Title Contains the original title, foreign language titles are not translated into English. We recommend searching for foreign titles without diacritics.

Update The update field consists of an eight digit date in the format YYYYMMDD. This database is updated quarterly. You can truncate your query as long as there are three characters before the * (see example above).

Publication Types

There are four publication types indexed in *Philosopher's Index* that are searchable on CSA Illumina by using the field code PT=. These document types include book, book chapter, book review, and journal article. These publication types are searchable by their name using the field code for each type.

The publication types (PT=) represented in *Philosopher's Index* by percentage:

- Journal Articles: 70%
- Book Reviews: 11%
- Contributions (Book Chapters): 10%
- Books: 9%

Language

The following languages are indexed in *Philosopher's Index*:

- Afrikaans
- Basque
- Catalan
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- Finnish
- Flemish
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Russian
- Serbo-Croatian
- Slovak
- Spanish
- Swedish
- Turkish

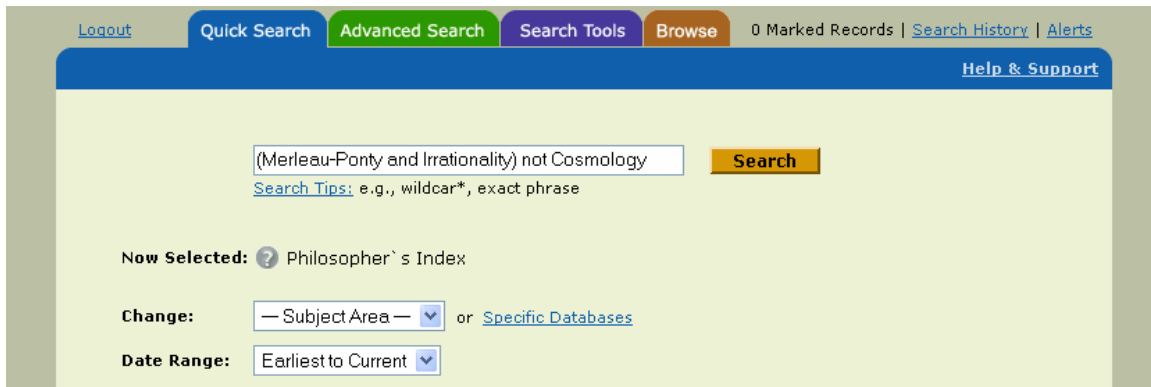
Selection Policy

Philosopher's Index offers a list of regularly indexed journals on their website (new journals are constantly being added). These journals have gone through a vetting process before being accepted and the issues are indexed in the order in which they are received. All of the regularly indexed journals have been so designated because 50% of the journal's articles regularly deal with philosophical topics. (An article in a regularly indexed journal may be not cited if the given article is not deemed by the editor to deal with philosophical topics). Books in all areas of philosophy are automatically accepted for indexing. *Philosopher's Index* also accepts information from philosophers for additional citations for "lone" articles in journals that are not regularly indexed (such as interdisciplinary journals). For a complete list of the journals indexed in the database, access the Serial Source List [here](#).

Boolean Operators and Other Search Tools Supported by CSA Illumina

Boolean operators help define the relationships between words or groups of words.

- AND** Use to narrow a search and retrieve records containing all of the words it separates
- OR** Use to broaden a search and retrieve records containing any of the words it separates
- NOT** Use to narrow a search and retrieve records that do not contain the term following it.
- ()** Use to group words or phrases when combining Boolean phrases and to show the order in which relationships should be considered.



The screenshot shows the search interface of CSA Illumina. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Logout, Quick Search, Advanced Search (highlighted), Search Tools, and Browse. On the right, it shows '0 Marked Records' and links for Search History and Alerts. Below the tabs is a search bar containing the query '(Merleau-Ponty and Irrationality) not Cosmology' and a yellow Search button. Below the search bar, there is a 'Search Tips' link with examples: 'e.g., wildcard*, exact phrase'. Underneath, it says 'Now Selected: ? Philosopher`s Index'. There are two dropdown menus: 'Change: - Subject Area -' and 'Date Range: Earliest to Current'. A link for 'Specific Databases' is also visible.

Proximity operators identify the number of words to come between the search terms.

- WITHIN** Use to narrow a search by specifying a proximity relationship of “X” fewer than “X” words between search terms.
- NEAR** Use to narrow a search by specifying a proximity relationship of fewer than 10 words between search terms.

Special symbols can expand the scope of your search.

- *** Truncate using the wild card symbol. This expands a search term to include forms of a root word, e.g. epistem* retrieves epistemology, epistemological, etc.

- * Find an unlimited number of characters within a word, e.g. categor*1 retrieves categorial and categorical.
- ? Find alternative spellings. The ? represents any single character; ?? represents two characters and so on. Use within or at the end of a word, e.g. Socrat?? finds Socrates as well as Socratic.

Note: The use of truncation requires at least three characters before the * in a query

Search queries containing several operators search in the following order: (), NEAR, NOT, AND, OR

Ready, Set, Search! Using CSA Illumina to Search *Philosopher's Index*

Now that you have an understanding of what *Philosopher's Index* is and how the searchable field codes and search tools function, you are ready to search the database through CSA Illumina.

Clicking on 'Help & Support' at any time will direct you to a context-specific Help page.

The screenshot shows the CSA Illumina search results interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like 'Contents', 'Index', and 'Search'. The main content area is titled 'Search Results' and features a section for 'DUPLICATE RECORDS'. A message explains that duplicates have been removed and provides a 'Show Duplicates' link. Below this, a search results table is displayed, showing two entries for 'The Perils of Risk Assessment' by Chris James J. in *Society*, 2004, 41, 4(270), May-June, 52-56. The first entry is the original record, and the second is a duplicate. The interface includes search filters, pagination controls, and a 'Show Short format' option.

QUICK, ADVANCED, OR COMMAND SEARCHING

On CSA Illumina, search strategies can be applied using one of three approaches.

- ***Quick Search*** restricts your search to anywhere. An anywhere search searches across all of the available fields in a record. Multiple words entered into the search field, will be treated as a phrase.
- ***Advanced Search*** gives you the advantage of being able to select any of the 21 field codes from a pull-down menu. The separate search boxes are formatted to include the Boolean Operators to help guide you in formatting your search.
- ***Command Search*** or ***Professional Search*** may be preferred by advanced users who are comfortable with entering search strategies without aid of a template.

LIMITS

Search strategies may be refined by using the following limits (available in ‘Advanced Search’ and ‘Command Search’):

- ***Latest Update*** limits your results to include only the most recent records that were added to the database. Philosopher’s Index is updated on a quarterly basis.
- ***Journal Articles Only*** limits the search to only include the publication type of journal articles.
- ***English Only*** limits retrieval to only records that are available in English. Philosopher’s Index includes source publications in 26 languages.
- ***By Publication Date*** limits retrieval to a specific date range.

SORTING

The sorting features give you the opportunity to order your results based on the publication date or relevancy.

- ***Most Recent First*** displays the records in order beginning with the most recent.
- ***Relevance Rank*** displays records in order based on relevancy. Relevancy is determined through a rating system that weighs the records based on the number of times the term(s) appear in the record and where they appear.

SHOWING RECORDS

Select how to display records from the 'Show' pull-down menu. Options include displaying the short format, full format, full format-omit references, and custom format.

The screenshot shows a search results page for a record titled "10. Hegel and Byzantium (with a Notice on Alexandre Kojève and Scepticism)". The record is from the "Philosopher's Index" database. The abstract describes an article by George Arabatzis in "Philosophical Inquiry: International Quarterly", vol. 25, no. 1-2, pp. 31-39, Winter-Spring 2003. The abstract text is: "The article is examining Hegel's ideas on Byzantium contained in the chapter 'Byzantium' of the Lessons on the Philosophy of History. Although Hegel's position on Byzantium is negative, it does not coincide with the Enlightenment's hostility for the ...". There are links for "View Record", "ILLIAD", and "Order this Item". To the right, there are links for "Database: Philosopher's Index", "Descriptors: Byzantine | Epistemology | Scepticism | Hegel | Kojève, A", and "Database: Philosopher's Index". Below the record, there is a navigation bar with "Previous 1 2 3 4 5 Next" and "Record # [input] Go". A "Show" dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Short format", "Short format", "Full format", "Full format - no references", and "Custom format". There is a "Go" button next to the dropdown. Below the dropdown, there is a search bar with "phenomenology" entered and a "Search" button. A "Search Tips" link is also present. At the bottom, it says "Now Selected: ? Philosopher's Index".

The 'de-dupe' feature automatically removes any duplicate records that appear in your set of results, which is especially useful when you are cross-database searching. You can also use the 'Show Duplicates' feature to display the duplicates.

When viewing records on CSA Illumina, both the author and descriptors are hot linked. Clicking on the hot-link will search the database for each occurrence of the selected author or descriptor.

PRINTING, SAVING, and E-MAILING RECORDS

Printing, saving, and e-mailing records can be done by using the 'Save, Print, E-mail' function. This function also includes an exporting feature to a number of bibliographic managers such as RefWorks and the use of our output format editor, QuikBib.

Value-Added Features

CSA Illumina offers value-added features to help with the search process and maximize the relevancy of search results.

BROWSE INDEXES

Searches may also be activated through four browsable indexes: Author, Descriptor, Journal Name, and Publication Type.

The Research Process

I) How to begin the electronic research process

A. Determine your goals:

1. State your research question:
"What effect has the work of Michel Foucault had on the philosophical discussion of power and resistance?"
2. Set parameters for your search (i.e., types of power, feminist philosophy, social philosophy)
"How has Foucault's work on power and resistance contributed to feminist philosophy?"

B. Identify general concepts:

1. Which general terms relate to your search?
"Michel Foucault"; "power"; "social philosophy"; "feminism"; "women"

C. Choose the appropriate database

1. Are there specific journals that specialize in feminist philosophy that are included in *Philosopher's Index*?

Feminist Studies

Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy

Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour

II) Build your search strategy:

A. Quick search:

1. Enter phrase or multiple search terms separated by Boolean operators AND to link terms, OR to link similar words or synonyms:

"Foucault and power and resistance" or enter "Foucault and social philosophy or feminis*" in Quick Search box

B. Advanced Search:

The drop boxes allow you to limit the search by any of the searchable field codes including Keyword (KW), Author (AU), Journal Name (JN), Descriptor (DE), Abstract (AU), or Title (TI). You can also limit your search to specific publication years and choose the record format. The descriptor field (DE) and abstract field (AB) will allow you to narrow down your search even more by locating specific descriptors and key words in the abstract.

Example: If I wanted to limit my results to articles authored by Michel Foucault

kw = (social philosophy) or feminis*) and au=Foucault

III) Analyzing Results

A. Good results:

If results are satisfactory, then Save, Print, E-mail citations or download them to a bibliographic manager such as RefWorks or QuikBib.

B. If results are not on target:

1. Check spelling of search terms and browsable indexes to drop unnecessary or misleading terms.
2. Increase precision: for example, if you want to emphasize the contribution of Foucault's work on feminist philosophy, search using the field code for descriptor DE=feminism or feminis* (to return the descriptors "feminism" or "feminist")
3. You may need to rethink whether the database you selected is appropriate for your search.

C. Too few/too many results:

1. Increase retrieval by using fewer ANDs and more ORs

Example: kw=(social philosophy) or feminis*

Or...

2. Increase precision by using additional ANDs and fewer ORs (NOT can be used to exclude some terms)

Example: kw=Foucault and feminism and social philosophy not gender