

Free academic databases in social sciences

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Abstract

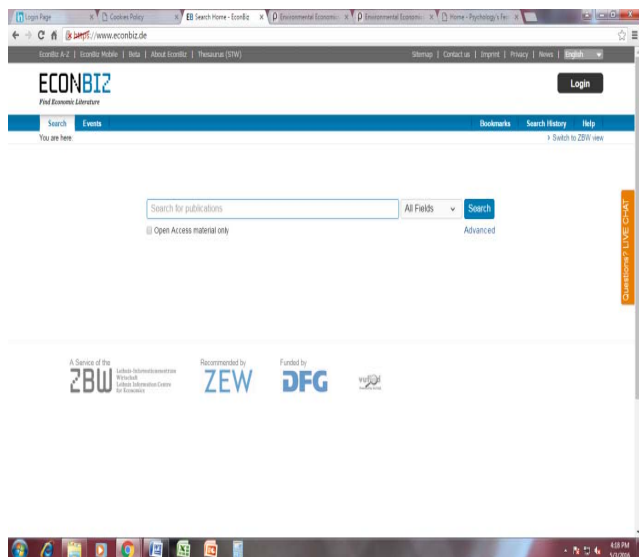
In the today’s era where IT and computer are key player in the system of education and knowledge. To provide feasibility in locating the resources of interest which are scattered on the web databases are created. Databases collect the information from different sources and provide at single platform. This paper aims to provide social sciences i.e. discipline-specific free online academic databases available on World Wide Web.

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1. Introduction

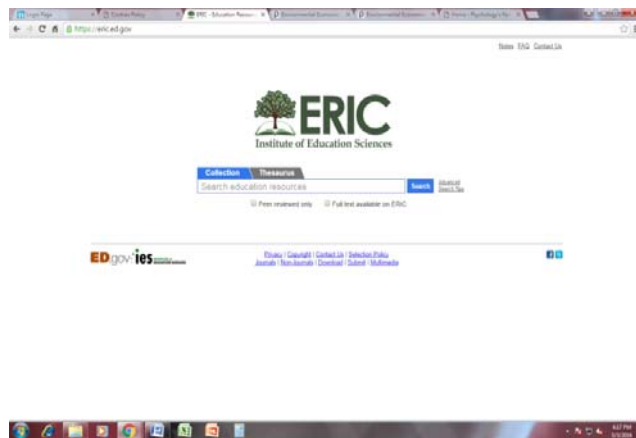
The word database first time used in 1962 by the System development Corporations of California in a specific technical sense. Database is organised collection of data and organized in such a way that it can be easily accessible. The academic database is also a type of database in which information is organised in way so that the user can find information efficiently in least time. Academic database are of two types general and discipline- specific. Academic database is a collection of information that is useful for research and writing. The academic database is of two types Free and paid/subscribed..Storage and retrieval in databases is easy that is why the life of user drastically changed in accessing the information of their area of interest. Free online databases of specific subject area are available widely on internet. The databases explore the researcher to find the right information of in least time. Databases are single platform from where the researcher can get information of interest from Journals, newspapers, reports, working pages, e-books etc.They find the relevant information from the thousand of sources to match the query of users and the information is of high academic quality.

2. EconBiz



It starts in the year 2002 as a virtual library for Economics and Business Studies managed by the german national Library of economics and the city library of Colonge. The aim of database is to support research in and teaching of economics with central entry point for all kind of subject specific information and direct access to full text. Database integrates an overview of current national and international events in economics. EconDesk service is also provided a user can take the help of librarian in by email, chat or telephone for online reference services. EconBiz App for android users is provided for economics and business literature references and full text.

3. Education Resources Information Center



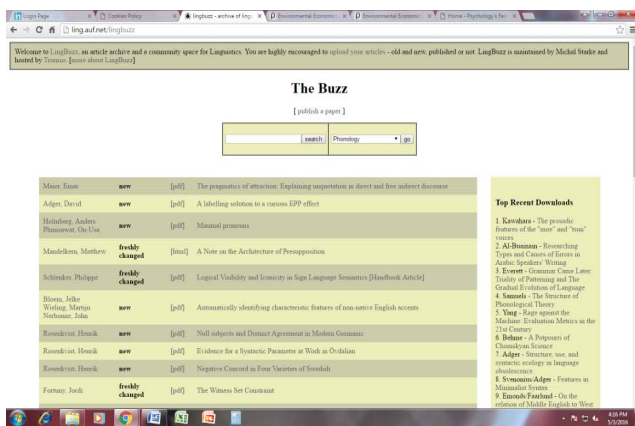
ERIC was founded on may 15, 1964 for supporting the easy to use, searchable, Internet-based bibliographic and full text database of education research and information for educators, researchers, and general public. Which are very useful in improving teaching, learning and educational decision making. It is sponsored by Institute of education sciences of the United States department of Education. ERIC database provides access to 1.5 million. ERIC collection also includes the grey literature in education. Eric Collection consist mainly Journal articles, books, research syntheses, conference papers, technical reports, dissertations, policy papers and other education related materials. Eric database contain the material which is easier to use no login required user can search the material by peer reviewed only or full text available on ERIC.

4. Jurn



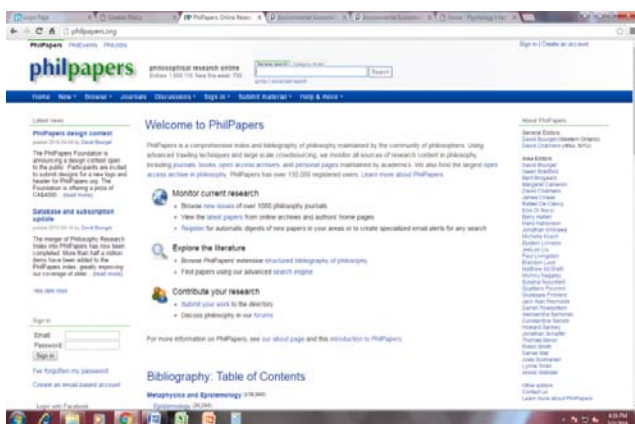
Jurn was established in the year 2009 comprehensively to cover the arts and humanities. The Jurn main strength is open access to 3000 open access to journals of arts and humanities. Jurn includes a number of PDF free-sample chapters from reputable scholarly publishers. JURN was created and maintained by David Haden, a British teacher.

5. Lingbuzz



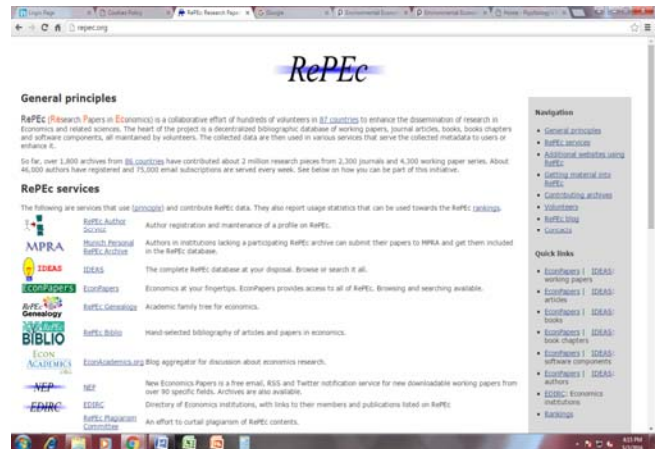
Lingbuzz database of electronic preprints and other kinds of published and unpublished articles in the field of linguistics. It was created and maintained by Michael Starke hosted at the University of Tromsø. Database maintains the old and new research mainly in the generative grammar. Users can search on the database by subject area such as phonology, syntax, semantics, and distributed morphology.

6. philPapers



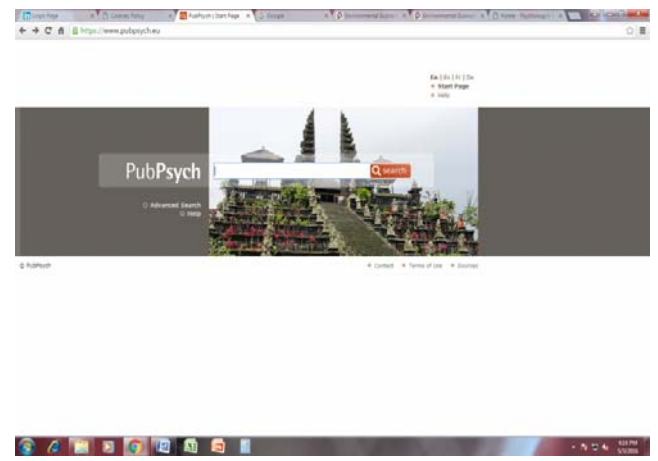
Philpapers was initially developed by two persons David Bourget and David Chalmers at the Australian National University. It is an International interactive academic database of journal articles in philosophy. Access to database is free and its structured bibliography organizes half a million entries into 5147 topics at different level of generality. Currently Philpapers has 138866 registered users, more than 4000 subscriptions to its RSS feeds and weekly it sends 10,000 content alerts to subscribed users. Database also provides the information about current events and jobs in philosophy.

7. RePEc



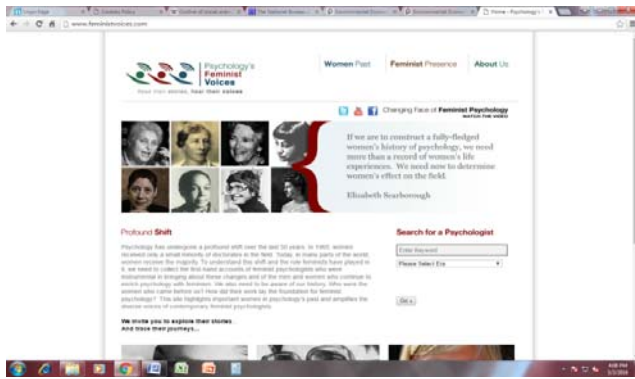
Research papers in economics are a database of research papers in economics started in the year 1997. It decentralized the resources at a place to disseminate research in economics. It provides the information on working papers, preprints, journal articles and software components. It provides links to 1,200,000 full text articles and it is among the largest internet repositories of academic material in the world. RePEc promotes open Access journals and also indexes the worldwide economics institutions and research departments in the world.

8. PubPsych



Pubpsych is a database of psychological resources contains over 800000 datasets in English, French, Spanish and German. It is a joint project of cooperating organizations within Europe and the United States of America. PubPsych offers free access to international datasets. PubPsych in average 6000 data records are adding per month.

9. Psychology's Feminist voices



It is a database of online multimedia digital archive containing the stories of women of psychology's past and contemporary feminist psychologists who have shaped and continue to transform the discipline of psychology. It houses materials including original biographical profiles, oral history interview transcripts, video content, timelines, bibliographies, teaching resources, and an 40 minute documentary on the emergence and current status of feminist psychology in the united states and currently the database has the profiles of over 250 psychologist from around the world.

10. Genesis



Genesis is a online database and list of sources with an intent to support research into women's history and maintained by the Women's Library at London Metropolitan University. Database provides a guide to sources to a large array of websites relating to women's history across the world. It contains documents related to all aspects of women's lives with an emphasis on women in the UK throughout the great political, economic and social changes of the past 150 years.

11. National Bureau of Economic Research



The database provides the information in economic research to the public policymakers, business professionals, and the academic community. It is the largest economic research organisation in United States. James Potreba is the president of NBER. Database of NBER provide information on activities and programs and working groups, NBER videos, working papers, Books, free publication and data on various economics related concepts and themes.

12. Conclusion

Database in social are useful for academicians and policy makers because the information on the databases is reliable, relevant and accessible. The database are customize the search to get most relevant information which covers all the information related to particular concept from different sources like articles from journals, books or working groups. The subject database provides access to full text of article saves our time in finding the related information than the search engines.

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