



St John's College Library

SUBJECT GUIDE: ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

Resources for Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

1. Books

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A brief outline of relevant locations:

History and archaeology, plus works on society and culture

Islamic world in general	DS 35.3-35.8
Arab countries	DS 36-39.2
Near East	DS 41-66
Iraq (Assyria, Babylonia, Mesopotamia)	DS 67-79.9
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Indonesia	DS 611-649
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Japan	DS 801-897

Egypt DT43-154

Languages and literature

Oriental languages and literature	PJ 1-9500
Egyptology	PJ 1001-1989
Semitic languages	PJ 3001-4197
Hebrew	PJ 4501-5192
Aramaic	PJ 5201-5329
Syriac	PJ 5401-5909
Arabic	PJ 6001-8518
Indo-Iranian languages	PK 1-9601
Japanese	PL 501-889
Chinese	PL 1001-3208

In the case of individual languages, works about the language are followed by history and criticism of the literature, and then the literary works. Dictionaries are available in the Reference section on the Ground floor.

2. Journals

While the College Library does not subscribe to any oriental studies journals in hard copy, a wide range of journals is available online across the university. E-journals can be searched via eresources@cambridge (see below for more information).

3. Electronic resources

The Library Gateway provides a complete guide to electronic resources available across the University:

<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/eresources/index.php>

Select 'Asian and Middle Eastern Studies' from the drop-down menu.

Key resources include:

Arabic manuscripts online

Bibliography of Asian Studies

China Digital Library

UKIRA: UK information resources on Asia

J-STAGE (Leading scholarly e-journals from Japan)

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Faculty website has a comprehensive list of links to e-books, e-journals and other online resources both general and divided by subject area:

http://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/faclib/online_resources.htm

Note: A Raven password is required for access off-campus.

Recommendations

The College Library aims to provide all works necessary for Part One courses, and a selection of the most important works required for Part Two. We receive reading lists from the departmental libraries in advance of each academic year, and continually update the Library collections in response to requests from Directors of Studies, supervisors, and students. If texts you require for your course are not available in the College Library, please talk to a member of Library staff. Recommendation cards for new purchases can be found at the Issue Desk, and all reasonable requests will be considered.

Help

If you have any difficulty in tracing the material you need, whether in printed or electronic format, please ask a member of Library staff for assistance.