



## St John's College Library

# SUBJECT GUIDE: ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

# Resources for Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

## 1. Books

P (Penrose section, First floor)	Language and literature
D (Penrose section, Second floor); Art N (First floor)	Archaeology, history, and culture of various countries
BL-BX (First floor)	Religion

A brief outline of relevant locations:

### History and archaeology, plus works on society and culture

DS 35.3-35.8	Islamic world in general
DS 36-39.2	Arab countries
DS 41-66	Near East
DS 67-79.9	Iraq (Assyria, Babylonia, Mesopotamia)
DS 80-90	Lebanon (Phoenicia)
DS 92-99	Syria
DS 101-151	Israel (Palestine), Jews
DS 155-156	Asia minor
DS 201-248	Arabian peninsula (Saudi Arabia)
DS 251-326	Iran (Persia)
DS 327-329.4	Central Asia
DS 331-349.9	Southern Asia. Indian Ocean region
DS 350-375	Afghanistan
DS 376-392.2	Pakistan
DS 393-396.9	Bangladesh
DS 421-486.8	India
DS 501-519	Far East. East Asia
DS 520-589	Southeast Asia
DS 611-649	Indonesia
DS 701-799.9	China

DS 801-897	Japan
DT43-154	Egypt

### Languages and literature

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

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](mailto:eresources@cambridge) (see below for more information).

## **3. Special Collections**

The [Special Collections](#) held in the Old Library contain certain material that might be of interest to those working on Asian & Middle Eastern Studies. Amongst them there is a collection of some [forty manuscripts from Asia and Africa](#) in a variety of different languages, chiefly Arabic, Hebrew and Persian, but with some Turkish, Ethiopic, Tamil and Punjabi, several of which are illuminated. Amongst the [early printed books](#) there are numerous primary sources which shed light on the interaction of early modern Europeans with other cultures, and the transmission of learning from the Middle East during the Renaissance. There are also early European printings of a variety of languages, particularly Hebrew, but also including Arabic, Coptic, Malaysian and others, as well as a small collection of Chinese printings, and texts on Chinese culture, from the library of Sir John Francis Davis, Governor of Hong Kong. Please ask the [Special Collections Librarian](#), if you would like to explore these resources further.

### 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

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

UKIRA: UK information resources on Asia

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](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.**