

## PATHFINDER 1: Guide to the PHILOSOPHER'S INDEX

The Philosopher's Index is a bibliographical and abstracting database indexing scholarly articles on philosophy and related interdisciplinary fields – aesthetics, epistemology, ethics, logic, and metaphysics – published since 1940. Coverage includes the philosophy of other disciplines such as education, history, law, religion, and science. More than 480 journals are covered as well as a selection of monographic literature and anthologies in 38 languages.

### GETTING STARTED

From the Library's [HPS resources](#) webpage select Online HPS-relevant indexes and bibliographies and click on Philosopher's Index.

- On the CSA Illumina screen click on specific databases
- Scroll down the screen to Philosopher's Index and click in the tick box
- Click on **continue to search**. This takes you back to the search screen and shows that the Philosopher's Index has been selected

### HOW TO SEARCH

#### *Quick search*

Words and phrases can be entered into the search field using:

- Boolean operators: AND, OR, NOT
- Truncation wildcards: Patent\* will retrieve patent, patents and patentable
- Multi-character wildcards which help with alternative spelling: behavi\*r will retrieve behaviour and behavior
- Single character wildcards also help with alternative spelling: wom?n will retrieve woman and women

After entering search terms click on the green search button

The date ranges can also be restricted on this page by clicking in the date range box.

#### *Advanced search*

The advanced search allows search terms to be combined.

- Enter the terms you wish to use in the search boxes.
- Select the fields you want to search (For example; Author, subject, title, keywords) by using the right hand boxes.

- Boolean operators can be applied by using the boxes on the left hand side.
- If you want to add more fields click on **add row**. Rows can also be deleted by clicking on **remove row**.
- The search can be restricted by date range, journal articles only and English results only.
- Wildcards can be used to broaden the search
- After filling in the search fields click on the green **search button**

### *Index search*

Allows searches by author, journal title, subject, and publication type. This is helpful as it shows how the author's name has been indexed, and what descriptors are used.

- Click on **search tools** tab
- Click on **Indexes**
- Select the index you wish to search; either author, journal title, descriptor (subject), or publication type
- Fill the search term in the **search the index** box and click on **go**
- A list of terms will be displayed. You can then select a number of terms by clicking in the tick boxes
- Click on the search button under **new search using marked terms** after selecting which Boolean operator to use.

*For more information and help with searching click on **search tips** or **help and support***

### **Saving, Printing, and Emailing results**

- After selected the records you are interested in, by placing ticks in the box on the left of the record titles, click on **save, print, email** above the results
- On the next screen select whether you want all of the results or just the ones you have selected
- Choose the format you would like the results in
- To email the results fill your email address in the corresponding box and click on **Email**
- To print, click on **print preview**. This will open a new window where you can go to file on the top toolbar and select print
- To Save, select what file format you would like and then on **save**

You can also create a bibliography with your results though this page.

- Select what format you would like the bibliography to be in
- Select a bibliographical style (For example Harvard)
- Click on **create bibliography**. A new screen will open with your results in bibliographical format.