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From the Publisher

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Oxford Bibliographies started with an open question: How is university research changing in the age of digitization? To answer this question, OUP undertook an intensive research project that involved hundreds of librarians, faculty, and graduate students. From those conversations a consistent picture emerged. Successive waves of digitization have provided access to a wealth of information, but researchers lack effective tools to navigate this growing mass of academic output.

Oxford Bibliographies was designed to address the problem by offering selective annotated research paths that are written by experts and which guide research by recommending the best sources on a topic.

The program launched with four subjects and 200 articles. Its growth since then has been tremendous. Now five years on, *Oxford Bibliographies* includes 41 subjects, over 8,000 digital articles have been commissioned, and over 29 million words have been published, the equivalent of 65 print volumes. We now publish nearly ten million words each year in addition to reviewing and revising material that was previously published.

In carrying out this work, OUP has the privilege of working with an incredible group of authors representing 62 countries. In addition to the authors themselves, Oxford editors work with editors in chief and editorial boards in order to select topics and to propose names of scholars qualified to write on those topics. Once articles have been commissioned, we work with veritable army of reviewers to ensure that each article has two rounds of peer-review. All and all, the *Oxford Bibliographies* publishing program has an enormous reach into the academic community worldwide.

The collaborative spirit with which we embarked on this project has carried through its ongoing development. This is absolutely essential. As the research environment continues to evolve so must Oxford Bibliographies if it is to continue to provide a vital service to researchers.

Over the years, librarians and scholars have been generous with their advice and insights. We're listening. Whether this is the first time you are viewing *Oxford Bibliographies*, or whether you have been involved from the beginning, please let us know what you think so we can continue to improve it.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Damon Zucca

About Oxford Bibliographies

What is *Oxford Bibliographies?*

Developed cooperatively with scholars and librarians worldwide, *Oxford Bibliographies* is more than a bibliographic service or an aggregator of links. A library of exclusive discipline-focused online guides to the essential literature across a broad range of subject areas, this cutting-edge resources combines the best features of an annotated bibliography and a high-level encyclopedia. These authoritative research guides lead researchers to the best available scholarship across a wide variety of subjects.

Oxford Bibliographies **provides students and faculty with:**

- High-level overviews of scholarship to quickly get you up to speed on topics outside your area of expertise

- Multiple peer reviews and Editorial Board vetting of content, ensuring that students get a balanced perspective with scholarly accuracy and objectivity

- References to print and online materials for a reliable guide to must-read sources

- Regularly updated expert recommendations on the best works available—with seamless linking to your library's catalog, OCLC WorldCat, and Google Books

- Scholarly introductions, commentary, and annotations, which provide basic understanding, framing context, and relationships of the specialized literature on major and minor areas of research

Oxford Bibliographies **offers librarians an excellent service with:**

- Personal profiles that allow users to "create their own bibliographies" from citations across different entries/subjects and easily organize their research

- Citations that link through to your collection via Open URL and full-text DOIs, increasing discoverability and usage of library resources

- COUNTER-compliant usage statistics available to help you monitor how your patrons are using Oxford Bibliographies

- Free MARC 21 records available at the subject and article level

"OBO is 'right smack on' with its tiered levels of information, running from general to highly specialized…it doesn't get any better than a respected, well-known scholar selecting the best of the best."

Steven Ozment
McLean Professor of
Ancient & Modern History,
Harvard University

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About Oxford Bibliographies

Why *Oxford Bibliographies*?

- Selective: Expert recommendations on the best works available in each discipline–whether it be a chapter, a book, a journal article, a website, an archive, or data set–streamline the research process

- Credible: Each subject area is overseen by an Editor in Chief, an Editorial Board, and peer reviewers, ensuring a balanced perspective with scholarly accuracy, authority, and objectivity

- Original Scholarly Content: Each article includes an introduction written by a top scholar in the fields and is an authoritative guide to the current scholarship with original commentary and annotations by top scholars

- Seamless Pathways: Intuitive linking and discoverability tools help users quickly locate full text content to prevent dead ends

- Customization: Personal profiles allow you to sign in to create a personalized list of citations with your own notes and annotations, helping to organize your research

- Up to Date and Expanding: A robust updating program keeps researchers informed of advances in their fields

"Oxford Bibliographies is like a GPS for academics awash in a sea of information"

Casper Grathwohl

Senior Vice President, Group Strategy, OUP

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Anatomy of an *Oxford Bibliographies* Entry

1. **Headings** concisely identify the types of resources and key areas of scholarship

2. **Expert Commentary** provides context and recommendations to guide users through the citations

3. **Citations** provide a selective list of the best and most useful resources available

4. **Annotations** indicate what is included in the work and how the resource will aid research

5. **Links** to resources in and outside of your library's catalog

6. (top far right) **Personalization** features allow you to save, annotate, and share citations and searches

> **"It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this project."**
>
> **John Esposito**
> Professor, Georgetown University. Editor in Chief, *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*

Each *Oxford Bibliographies* article, written and reviewed by top scholars in the field, is rich with citations and annotations, expert recommendations, and narrative pathways through the most useful and important works on the topic in question.

The guides feature a selective list of bibliographic citations supported by direct recommendations about which sources to consult. Each topic has a unique editorial commentary to show how the cited sources are interrelated.

Enhanced User Experience

Oxford Bibliographies currently provides access to content covering almost **40 different subject areas** and thousands of annotated citations that act as a gateway to only the most authoritative and accurate resources available.

Key Features:

- One search delivers seamless discovery of Oxford content, bringing definitive reference, journal articles, and scholarly essays directly to your fingertips

- Overview of pages give a quick, at a glance view of a single topic with smart, integrated linking to additional resources providing a roadmap through trusted OUP content

- Integrated into existing OUP online resources—discover links to related books, journals, and more with a single click

- Wired to the library—access to your library's OUP and other holdings directly from the Index

Fully cross-searchable within the *Oxford Index*:

A free discovery service, the *Oxford Index* enables users to search across Oxford's digital academic offerings from a single point of entry and receive recommendations of the best related content, resulting in an enhanced research experience. Users access the *Oxford Index* through the Oxford underbar, located at the bottom of each page.

"**A wonderful resource for both seasoned scholars and beginning researchers; it will prove so useful that future generations will likely wonder how research was ever done without it.** "

Dr. Sanford Goldberg
Professor of Philosophy,
Northwestern Univiersity

Subject Areas

Each *Oxford Bibliographies* subject gathers together a large collection of those articles addressing themes and topics within a single discipline, resulting in an immensely powerful new resource designed to give researchers a roadmap through the academic information overload culture.

Every subject area has an Editor in Chief and Editorial Board, and each article receives multiple peer reviews and board vetting.

New articles for the month are noted by an *asterisk under "Articles and Contributors" on each subject page.

> **"OBO is a truly excellent resource for research at all levels. It will rapidly establish itself as the first port of call for all serious bibliographical enquiry."**

Peter Lamarque
Professor of Philosophy,
University of York

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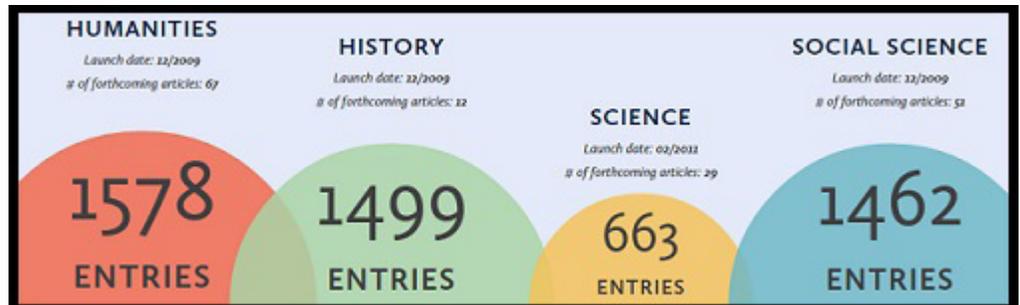
Update Program & Growth

Now in Preview:
Environmental Science

Coming Fall 2015:
Literary and Critical Theory

"It is precisely to provide a route through the vast jungle of sources that Oxford University Press launched Oxford Bibliographies"

-Times Higher Education

Over **37 million** words, over **half a million** published citations, **5,062** published articles, **6,044** published authors, and **38** live subject areas (1 more currently in preview and 1 more forthcoming fall 2015)

Articles are regularly updated by their authors so that information in this resource is always current and accurate. In addition to updating existing articles, new topic guides are added on a regular schedule to expand the scope and extent of each subject in the library.

- 50-100 articles at launch per subject (equivalent to a **4-volume print encyclopedia**)

- Updated regularly, with **50-75 articles added per year to each subject area**

- Updates also include revisions to **each existing article**

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User feedback and market research play a crucial role in the *Oxford Bibliographies* narrative. Feedback from librarians and users continues to inform ongoing improvements to search, design, and usability, ensuring this resource remains a cutting-edge, essential tool for researchers at every level.

We Want to Hear from You

The *Oxford User Research Program* is a longitudinal, global initiative assessing the way librarians, academics, and students discover, view, evaluate, and interact with content. The feedback from this program informs the development and improvement of *Oxford Bibliographies* to ensure a positive and valuable experience for users. If you are interested in learning more and how you can get involved in the *Oxford User Research Program*, please contact our Market Research Department.

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