

IBSS: international bibliography of the social sciences

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- bibliographic references, abstracts and linking to full-text for a very wide range of social sciences literature
- subject coverage of the core areas of anthropology, economics, politics and sociology plus related interdisciplinary fields such as international development, Asian studies, business studies, health and communications and media
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- over 50 per cent of titles published outside the US or UK
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- journal articles, book reviews, books and selected book chapters from multi-authored books
- material in European languages
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- Select **Advanced Search**.
- Limit to English-language material by clicking English only.
- If you want your search to include foreign-language material, search **Descriptors** rather than **Keywords** or **Abstract**.
- Use **Browse** to see a list of journal titles.
- Use * to find spelling or word variations e.g. lab*r finds labour and labor.

Look for similar information in:

- Sociological Abstracts.

IBSS looks like this:

The screenshot displays the IBSS search interface. At the top, it features the CSA ILLUMINA logo with the tagline "Natural Miracles: What Functional Foods Can Do for You?" and a link to "Provided by Monash University Library". Navigation options include "Logout", "Quick Search", "Advanced Search", "Search Tools", and "Browse". A "Please log in to My Research" button with an "XML" icon is also present. The interface shows a search query with three rows of criteria: "climate change", "environmental policy", and "european union", each with a dropdown menu set to "Descriptors, DE=". Below the search criteria are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. The "Now Selected" section indicates the current database is "IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences". Filter options include "Change" (Subject Area or Specific Databases), "Date Range" (Earliest to 2008), "Limited to" (Latest Update, Journal Articles Only, English Only), and "Show" (Short format, Results per page: 10). Search tools like "History/Combine Searches", "Command Search", "Thesaurus", and "Indexes" are listed at the bottom.

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