

Sociological abstracts

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Sociological abstracts contains:

- citations, abstracts and linking to full text of international literature in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioural sciences
- 1,800 journal publications are monitored from 1952 onwards
- over 40% of journals originate from outside of North America
- major areas of subject coverage including culture and social structure, demography, family and social welfare, sociology of Health and medicine, history and theory of sociology, women's studies, research techniques, religion, studies in violence and power, youth studies and substance abuse.

Use Sociological abstracts to find:

- journal articles, many peer-reviewed, citations to book reviews, abstracts of books, book chapters, dissertations and conference papers in the social and behavioural sciences
- cited reference linking for recent articles
- profiles of scholars with details of research fields and publications
- web sites related to your research via the **Web Resources Database**.

Tips:

- Use the **Thesaurus** to help identify appropriate subject terms.
- **Advanced Search** assumes a phrase if 2 words are entered in the search box.
- Use **Browse** to scan through journal title lists.
- Use **Search Tools** to access the Thesaurus, indexes of authors, descriptors and publication types, and search histories.
- Set up alerts to receive regular updates to your research topic.
- Use (*) for wildcard searching, for example "famil*" will search for family, families, and "behav*r" will retrieve behavior and behaviour.

Look for similar information in:

- IBSS : international bibliography of the social sciences
- Sociology : a SAGE full text collection
- Family : Australian family and society abstracts
- Social services abstracts.

Sociological abstracts looks like this:

The screenshot shows the CSA ILLUMINA search interface. At the top left is the CSA ILLUMINA logo with the tagline "Natural Miracles: What Functional Foods Can Do for You?". The top right indicates it is "Provided by Monash University Library" and includes links for "Please log in to My Research XML" and "0 Marked Records | Search History". A navigation bar contains "Logout", "Quick Search", "Advanced Search", "Search Tools", and "Browse". A "Help & Support" link is in the top right corner.

The main search area features a table with three rows of search criteria:

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and	(africa*	or)	Keywords, KW=

Below the table is a "Search Tips" note: "e.g., wildcar*, exact phrase; use Keywords for a single search of Title, Abstract, Descriptors". There are "Search" and "Clear" buttons.

The "Now Selected:" section shows "Sociological Abstracts" and includes filters for "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).

At the bottom, "Search Tools" includes links for "History/Combine Searches", "Command Search", "Thesaurus", and "Indexes".

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