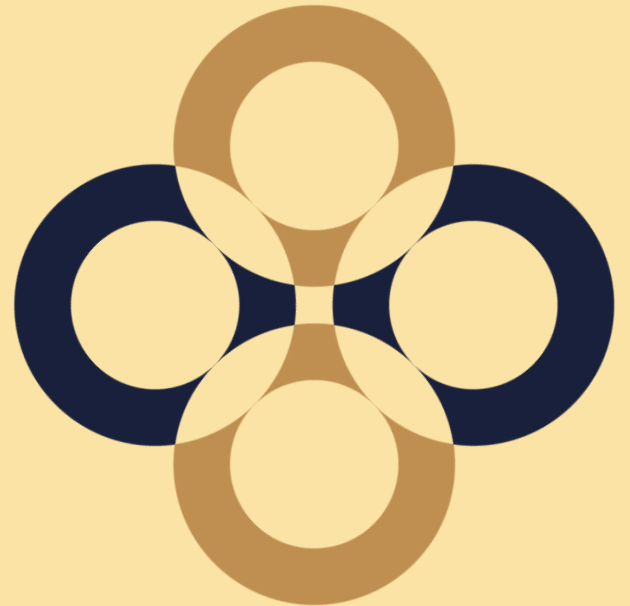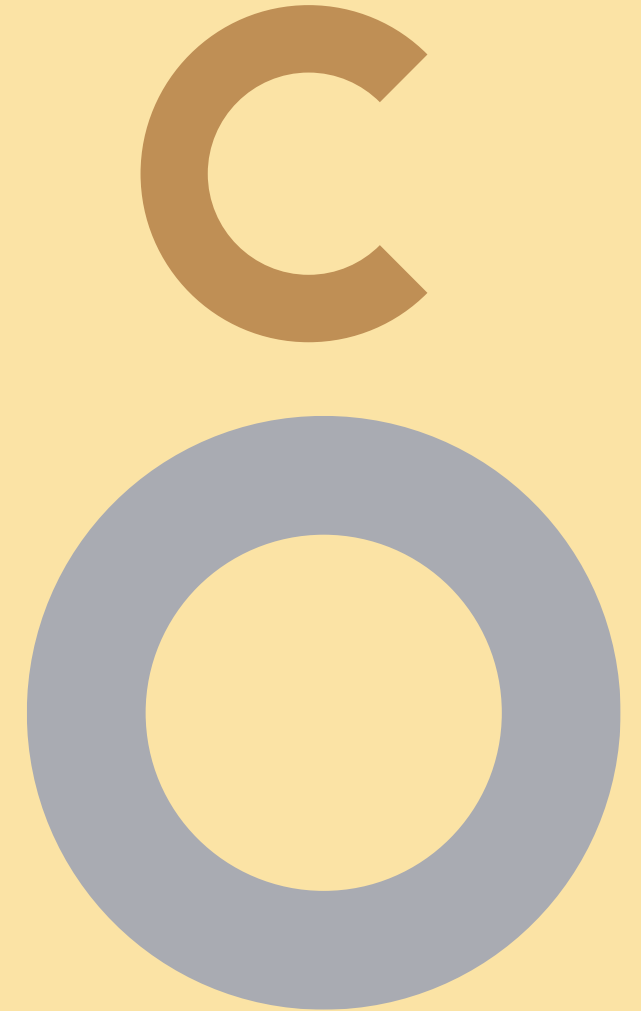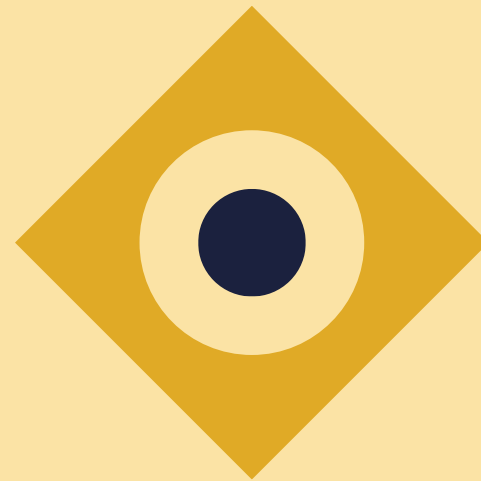# Scholarly literature sources

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Why to use sources? Source types

- to seek an answer for a research question or to raise another question
- to reflect on papers that have already been written
- it might influence or contradict your thinking

Source types

The question you are trying to answer determines the type of sources you need.

- for literature review: scholarly articles

- to make an analysis: raw data
- to get an overview about a topic: monographs
- for recent research findings: conference proceedings
- to describe a company's project: working paper (grey literature)

Where to search?

Google

Google Scholar

Repositories

DBIS

SuperSearch

Library OPAC

Journals and Ebook Search

WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

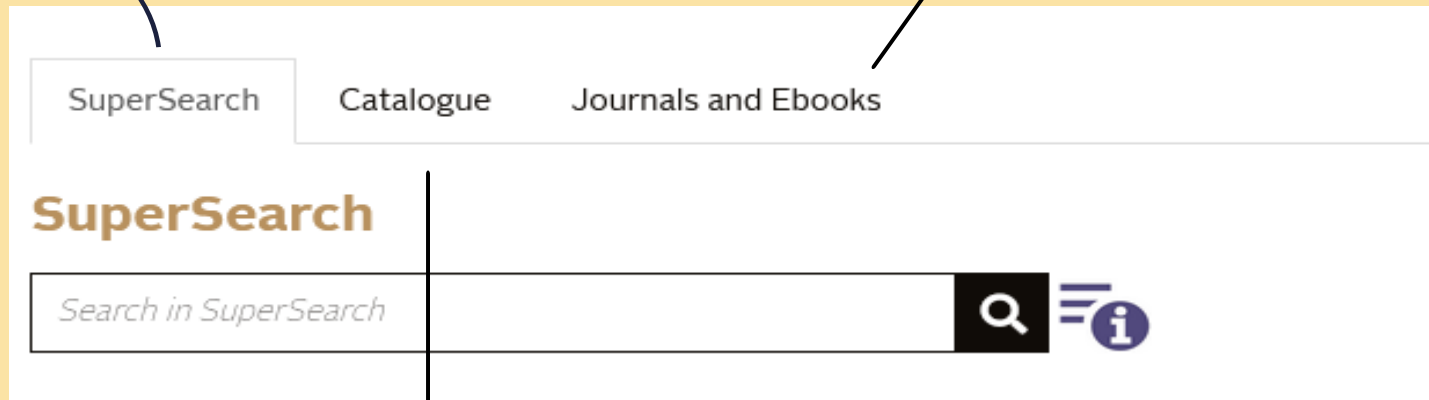EconBiz

SearchSmart

Library databases

Library sources

For topic search

Journals and ebooks

SuperSearch   Catalogue   Journals and Ebooks

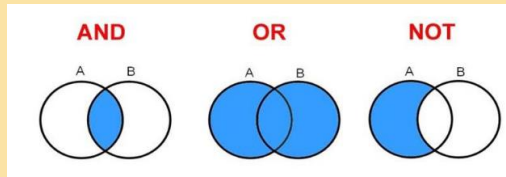**SuperSearch**

Search in SuperSearch

+Databases

+Repositories

Mainly printed books + e-links

How to build a topic search?

- Create a topic sentence, e.g.: *Role of banks in financial crisis*
- Pick up some keywords, find synonyms, e.g.: *bank*, „financial cris*s"; global cris*s; „financial institution"; „banking crisis" stb.*

Search techniques

- Boolean operators

- Phrase search: „social media"
- Truncation: poli* (politics, political, policy stb.), wom?n (women, woman)

Fine tuning

- Filtering (date range, language etc.), field filtering (abstract etc.)

- Save results into Dashboard/export to Zotero

SuperSearch

(live demonstration)

Repositories and databases

Repository

- Help at topic search
- Corvinus Thesis: use VPN for full text

Databases

Scholarly literature:

- Searchable in SuperSearch either/or in Journals and Ebooks
- Alphabetical order, subject and type guides

Databases containing data:

- Legal, statistical, financial: unique search is necessary, e.g.

[External sources](#) 1.: General search engines

Wikipedia

- good as a starting point
- never cite a Wikipedia entry but check its references (if any)

Google

- gives a general overview about a topic
- good for checking organizations, news

Google Scholar

- contains scholarly articles, advanced search is available
- harvests predatory publishers' materials
- Corvinus Library's collection is available through VPN – [setup](#) information

External sources 2.: EconBiz, DBIS, SearchSmart

[EconBiz](#)

- collect, index, archive and share economic-related information
- provides access to their huge economic collection (OA and free content)

[DBIS](#)

- collection of German-speaking countries' academic databases
- contains free databases, datasets
- databases are in English and/or German

[SearchSmart](#)

- searching platform of academic databases
- provides and compares databases' content

If all else fails ➡ [Interlibrary loan service](#)

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