Library Resources – Politics and International Relations

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You will need your **student ID number and Library PIN** to place reservations, check your borrower record online, and to renew library materials.

Web gateways are useful starting points for finding your way around the Internet and identifying sources of official information. Two of the most useful are listed below, but look too at a wider range on the **Politics subject resource** pages on the Library website: [www1.uwe.ac.uk/library/yoursubject/politics.aspx](http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/library/yoursubject/politics.aspx)

- **Direct Gov** ([www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk)) is an information gateway for UK government, departments and public sector organisations.

- **Parliament** ([www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)) provides lots of information about the Parliament, its workings and members.

**Databases** provide information about what has been published in magazines and journals. A list of databases which are most relevant for Politics is at [www1.uwe.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/searchforthingsa-z/databases/bysubject/politics.aspx](http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/searchforthingsa-z/databases/bysubject/politics.aspx). Here are a few of the most important ones:

- **Applied Social Sciences Index & Abstracts**

- **International Bibliography of the Social Sciences**

- **Social Sciences Citation Index**

- **Worldwide Political Science Abstracts**
Statistics
Links to statistical information are provided from the Library’s web pages at: www1.uwe.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/findthings/searchforthings/az/statisticaldata.aspx. The Office for National Statistics website provides a wealth of data about the UK: www.stats.gov.uk

Passwords
Many of these resources are password protected, particularly for use outside the university. Your UWE network username and password will allow you to access most of them. We strongly advise that you access resources via the Library Services web pages (www.uwe.ac.uk/library) from wherever you are. In this way, you will be recognised as an official UWE member and should not encounter any access problems. The first time that you login to a resource you will probably be asked to confirm that you are a UWE member.

Study skills
The Study skills web pages provide tutorials, advice and support to help you study and locate the materials you need using the library. You will find useful sections on how to evaluate information, how to reference accurately and how to avoid plagiarism. Access the Study skills resources through the website: www1.uwe.ac.uk/students/studysupport/studyskills.aspx

Need help?
For more information, contact Library staff through the ‘Ask a Librarian’ service on the Library web page (www1.uwe.ac.uk/library/help.aspx).