

International Medieval Bibliography

Scope

The IMB database comprises some 300,000 records, deriving from articles published in periodicals (journals) and in miscellany volumes (conference proceedings, collected essays, Festschriften and exhibition catalogues) published world-wide.

All subjects relating to the Middle Ages are included, within the date range 400-1500 AD. Geographical areas covered are Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

Records

Each record comprises a series of search-fields organized into two categories of information.

The **Bibliographical details** contain core publication information. You will need this information to find the publication in a library, or access it by library loan or document supply.

The **Classification details** contain various categories of information relating to the actual content of the publication itself: general subject, geographical area, chronological range, as well as detailed indexing concerning places, persons, texts, manuscripts and specific subjects treated in the article.

Search Screen

You can perform two types of search-query: Advanced Search and Simple Search.

The **Advanced Search** is recommended to make the optimal use of the database, as it guides you towards preferred search terms. Click on the blue buttons to access browse-lists of terms for each of the alphanumerical fields, which you can use for searching, by selecting and adding terms from these lists.

You can do a **Simple Search** by typing any term in the white search boxes, and then searching.

You can use the logical operators AND, OR and NOT and the wildcards, * and ? within the search-fields.

You can produce more refined and targeted searches by combining different fields.

Indexes Screen

A separate screen shows three hierarchical **Indexes** by Subject, Place and Date: these are additional search capabilities which can be used on their own or combined with the main search screen.

Hitlist Screen

The *Search and Show Hitlist* command produces a list of hits generated by your search-query. You can sort this Hitlist by Author, Article or Date by clicking on these headings. A second click on a header re-sorts the list in reverse alphabetical or numerical order. The number of records listed per screen can be changed in the **Settings Screen**. To access complete individual records, click on the IMB icon at the left of each record.

Tips on Advanced Searching

You may wish to access large numbers of records, using **broad searches** defined by subject, locality or date, or look for precisely defined records using **specific searches**.

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Both are possible.

Search in database

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Enter your [search-query](#) in the fields below. Click on the right-hand blue buttons for comprehensive lists of search-terms.

Free Search:
And Full Text

Bibliographical details:
And Author
And Title
And Publication
And Year of Publication
And ISBN/ISSN
And Language of Work

Classification details:
And All Index Terms
And Subjects
And Places
And Persons, Families, Texts
And Repositories
And Century

Authors Wordlist
Titles Wordlist
Publications Wordlist
Years
ISBN
Languages
All Index Terms Wordlist
Specific General
Specific General
Manuscripts
precise range

count hits search and show hitlist clear fields

Total number of hits: 0

Broad Searches

To access large numbers of records, it is best to use the following searches, separately or in combination:

- Subjects [General]
- Index by place
- Index by date

Browse-lists can be accessed by clicking the blue buttons on the Search Screen and the hierarchical lists in the Index Screen.

Specific Searches

To find very specific terms used in the classification of records, it is best to use the following approaches:

- All Index Terms
- Subjects [Specific]
- Places
- Repositories
- Century

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Browse-lists can be accessed by clicking the blue buttons on the Search Screen.

Language

The user interface is in English, French and German.

Articles catalogued in the IMB are also classified by the language in which they are written. The *Language of Work* browse-list button allows you to narrow your search according to this criterion.

Articles originally written using Cyrillic, Greek, Hebrew or Japanese scripts have been transliterated according to international standards.

Downloading records

You can export results of searches for your own use. This may be done in two ways.

Export provides a download in *.csv (comma-separated value) format, whereby the selected records are delimited by commas into distinct fields. This download format is therefore appropriate for use in most proprietary databases.

Export as HTML provides a download in html format which can then be used in word-processing software, and can be saved in *.rtf or *.doc formats, for instance.

Export-rights may be restricted to different categories of users; if you do not have access you should contact the publisher.

Export and **Export as HTML** are limited to 250 records at any one time.

NB: The terms underlined above are defined in the application itself.

Our licensing agreement only allows for one user at a time. Remember to log out when you exit the application. **For more information** on IMB's contents or for searching assistance, please contact Crystal Gale, Reference/Faculty Resources Librarian, by phone: 836-4345, e-mail: crystalgale@smsu.edu, or in person at Meyer Library 110F. Workshops and presentations on IMB can be arranged for academic departments and classes.