

Transcript for video tutorial Conference papers part 1: introduction to conference papers

Hello. Welcome to this Bodleian iSkills: scholarly literature for your research video tutorial on an introduction to conference papers.

The learning outcomes for this video tutorial are: that you should understand what a conference paper is; you'll understand why you might want to consult conference papers for your research; you'll discover such tips; discover how to keep up to date with conference papers; and where to find further help.

What is a conference paper? A conference paper is the text of a presentation given at an event organised by a society or organisation.

The paper is sometimes compiled with other papers from the event referred to as a conference proceeding.

Why might you want to consult conference papers as part of your research?

Firstly, they can help you to identify the latest research trends in your area.

Secondly, they help you to maintain awareness of developments in your field.

Thirdly, you can discover the journey of research that a researcher takes in their area of expertise. And fourth, and finally, you can discover new methodologies.

Let's move on to some search tips, starting with terminology. The event may be called a conference, a seminar, a symposium, festival, colloquium, congress, workshop or convention. So, it's important to bear this in mind when you are searching for conference papers.

The next search tip is to think about the information you are going to use to conduct your search. It's a good idea to use one or more of these options. You could search for the conference title, the sponsor's name, the location of the conference, the date of the conference, the author's name (that is the person who wrote the paper) and the title of the paper.

The final search tip is to think about the publication of the conference paper. The paper might be published in a book, a journal issue, or on the web. You might also

find that there is a delay from the event taking place to the paper being published, or the event may never be published at all.

It's possible to keep up to date with conferences and conference papers. One way to do that is social media. A lot of conference organisers utilise social media and hashtags so people at the event can share what they're learning and people who perhaps were not able to make it to the event can see what's going on.

It's also a good idea to consult journal table of contents. As I mentioned on the previous slide, conference papers can be published in journal issues, so it's a good idea to keep an eye on newly published issues of journals and have a look at their table of contents to see if there are any conference papers of interest to you.

You can also set up alerts from databases or publisher websites where conference papers may be released.

For further help with conference papers, you might like to watch our other two videos: 'Finding conference papers at Oxford' and 'Finding conference papers beyond Oxford'.

The videos can be found on our handouts and videos web page on the Bodleian Libraries website www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk.

For more iSkills training, take a look at our workshops web page www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ask/workshops.

And you can always contact your subject librarian for help. A list of subject librarians is available on our website at www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ask/subject-librarians.

What have you hopefully learned from watching this video tutorial? You'll understand what a conference paper is, understand why you might want to consult conference papers for your research, you've discovered some search tips, how to keep up to date and where to find further help.

Thank you for watching.