Approach to China, Japan, and Korea: Introduction to the East Asian Collection

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The East Asian Collection at Oberlin College Library is one of the finest collections of East Asian materials among small to mid-sized East Asian collections and liberal arts college libraries in the U.S.

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East Asian literature monographs are shelved on the 3rd floor of Mudd in East Asian Literature Room (map). Books on other subjects are shelved with the main collection.
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- How to find a Book in the East Asian Collection

1) Find a book in Obis and to know its location
2) East Asian Collection 3rd Floor MAP
Find a Book in OBIS

Where in the library has this book?

What is the status?
Available = ready to check out!

Library of Congress Classification System (call number)
Library of Congress Classification System
related to East Asian Studies

**Call Number Examples:**

- AC145-AC150  Collections of monographs, essays–East Asia
- B5230-B5254  Modern philosophy by region or country—East Asia
- DS701-DS799.9  History of China
- DS801-897  History of Japan
- DS901-937  History of Korea
- HC460.5-HC470.3  Economic history and conditions--East Asia
- LG51-57  Education--Individual institutions: China, Taiwan
- LG240-285  Education--Individual institutions: Japan, Korea
- ND1040-1059  Painting by Japan and China
- PL0501-PL0889  Japanese language and literature
- PL0901-PL0998  Korean language and literature
- PL1001-PL3207  Chinese language and literature
- Z3001-3496  National bibliography--Asia
Only East Asian Literature (call number PL) is shelved separately in East Asian Collection area on the 3rd Floor
To begin a research project in East Asian Studies, you can use East Asian Studies (EAS) Subject Guide as a good start!

- Where to find the Subject Guide on East Asian Studies

1) from Library Main Page
http://www2.oberlin.edu/library

2) from East Asian Collection Page
http://www2.oberlin.edu/library/eac/index.html
From Library Main Page

Click “By Subject”
To
The page down below
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**LOCATING MATERIALS IN THE LIBRARY**
To find bibliographic information on East Asian materials, search Oberlin College Library Online Catalog - OBIAS. When searching OBIAS for a topic, try a keyword search using either Romanized Chinese/Japanese or English terms.

East Asian Materials are intershelved by their call number in the main collection in Oberlin College libraries (Mudd, Art, Science and Conservatory). East Asian literature monographs (Call number PL), however, are shelved on the 3rd floor in East Asian Literature Room (MAP) at Mudd Library.

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**Encyclopedias, Dictionaries and References**
- Finding JOURNAL Articles in English
- CJK Romanization System
- Chinese Language Databases
- Japanese and Korean Languages Database

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**Begins with,**
Bibliography of Asian Studies (1971 to date)
BAS offers more than 850,000 records on all subjects of Asian studies published from 1971 to the present.

**Academic Search Complete**
Multidisciplinary - good for nearly all subjects, scholarly and trade journals, popular magazines, newspapers, conference proceedings, book reviews and more.

**Other places you can look at,**
JSTOR
Provides page images of back issues of the core scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences from the earliest issues to within a few years of current publication

**Web of Science**
It provides access to records from the top journals, conference proceedings, and books in the sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities to find the high quality research most relevant to the area of interest. Using linked cited references, subject connections between articles that are established by the expert researchers can be explored.

**Some Open Access Journal Articles**
**APS Orientals**
Publication of the new volume of the Silkroad Foundation’s annual, *The Silk Road_* (Vol. 14 for 2016). It is freely accessible at: [http://www.silkroadfoundation.org/newsletter/vol14/](http://www.silkroadfoundation.org/newsletter/vol14/), where one can download individual articles or the entire volume by going directly to.
FINDING REFERENCE Resources

Encyclopedias, Dictionaries and References

When working on a new research topic, it is often helpful to begin with these three questions,

- What research question you want to answer in this paper?
- How to narrow down to a specific topic?
- What are the available USEFUL resources for your topic?

Beginning with reading a basic overview of the subject is often a good start.
Encyclopedias and dictionaries provide such overviews to help you familiarize with relevant vocabulary
and to provide useful suggestions for further readings.

Encyclopedias and dictionaries
- Encyclopedia of Modern Asia
- Berkshire Encyclopedia of China
- Kodansha encyclopedia of Japan
- Japan: an Illustrated encyclopedia
- Britannica academic
- Korean encyclopedia
- Historical dictionary of the People’s Republic of China
- Chinese History: A Manual, Revised and Enlarged
- * Wikipedia – Please use with caution. Not all entries are reliable.

Other References Tools
- Japanese Buddhist Dictionary A to Z
- Online English Japanese Dictionary
- MDBG English to Chinese Dictionary
- Online Boost tools for studying Chinese Grammar
- Selected Dictionaries in Japanese, Chinese and English (Last updated Aug 2016)

A blog provides substantial information on different subjects, including Japanese maps, dictionary,
regional names, Kanji dictionary etc.
- For English
- For Chinese
- For Japanese

Resources for East Asian Language and Thought by Charles Muller (Professor from University of Tokyo)
It provides some valuable resources related to Muller’s own research in Chinese thoughts, and
translation of some East Asian religious texts.

Very important to know when search in the system.
For example:
1) Names (first name together): Zhou, Zuoren not Zhou, Zuo ren
2) Places: (place names together): Beijing not Bei jing, Shanxi not Shan xi.
For details, please check the Romanization guideline

CJK Romanization System

GB18/Summon DOES NOT support the search CJK language material using
Chinese/Japanese/Korean characters.
PLEASE USE THE PROPER ROMANIZATION SYSTEM

Romanization for CJK languages (Chinese/Japanese/Korean)
Libraries use China’s pinyin system but have significant variations. Please refer to the Library of Congress New Chinese Romanization Guideline 2011 for a quick reference. The guideline also provides reference to Wade-Giles and Pinyin conversion.
For Japanese Romanization system (2012).
For Korean Romanization system (2009).
For Tibetan Romanization system (2015).
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Database and Ebooks

Harvard University Database
1. China GIS Data
2. China Historical GIS
3. China Biographical Database (CBDB)

Charles Muller Resources – Digital Dictionary of Buddhism (DBB)
- Free version, limitation on search

HathiTrust Digital Library
HathiTrust is a repository of digital content from 50 research libraries, including electronic versions of nearly 8 million books at the time of writing.

Works in East Asian Languages and Societies (provided by Western Washington University, Cedar Publication)
Academic papers, books for open access in the EAS studies by Cedar Publication.

Publication by Center for International Affairs – Korea v.1–v.7 (Library has v.5–v.7 in print, see DBIS record for accessing)
Hangul: Understanding Korea Series
v.1 UKS1_Hangaul_eng.pdf
Early Printing in Korea: Understanding Korea Series
v.2 UKS2_Early_Printings_in_Korea_eng.pdf
Korean Confucianism: Understanding Korea Series
v.3 UKS3_Korean_Confucianism_eng.pdf
Seoul: Understanding Korea Series
v.4 UKS4_Seoul_eng.pdf

Newspapers (HISTORIC and CURRENT)

Chinese Newspapers Collection (1632-1953)
Collection of 12 English language newspaper from China covering 1632-1953, and representing a wide range of regions and cities including Guangzhou (Canton), Beijing (Peking) and Shanghai.

Japan Times (1997-2015)
Full text coverage on all issues of this historically important newspaper from 1997-2015. Japan Times is Japan’s oldest English-language newspaper.

Current Digest of the Chinese Press (2011 to date)
Selections from Chinese newspapers translated into English; subject coverage includes Chinese politics and culture, international relations and security, business and the economy etc.

World News Connection (1995 - 2013)
Translations and transcripts of news stories from non-U.S. media sources including newspaper articles, conference proceedings, television and radio broadcasts, periodicals, and non-classified technical reports. Coverage focuses on socioeconomic, political, scientific, technical, and environmental issues and events. Dates of Coverage: 1995 - 2013

Factiva
Full-text global news sources, including newspapers, newswires, television and radio transcripts, numerous regional and industry publications, and images from Reuters. Content comes from ~160 countries in 22 languages.

News Clippings before 1949 (Republican Period Newspapers in Chinese)
Collection of newspaper clippings, historical documents from 1930-1949, total of 139,558 titles, 165,804 pages of material. It also provides valuable information on Sino-Japanese
FINDING CHINESE Resources

MAJOR DATABASES

Chinese Languages Databases

National Social Sciences Database
Provides current access to the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) over 800+ journal titles. Full text search and download both in English and Chinese.

Chinese Insight
A full-text database that provides coverage of a wide range of predominantly Chinese-language journals from both mainland China and Taiwan. It supports information and research needs related to the dynamic Greater China region. Content is indexed in both Chinese and English.

Duxiu
A knowledge database which enables you to search for books, journals, newspapers, conference papers and dissertations in multi-discipline.

Scripta Sinica
An full text database for academic research, especially related to Chinese historic documents, including dynastic history, gazetteers, veritable records of dynasty etc. Scripta Sinica is the largest Chinese full text database to encompass an enormous breadth of historical material of this scale. More than 589 titles and 429,000,000 characters of materials pertaining to the traditional Chinese classics have been included in the database and have been categorized with meticulous care.

Chinese National Libraries Reference Service Database
Provides indexes or full text for publications in China via Chinese National Libraries Alliance Reference Services, including newspapers, journals, dissertations, conference papers, eBooks and so on.

Open Access Chinese E-book Database
National Library in Taiwan includes many full text books, documents, gazetteers published from 1911-1949.

Full Text Databases on Center of Chinese Studies Publications
now provides full text access to most their publications. Please refer to the title for access.

OTHER OA RESOURCES

Other Open Access Resources

Chinoiresie – mismatched shards of China (Australian Center on China in the World)
The site provides China-related essays by various scholars. It is also a home to "Made in Quarterly on Chinese Labour, Civil Society, and Rights" and Tianxia Podcast Series.

The China History Podcast by Laszlo Montgomery
Great resources to study Chinese history through podcast = Highlighted one to recommend: "The Mongol Yuan Dynasty part 1 and 2"

Kanseki Repository – Collection of premodern Chinese texts

Chinese newspapers published in China (each title is connected to that newspaper's e-version)
130 different titles, ONLY provide the latest news in CHINESE
FINDING JAPANESE Resources

Japanese and Korean Languages Database

Japanese

JAIRIO - Japanese Institutional Repositories Online
Japanese Institutional Repositories Online is an index of over 1 million journal articles, dissertations, departmental bulletins etc., with links to the full text of more than three-quarters of them.

CiNii Articles
A Japanese scholarly journal index. Abstracts are available. Many full-text articles from Daigaku Kiyo are available in pdf as well. The database is managed by the National Institute of Informatics.

NDL Digital Collection and Exhibitions
The National Diet Library offers online galleries of digitized material with detailed English descriptions. The digitized content can be browsed on an English interface; however, the bibliographic information is available only in Japanese and must be searched using Japanese characters as well.

Nikkei Telecom 21
Resources from more than 500 sources, cover newspapers, periodicals, research information, international sources etc.
* Please email East Asian Studies Librarian for login in information

Nihon koten bungaku taikei honbun database by National Institute of Japanese Literature
Japanese literature collection originally published by Iwanami Shoten in 102 volumes from 1957-1968. Consists of major works from ancient time to early 20th century, full-text and searchable by keyword. Search can be for the complete collection or limited to individual volumes. (OPEN ACCESS VIA INSTITUTION ONLY)

Digital Humanities Project on 3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake
Digital Humanities Project by Steven Geoffrey Brown using Japanese morphological analysis and visualization.

Japanese Animated Film Classics - full-view available online (some with English subtitle)

Modern literature texts (Digital project by Professor Hoyt Long, University of Chicago)
Aozora bunko corpus (Aozora Search Site - Modern literature texts) and its Instruction on how to use (in English) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovqrj43-M-Q
**Japanese and Korean Languages Database**

**Korean**

- Classic Korean Translations, including Korean literary Collection in Classical Chinese:
  - SNU Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies
- It has all the Daily Diaries of Choson kings (Choson Wangjo Sillok and Illseongnok (Records of Daily Reflections))
- National Institute of Korean History *(for searching articles and books).*
FINDING PRIMARY Resources

Primary Sources, Images and Maps

Primary Sources
China: Culture and Society (1750-1929) 💬 📚
Rare pamphlets, mostly in English, on a wide variety of topics including the Chinese diaspora, foreign relations, missionaries, philosophy, art and literature and more.

Digital Silk Road – Digital Archives of Cultural Heritage – by National Institute of Informatics
The site includes Digital archive of Toyo Bunko Rare books, Silk Road Maps, Stein Place name Database, Old Beijing Maps, Database of Ruins in Silk Road

Digital Archive of Chinese Buddhist Temple Gazetteers
237 gazetteers related to Chinese Buddhist history

Buddhist Texts online
CBETA Chinese Tripitaka – Da zangjing

Japanese Taiso Tripitaka – Da zheng zang
Master Shengyan Dharma Drum Collection

Images and Maps
Meiji Japan: The Edward Morse Collection from Peabody Essex Museum 💬 📚 📠
The Edward Morse Papers (ca. 1858-1925), document the numerous and contributions made by Morse to the areas of zoology, ethnology, archaeology and art history.

Digital Collection of Chinese Women's Magazines in the Late Qing and Early Republican Period
Chinese Women's Magazines in the Late Qing and Early Republican Period

China Online Museum
100 Chinese painters from the 4th century to modern.
East Asian Collection
Special Collection and Rare Books

http://www2.oberlin.edu/library/special/index.html

1) Mary A. Ainsworth Collection of Japanese Artists’ Books

2) Shansi: Oberlin and Asia
   • Archive of H.H. Kung

3) Chinese Books before 1792 善本 and before 1911 古籍
   • Buddhist texts finding Guides
   • Edict from Emperor Tongzhi 同治皇帝圣旨
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- Where to find HELP on other areas
Thank you!

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