



## What is ITER?

ITER (Latin for “journey” or “path”) is a bibliography of over 700,000 records for articles, essays, books, and reviews covering the Middle Ages and Renaissance from multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives. It covers the time period 400-1700, and is updated with newly published material daily.

The library’s subscription to Iter includes these databases:

- **Iter Bibliography** - all literature pertaining to the Middle Ages and Renaissance (400-1700).
- **Iter Italicum** - the first online version of Paul Oskar Kristeller's *Iter Italicum*, “the most comprehensive finding list available of previously uncatalogued or incompletely catalogued Renaissance humanistic manuscripts found in libraries and collections all over the world.”
- **International Directory of Scholars** - detailed information on the research and teaching careers of scholars around the world
- **Milton Bibliography; Aestimatio** (reviews of books about the history of science); and the **Medici Archive Project**.



## Search Guidelines for the ITER Bibliography

*Getting Started:*

The ITER database can be reached via the History Research Gateway page, or by typing in the URL into your browser:

<http://ezproxy.ups.edu/login?url=http://www.itergateway.org/>

Once you are on the main ITER page, first click on “Search a database,” then click on “Iter Bibliography.” Once in the database, you have the option to do a Basic or Advanced search. Iter does not have a very sophisticated search algorithm, so you need to structure your searches with care. Once you have your search results, use the “back” button within the ITER page, not your computer browser’s “back” button.

**Basic Search** – Use this option when you already have an author or title in mind, or when you are trying to discover subject headings.

- Suppose you have read an article by Nancy Cox that you found really interesting, and you would like to see if she’s written anything else. You could do an author search --“Cox, Nancy”-- to discover her other publications in the field of medieval and Renaissance studies.

- Search Query:

The screenshot shows the Iter Search interface. At the top, there is a purple header with a circular logo on the left and the text "Iter Search" in a stylized font. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with "Basic Search" and "Contact Us" buttons. Underneath, there are three buttons: "Go Back", "Help", and "Exit". The main search area is titled "Search for" and contains a text input field with "Cox, Nancy" and a dropdown menu set to "author".

- Results:

#5 <input type="checkbox"/> Keep	"A flesh pott, or a brasse pott or a pott to boile in": changes in metal and fuel technology in the Early Modern period and the implications for cooking [essay] Cox, Nancy Gender and material culture in historical perspective p. 143-157
<a href="#">Full Details</a>	
#6 <input type="checkbox"/> Keep	The complete tradesman : a study of retailing, 1550-1820 Cox, Nancy C. History of retailing and consumption xiv, 270 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.
<a href="#">Full Details</a>	

- Search in the Title field only if you know the title or at least some words in the title.
- Search in the Word anywhere field for a single term, or a combination of terms, using the Boolean operators AND, OR. For example, type in: "(peasants' revolt OR uprising) AND England." Use parentheses and don't worry about the capital letters. If you enter words without Boolean operators, ITER will assume that you are looking for that exact phrase.

- Search Query:

The screenshot shows the Iter Search interface with a search query. A red box labeled "BOOLEAN OPERATORS" has two red arrows pointing to the search input field. The input field contains the query "(peasants' revolt OR uprising) AND England". The dropdown menu is set to "any field".

**Advanced Search** –Use this option when you need to hone in on a narrower topic and a basic search gives you far too many results.

- ITER uses Library of Congress Subject Headings, so if you've identified appropriate subject headings while searching SIMON and/or SUMMIT, you can just plug them in here.

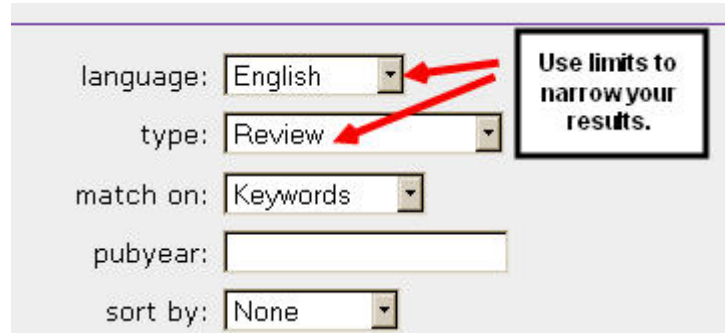
- Subject heading discovered in SIMON:



- Use same subject heading in ITER:



- ITER indexes publications in many European languages; if you only read English, you can limit the results to only English to avoid having to sift through results. Likewise, if you are just looking for articles or books or even book reviews, you can also limit your searches to those formats.



language: English

type: Review

match on: Keywords

pubyear:

sort by: None

Use limits to narrow your results.

### Getting Your Hands on the Actual Item

- ITER provides just citations to materials. As you scan your results, you may wish to mark items that look promising. At the end of your search session, you can then e-mail or print out your list of items.
- If the item you want is a book or essay in a book, first check SIMON, then SUMMIT, then WorldCat.
- If the item you want is a journal article, check JOURNAL LOCATOR to see if the library has access to that journal. If not, go directly to ILLIAD to request the article through interlibrary loan.

### Questions?

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