

Research Resources on Afro-Latin America

Duque, Gabriel, comp. *Afro-Latin America*.
<http://library.albany.edu/subject/guides/afrolatinamerica.html>

Finding books, videos, government documents, etc.

⊕ **University at Albany Online Catalog (MINERVA)**
<http://minerva.albany.edu>

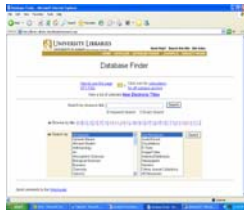
⊕ **Worldcat**

Union catalog created and maintained collectively by libraries worldwide. Most of the US academic libraries are represented in this catalog.

Access via Database Finder: <http://library.albany.edu/databases/search.asp>

Many of the resources from these libraries can be requested via our interlibrary loan service: <http://library.albany.edu/ill/>

Finding research articles



All databases accessible via Database Finder

<http://library.albany.edu/databases/search.asp>

Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)

Description: Provides access to bibliographic information of scholarly articles and book reviews from key journals worldwide primarily on Latin American and U.S. Latino topics.

Coverage: 1970-

Fulltext? You can limit your searches to citations to full-text only. Links would take you to either journals the library subscribes to or to freely available articles on the web.

Truncation: *No symbol is needed to truncate.* For example, searching for **Afro** will find "Afro-Latin America" and "Afro-Colombian".

Social Sciences Abstracts (from EBSCO)

Description: Indexes journals in sociology, anthropology, geography, economics, political science, and law

Coverage: 1983-

Fulltext? Links to full-text are provided for some articles. Allows access to full-text articles included in journals subscribed by the library.

Truncation: *. For example, searching for **black*** will find "blackness" and "blacks".



Sociological Abstracts

Description: Especialized in sociology covering journal articles, book reviews, abstracts of books, book chapters, dissertations and conference papers.

Coverage: 1952-

Fulltext?. Allows access to full-text articles included in journals subscribed by the library.

Truncation: *. For example, searching for **black*** will find "blackness" and "blacks".



Other Databases of Interest Available via the Database Finder

- Anthropological Literature
- Handbook of Latin American Studies
- Ethnic NewsWatch
- Women's Studies International



Tips to search in online catalogs and databases

Keywords are terms considered to be “key” to finding information. **You might find them useful for your catalog and database searches.** Some examples:

- **Keywords in different languages.** Afro cubano, Afro-Cuban...
- **Synonyms.** Afro Colombians, Blacks in Colombia...
- **Related keywords.** Blackness, Africanity, Mestizo, Diaspora...

EXPAND your search by using

- **Keyword searches** for quick searches on broad topics
- **Boolean operators (OR)**
- **Truncation.** A symbol at the end of a word to retrieve variants of that word. For example: searching for **afro*** would find "Afrolatin", "Afro-Latinamerica", "Afro-Brazilians"...
- **Wildcards.** A symbol to be embedded within a word to replace a single character or a string of characters. For example: searching for **wom?n** will find “woman” and “women”.

NARROW DOWN/LIMIT your search by using

- **Subject searches** for a more controlled search
- **Boolean operators (AND, NOT)**
- **Limits** (by date, language, format, specific field, electronic full-text availability...)



Open Access to Research Articles

Dialnet http://dialnet.unirioja.es/	Latin American and Caribbean Social Science Virtual Library - CLACSO http://www.clacso.org/wwwclacso/espanol/html/biblioteca/fbiblioteca.html
Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO) http://www.scielo.org/	Red de Revistas Científicas de América Latina, El Caribe, España, y Portugal (Red AL y C) http://www.redalyc.com/



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