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Introduction

For more than 25 years, Brepols Publishers has been developing high-value databases in the field of Humanities. Since 2001, these databases are available online on a platform called BREPOLiS.

At the moment, BREPOLiS offers seven bibliographic databases, four encyclopaedias, eight full-text databases and four free-standing databases.

One of Brepols’ main fields of interest is Medieval and Early Modern Studies. We have created an unparalleled medieval environment where we bring together key resources for the study of the Middle Ages with bibliographies on the one hand, and with encyclopaedias on the other. Two clusters are available, including “live links”.

- The cluster Brepolis Medieval and Early Modern Bibliographies gathers together the International Medieval Bibliography, the Bibliographie de civilisation médiévale, and the International Bibliography of Humanism and the Renaissance.

- Brepolis Medieval Encyclopaedias gathers together the Lexikon des Mittelalters and Europa Sacra.

The other strength of Brepols lies in the study of Latin language and literature as we offer the world’s leading databases in this field. Brepols has created a Latin environment where we bring together recent Latin texts editions and Latin dictionaries:

- The cluster Brepolis Latin Complete gathers together the Library of Latin Texts, the Monumenta Germaniae Historica, the Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature, the Aristoteles Latinus Database, and the Database of Latin Dictionaries. The Cross Database Searchtool allows the user to search these databases simultaneously. The integration of, and easy navigation between these respective databases will be further enhanced over the coming years.

- A last cluster of databases is dedicated to Religious Studies and Church History and includes the Index Religiosus, the Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques, and the Bishops of the Holy Roman Empire (Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches).

- Not content with having developed such tools, we are still working to further improve these databases and to make new tools available to the international community of scholars. The four most recent databases are Clavis Clavium, Sources Chrétiennes Online, the Bibliographie annuelle du moyen âge tardif, and the Dictionnaire des philosophes antiques.
Clavis Clavium, or ‘Key of Keys’, is the go-to database to access Late Antique and Medieval Christian literature. It incorporates the almost 8,000 pages of data found in six so-called claves: the Clavis Patrum Latinorum and the Bibliotheca Hagiographica Latina, the Clavis Patrum Graecorum and the Bibliotheca Hagiographica Graeca, the Clavis Apocryphorum Veteris Testamenti and the Clavis Apocryphorum Novi Testamenti. Together, these six indispensable tools provide researchers working on the extensive field of Early Christian, Medieval and Byzantine literature with essential information regarding authorship, authenticity, chronological and geographical contexts, manuscript transmission, and editorial history.

Now, with the creation of the Clavis Clavium database, researchers can for the first time access this enormous mass of printed data in an integrated and accessible way. The database allows all six claves to be searched together, for maximum efficiency, and it offers huge versatility through search options that can combine different categories (e.g. title, incipit, desinit, author, or saint). Continuously updated (after peer review) with material brought together by specialists in the field, the Clavis Clavium is a dynamic research tool that will continue to be expanded and updated in the future as new claves and material are added, and by serving as a gateway to other (third-party) information and functionalities.

Essential Research Tool

The Clavis Clavium is an essential research tool for historians, theologians, philologists, and philosophers.

Related Databases

- The database is an essential gateway to other full-text databases available on BREPOLIS, such as Library of Latin Texts or Sources Chrétiennes Online.
From its inception in 1942, the “Sources Chrétiennes” series (based in Lyon and published by Éditions du Cerf in Paris) has provided critical editions of texts from the first 1,400 years of the Church, accompanied by a French translation as well as an introduction and notes. More precisely, the series consists of editions-with-translations of Christian texts in Greek and Latin, but also in oriental languages, such as Syriac, Armenian and Georgian. Whereas it has always been the series’ mission to make the texts at hand easily accessible for consultation and (linguistic, historical, philosophical and theological) study, Sources Chrétiennes Online even expands the possibilities in this regard. Reserving the introduction, apparatus and notes for the printed series, the online database makes it possible to select texts along various criteria and to perform targeted searches both on the source texts and on the French translations that over the years have been published in the series.

Related Databases

- For patristic texts see also the full-text databases Library of Latin Texts and Patrologia Orientalis Database.
The project was started in 1991 as the Cetedoc Library of Christian Latin Texts, CLCLT, under the direction of Prof. Paul Tombeur. From 2009 onwards, the database is known as the Library of Latin Texts, the world’s leading database for Latin texts.

The new name Library of Latin Texts refers to the expansion of the chronological limits that were originally set, as well as to the broadening of its horizon which now integrates the initial Christian outlook into a general cultural perspective. The aim now is to offer a database that continues to expand and aims to comprise not only Latin literature from the patristic and medieval periods but also from Antiquity and the early-modern and modern eras. The Library of Latin Texts gathers Latin texts of all genres and all periods. Great importance is attached to translations, essentially from Greek originals, into Latin.

With regard to this corpus, the objective of the database can be summarised in the brief sentence: “Who said what, when, where, and how many times?”

The textual material integrated into the database forms the first of the two pillars on which the Library of Latin Texts is built, the other one being a rich pool of sophisticated search tools.

The LLT is the reference database for Latin texts, offering texts from the beginnings of Latin literature down to the present day.

In total, the present version of the LLT contains more than 130 million Latin words, drawn from more than 11,000 works (including 5,800 diplomatic charters) that are attributed to approximately 1,950 authors.

The texts are selected from the best editions available and when possible established according to best contemporary scholarly practice. Great efforts have been undertaken to verify facts relating to the text, such as the veracity of the authorial attribution or the dating. The printed text has often been enhanced by correcting detected typographical errors. In order to isolate, as far as possible, the words proper to each work, a distinction is made between the original text and the “paratextual” elements.

Content

Literature from Antiquity

The first chronological part of the database comprises the entire corpus of Latin literature from Classical Antiquity up to the second century AD. (opera omnia of Plautus, Terence, Caesar, Cicero, Virgil, Horace, Ovid, Titus Livius, the Senecas, the two Plinys, Tacitus, Quintilian and the others). The texts from this section come essentially from the Bibliotheca scriptorum Romanorum Teubneriana / Bibliotheca Teubneriana Latina 1 (© Walter de Gruyter).

Literature from Patristic Authors

The second chronological part of the database comprises the patristic Latin literature that starts around 200 A.D. with Tertullian and ends with the death of the Venerable Bede in 735.

It offers the complete works of important patristic writers such as Ambrose, Augustine, Ausonius, Cassian, Cyprian, Magnus Felix Ennodius, Gregory the Great, Jerome, Marius Victorinus, Novatian, Paulinus of Nola, Prudentius, Rufinus of Aquileia, Salvian, Tertullian, Victor of Vita, the Latin translations of the Apostolic Fathers, and many rich corpora of authors such as Boethius, Cassiodorus, Eucherius of Lyon, Gennadius of Massilia, Hilary of Poitiers, Idefoncus of Toledo, Isidore, and Bede. It also contains non-Christian literature of that period, by authors such as Ammianus Marcellinus, Claudian, Macrobius, Martianus Capella, or the Scriptores Historiae Augustae. This second part also contains the complete critical text of the Latin Bible according to the Vulgate, the corpus of Latin Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament, and the Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils of Late Antiquity.
Literature from the Middle Ages (736-1500)

The medieval literature in the database comprises Latin literature after 735 and includes a large number of texts up to 1500.

This part of the database contains more than 83 million words and continues to develop. It includes the complete works of many medieval authors such as Anselm of Canterbury, Beatus of Liebana, Bernard of Clairvaux, Rupert of Deutz, Sedulius Scottus, Thomas Aquinas, Thomas a Kempis, Thomas of Celano or William of St. Thierry. It also includes the Sentences and the Commentaries on the Pauline epistles of Peter Lombard, the Rationale of Guillaume Durand and important works by Abelard, Bonaventure, Hildegard of Bingen, Hugh of Saint Victor, Jan Hus, Ramon Llull, William of Ockham, Walter of Châtillon’s Alexandreis, an important collection of hagiographical texts and of liturgical works, a huge corpus of works related to the beginnings of the Franciscan order, and many others.

Neo-Latin Literature (1501-1965)

This part of the database already contains almost 12 million words and continues to develop.

It includes, for instance, the decrees from the modern ecumenical Church councils up to Vatican II, the Latin translations of John of Ruusbroec made by the German Carthusian Laurentius Surius, important Latin works of René Descartes, Lipsius’ De constantia, the Christianae religionis institutio of Calvin (according to the edition of 1559), poetical works by Joachim du Bellay and by the Jesuit Jacob Balde, the epic Colombus poem of Ubertino Carrara SJ, the complete works of Lawrence of Brindisi, and many others...

Related Databases

- The interface is the same as Brepols full-text databases (Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature and Aristoteles Latinus Database).
- Links to the Database of Latin Dictionaries (a user can select a word found in a text of LLT and automatically find entries on the word in the constituent dictionaries of the Database of Latin Dictionaries); the connection between LLT and the Database of Latin Dictionaries will be enhanced over the coming years.
- By using the Cross Database Search tool, LLT can be searched online together with the Monumenta Germaniae Historica, the Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature and the Aristoteles Latinus Database.
- The cluster Brepols Latin Complete includes all Latin full-text databases and dictionaries.
The Monumenta Germaniae Historica was founded in 1819 by the Gesellschaft für Deutschlands ältere Geschichtskunde. It is without doubt one of the most prestigious editorial undertakings for the critical publication of medieval historical texts.

In more than 300 volumes, covering the widest possible range of historical documents, divided into five major Series (Scriptores, Leges, Diplomata, Epistolae and Antiquitates) and into 33 Subseries, the Monumenta not only continues its editorial programme but it has established for all Western scholarship a standard for critical editions.

The powerful search engine developed by the Centre ‘Traditio Litterarum Occidentalium’ and Brepols Publishers allows unparalleled exploitation of this important body of texts, permitting in-depth searches of the corpus.

The online counterpart of one of the most prestigious editorial undertakings for the critical publication of medieval historical texts

Key Features

- The eMGH contains more than 3,700 texts
- In updates, precedence is generally given to narrative sources
- The powerful search-software enables the users to undertake enhanced search possibilities:
  - by using wildcards and operators, the user can construct complex search queries
  - filters are used when, instead of searching through the entire data set, one wishes to restrict the search to a particular Author or group of Authors, a particular Work, a particular Period or Century
- Interface in English, French, German and Italian
- Advanced search capacities for the eMGH are combined with the possibility of accessing the digital version of each text. Thus, from each search result, a link to the digital version of the corresponding page (along with its critical apparatus) is offered

Related Databases

- The integration of the eMGH into the Brepolis Latin platform offers the opportunity to carry out searches simultaneously with other collections of texts bringing together a total of almost 10,000 works (eMGH, Library of Latin Texts, Aristoteles Latinus Database, Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature), and allows the user to search Latin reference dictionaries (Database of Latin Dictionaries).
- The cluster Brepolis Latin Complete includes all Latin full-text databases and dictionaries.
The critical edition of the Medieval Latin Aristotle is one of the main projects supervised and supported by the Union Académique Internationale / International Union of Academies. The most important objective of the project is to bring to scholarly attention the various forms in which Aristotle’s texts came to be read in the West. The Latin versions of these texts constituted the main tools for the study of science and philosophy in the Middle Ages. They were considered as being the canonized littera to which all the commentaries on Aristotle’s works referred. The role played by these translations in the development of the Western philosophical and scientific terminology can thus hardly be overstated. All the texts that have been critically edited in the series Aristoteles Latinus are now available online together with the texts not yet available in a critical edition.

Aristoteles Latinus Database (ALD)

The complete corpus of medieval translations of the works of Aristotle

Key Features

- Academic partners: International Union of Academies, Aristoteles Latinus Centre (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) and Centre ‘Traditio Litterarum Occidentalium’
- The texts constitute the main tools for the study of science and philosophy in the Middle Ages
- Interface in English, French, German and Italian
- The powerful search-software enables the users to undertake enhanced search possibilities:
  - by using wildcards and Booleans operators, the user can construct complex search queries
  - filters are used when, instead of searching through the entire data set, one wishes to restrict the search to a particular Author or group of Authors, a particular Work, a particular Period or Century

Related Databases

- The interface is the same as for the other Brepols full-text databases (Library of Latin Texts, Monumenta Germaniae Historica and Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature) and the Cross Database Search Tool allows the user to search all of these databases together.
- Live links to the Database of Latin Dictionaries: a user can select a word found in a text of ALD and automatically find entries on the word in the constituent dictionaries of the Database of Latin Dictionaries.
- The cluster Brepolis Latin Complete includes all Latin full-text databases and dictionaries.
In the early Middle Ages, literate individuals in and from the Celtic periphery of Europe (Ireland, Wales, Brittany, Cornwall, Scotland and the Isle of Man) wrote many and varied Latin works constituting what can arguably be seen as a distinctive literature, whose unusual vocabulary, grammar and phrasing (to say nothing of subject-matter) made it into what has been called “one of the most curious and interesting phenomena of medieval philology”.

Subject Areas

This database contains more than five hundred Latin works by over a hundred known and unknown authors, spanning the fields of theology, liturgy, computistics, grammar, hagiography, poetry and historiography, and including legal texts, charters, inscriptions, etc.

Related Databases

- The interface is the same as the one for other Brepols full-text databases (Library of Latin Texts, Monumenta Germaniae Historica and Aristoteles Latinus Database) and the Cross Database Search Tool allows the user to search all of these databases together.

- Live links to the Database of Latin Dictionaries: a user can select a word found in a text of ACLL and automatically find entries on the word in the constituent dictionaries of the Database of Latin Dictionaries.

- The cluster Brepolis Latin Complete includes all Latin full-text databases and dictionaries.
Because of its broad spectrum of dictionaries, the Database of Latin Dictionaries (DLD) offers an immediate overview of Latin vocabulary that no isolated dictionary can give.

In order to cover all possible perspectives on Latin vocabulary, the DLD offers several kinds of dictionaries: defining and translating, thematic, medieval and early modern. Therefore, the DLD is a major tool both for students learning Latin and for experienced scholars.

The interface provides first-time users with a simple search option, while the more experienced can explore the advanced search possibilities where all kinds of words or expressions, Latin or Non-Latin, can be the object of complex queries using various criteria, singly or in combination.

Starting in 2005 with only two dictionaries, it has now grown into a large collection of 24 dictionaries. Each year at least one dictionary is added and various improvements are made to the existing ones. These improvements can be corrections to the original text, increased search possibilities or the addition of newly published addenda. The DLD strives to give its users the best and most up-to-date information.

Related Databases

- The DLD provides links to the full-text databases (Library of Latin Texts, Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Aristoteles Latinus Database and Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature).

- The cluster Brepolis Latin Complete includes all Latin full-text databases and dictionaries.
The *Patrologia Orientalis Database* (POD) is a collection of patristic texts from the Christian East, including works, recorded in non-Latin languages, that come from geographical, cultural, or religious contexts somehow linked to Rome or the Eastern Roman Empire.

This initial version of the database allows users to access texts included in the *Patrologia Orientalis* (PO) series in two forms: the original text, available as a PDF file, and a searchable translation. The user can search for items (such as keywords or quotes) in the language into which a text was translated in the PO. All the texts in the PO are searchable, and the reader can check the translation with the original text visible alongside as a non-searchable PDF file.

**Key Features**

- Provides the online version of texts and translations published in the *Patrologia Orientalis* series
- Each text is provided in its original language (Syriac, Armenian, Arabic, Coptic, Ge’ez, Georgian, and Slavonic) and in translation
- Translations are searchable
- Numerous filters (author, title, subject, language, etc.)
- Multilingual interface (English, French, German, and Italian)
- Content up-to-date with printed series by the end of 2020

**Related Databases**

- For patristic texts see also *Library of Latin Texts* (full-text database), *Sources Chrétienes Online* (full-text database including French translation), and *Répertoire des traductions françaises des Pères de l’Église* (repertorium).
Bibliographie Annuelle du Moyen Âge Tardif (BAMAT) Online

The Annual Bibliography of Late Medieval Latin Authors and Texts

This database, published in collaboration with the IRHT, forms an answer to the challenge raised by the proliferation of the current bibliography, by focusing on two criteria: the speed of the data extraction and the analytical quality of the records.

The database provides an up-to-date bibliography with very little timelag. It is a bibliography about late medieval authors and texts, and includes the manuscripts cited in catalogues by library collections, by genres, or by authors as well as in editions or other studies.

Key Features

- Online version of the Bibliographie Annuelle du Moyen Âge Tardif (Brepols Publishers, 1992-)
- More than 115,000 bibliographic records
- More than 10,000 historical authors, over 48,000 manuscripts and 60,000 incipits
- Direct links with In Principio
- Annual updates
- Partner: the Institut de Recherche et d’Histoire des Textes (Paris)
- Numerous search fields

Related Databases

- For other medieval and early modern bibliographies, see the International Medieval Bibliography (IMB), the Bibliographie de civilisation médiévale (BCM), and the International Bibliography of Humanism and the Renaissance (IBHR).
- Another useful research tool for the study of the writers, texts and manuscripts of Antiquity, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance is In Principio, the incipit index of Latin texts.
- For the study of Latin texts, see also the full-text database Library of Latin Texts.
L’Année philologique, published by the Société Internationale de Bibliographie Classique, is a specialized bibliographic database of scholarly works relating to all aspects of Ancient Greek and Roman civilizations. The bibliography is published in print and online. The online database includes all volumes of the annual index, beginning with Volume I published in 1928. Both the online and print publications are now available via Brepols Publishers.

**Subject Areas**

*L’Année philologique* covers a wide array of subjects, including Greek and Latin literature and linguistics—which includes early Christian texts and patristics—Greek and Roman history, art, archaeology, philosophy, religion, mythology, music, science, and scholarly subspecialties such as numismatics, papyrology, and epigraphy.

Abstracts of journal articles are provided in English, German, Spanish, French, or Italian. Book entries may include tables of contents and book review information.

**Related Databases**

- Live links to ancient authors and texts in the Library of Latin Texts published by Brepols and to external full-text resources on the Classical Works Knowledge Base, including PHI Classical Texts, Perseus Digital Library and Thesaurus Linguae Graecae.

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**Key Features**

- Broad coverage of publications related to Antiquity, including Late Antiquity
- More than 868,000 bibliographic records and 519,000 review references
- About 14,000 records added annually
- More than 1,000 journals indexed
- Records include abstracts for articles, citations of reviews for monographs, and tables of contents for edited volumes
- Multiple search fields: author, title, year of publication, subject, etc.
- DOI links to the full text of a book or article
- Several export formats (EndNote, Zotero, RefWorks, Microsoft Office Word)
- Multilingual interface
- Metrics component that enables users to examine in detail trends in Classics, see journal profiles (e.g. information on subjects and periods covered), and find authors’ publication profiles
- Compatible with OpenURL, facilitating linkage to full text
- Email alerts

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**L’Année philologique (APh)**

The reference bibliography for academic publications relating to Ancient Greek and Roman Civilization
The International Medieval Bibliography was founded in 1967 with the support of the Medieval Academy of America, with the aim of providing a comprehensive, current bibliography of articles in journals and miscellany volumes (conference proceedings, essay collections or Festschriften) worldwide. Its editorial staff is based at the Institute for Medieval Studies at the University of Leeds, and the project is supported by over 50 teams of contributors in Europe, North America, Australia and Japan. The International Medieval Bibliography comprises more than 500,000 articles, all of which are fully classified by date, subject and location, and provide full bibliographical records. The IMB offers an unparalleled tool for medievalists to identify the contents of current work published throughout Europe, the Americas and the Asia-Pacific region.

Subject Areas

The research areas to which the IMB is relevant include Classics, English Language and Literature, History and Archaeology, Theology and Philosophy, Medieval European Languages and Literatures, Arabic and Islamic Studies, History of Education, Art History, Music, Theatre and Performance Arts, Rhetoric and Communication Studies.

Related Databases

- Live links to the Lexikon des Mittelalters and the International Encyclopaedia for the Middle Ages.

- The IMB is part of the cluster Brepols Medieval and Early Modern Bibliographies, and shares the same interface as Bibliographie de civilisation médiévale (BCM) and International Bibliography of Humanism and the Renaissance (IBHR), enabling simultaneous cross-database searching of more than 1,000,000 records.
The Bibliographie de civilisation médiévale has been established by the Centre d'Études Supérieures de Civilisation Médiévale (Université de Poitiers) and aims to provide a comprehensive, current bibliography of monographs worldwide and listings of miscellany volumes (conference proceedings, essay collections or Festschriften). The Bibliographie de civilisation médiévale currently comprises almost 69,000 titles from 1958 to 2020, i.e. the whole of the relevant elements from the famous bibliography in the Cahiers de civilisation médiévale. Every reference has been fully classified by date, subject and location, and provides full bibliographical records.

**Key Features**

- Almost 69,000 bibliographic records of monographs
- Academic partner: the Centre d’Études Supérieures de Civilisation Médiévale (Université de Poitiers)
- Every bibliographical record is fully classified
- Numerous search fields: author, title, year of publication, subject, place, period, person, etc.
- Choice of simple or advanced search
- Auto-complete function
- Automatic counting of number of responses for each search term
- Several export formats (EndNote, RefWorks, Microsoft Office Word)
- Multilingual interface (English, French, German, Spanish and Italian)
- Use of Boolean and truncation operators
- Compatible with OpenURL, facilitating linkage to full text

**Subject Areas**

The disciplines to which the Bibliographie de civilisation médiévale is relevant include all aspects of History, Language and Literature, Philosophy and Theology, Art History, Archaeology, and so forth in the Western, Byzantine and Islamic worlds.

**Related Databases**

- The BCM is part of the cluster Brepols Medieval and Early Modern Bibliographies: fully integrated with the International Medieval Bibliography and the International Bibliography of Humanism and the Renaissance, users can either search the bibliographical records of all three databases simultaneously, or select only one of the three bibliographies.

- Live links to the Lexikon des Mittelalters and the International Encyclopaedia for the Middle Ages.
International Bibliography of Humanism and the Renaissance (IBHR)

A Multidisciplinary Bibliography of the Renaissance and the Early Modern Period (1500-1700)

The International Bibliography of Humanism and the Renaissance (IBHR) is the international reference bibliography of academic publications on the Renaissance and the early modern period. The IBHR is a continuation of the Bibliographie internationale de l’Humanisme et de la Renaissance, coordinated and published by Librairie Droz since 1965. Brepols acquired the rights to the bibliography in 2013 and has since been working on updating the content, extending the coverage, and building new software to support the online edition of the bibliography.

Key Features

- More than 412,000 bibliographic records
- 20,000 records added annually
- 900 journals regularly checked
- A comprehensive cataloguing and indexing system, using familiar, multilingual terminology
- English and French thesaurus
- Numerous search fields: author, title, year of publication, subject, etc.
- Several export formats (EndNote, Zotero, RefWorks, Microsoft Office Word)
- Multilingual interface
- Compatible with OpenURL, facilitating linkage to full text
- DOI links
- Email alerts

Subject Areas

The bibliography focuses on European history and culture and encompasses a broad spectrum of subjects, ranging from religious history through to philosophy, science and the arts; and from military and political history through to social and gender studies.

Related Databases

- The IBHR is part of the cluster Brepols Medieval and Early Modern Bibliographies, and shares the same interface as the International Medieval Bibliography (IMB) and the Bibliographie de civilisation médiévale (BCM), enabling simultaneous cross-database searching of more than 1,000,000 bibliographic records. Together, they cover 14 centuries of European history from 300 to 1700.
- Together, L’Année philologique (covering Antiquity), the IMB, the BCM and the IBHR cover more than 3,000 years of human history.
The Index Religiosus endeavours to become the international reference bibliography for academic publications in Theology and Religious Studies. It covers publications written in various European languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, etc.) and is the result of collaboration between the Catholic University of Louvain and the KU Leuven, which are both recognized internationally for their excellence in the field of Theology and Religious Studies.

The new bibliography begins from the basis of two existing bibliographies: the bibliography of the Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique and the Elenchus Bibliographicus from the journal Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses. These two tools are internationally recognized as essential working instruments for Theology and Religious Studies.

Since January 2014, the printed version of the bibliography of the Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique and the Elenchus Bibliographicus have been replaced by the Index Religiosus.

Key Features

- Some 645,000 bibliographic records and 150,000 review references are searchable
- More than 20,000 new records every year
- 195,000+ full text links
- Over 1,000 journals systematically checked
- Multilingual interface (English, French, Spanish, Italian and German)
- Indexing in English and French
- Extensive search possibilities (Author, Title, Year of Publication, ISBN / ISSN, Geographic Area, Discipline, Period, Keyword, Person, etc.)
- Ability to query the database from Bible Verses, the Tenets of Canon Law, or the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Several export formats (Endnote, Microsoft Office Word, Refworks, Zotero, etc.)
- Ability to create email alerts with notification of new publications
- Compatible with OpenURL, facilitating linking to full-text
- DOI links to articles in journals and miscellany volumes
- Links to Google Books

Related Databases

- Direct links to the Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques, Die Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches, the International Encyclopaedia for the Middle Ages, and the Lexikon des Mittelalters.
- The IR is fully integrated with ReReSearch, the unified discovery environment for sources relevant to religious studies, developed by the Research Infrastructure on Religious Studies (ReReS).
The Bibliography of British and Irish History Online provides bibliographic data on historical writing dealing with the British Isles, and with the British empire and Commonwealth including the American colonies, during all periods for which written documentation is available - from 55BC to the present.

In addition to almost 620,000 bibliographical records, BBIH offers links to online catalogues to help you find the items that it lists in research libraries in Britain and Ireland. It also provides links to the full text where available.

The bibliography is a guide to the work of historians - it does not contain original sources, unless they have been edited and republished by historians (except for a selection of key sources published before 1901).

The bibliography lists books, articles in books and articles in journals. Some 800 journals and series are regularly checked for new content.

**Key Features**

- Almost 620,000 bibliographic records
- 12,000 records added annually
- Academic partners: The Royal Historical Society (RHS) and the Institute of Historical Research (IHR)
- Numerous search fields: author, title, year of publication, subject, place, precise date range, person, etc.
- Choice of simple or advanced search
- Auto-complete function
- Automatic counting of number of responses for each search term
- Several export formats (EndNote, RefWorks, Microsoft Office Word, Zotero)
- Multilingual interface (English, French, German, Spanish and Italian)
- Email alerts in order to stay up to date with new research
- Metrics component
- Embeddable search widget
- Compatible with OpenURL, facilitating linkage to full text
- Ability to find out more about people covered using the integrated links with the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, the National Register of Archives and Who Was Who
- Also including links to British History Online, Reviews in History, H-Albion Reviews, Google Books, and COPAC

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Related Databases

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Professor Benoît Gain (Université de Grenoble Alpes), having read this repertoire in its entirety, has devoted himself to its promotion in order to facilitate scholarly research. In order to make its use easier, he has established a list of acronyms and abbreviations, and he has written a general presentation of the whole database.

Related Databases

- For patristic texts see also the full-text databases Library of Latin Texts, Sources Chrétiennes Online, and Patrologia Orientalis Database.

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**Key Features**

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**Key Features**

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