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- Over 645,000 records of books, chapters and articles relating to British and Irish history, including the British empire and Commonwealth
- Updated three times a year by specialist bibliographers
- 10,000+ new records added each year
- 800 academic journals checked weekly for new content
- Indexed using a unique classification scheme that has been designed especially for historians, with the option to search by historical period
- Can also be used to study interdisciplinary and emerging areas within the history discipline

“ *The Bibliography of British and Irish History is an essential resource for anyone interested in the history of Britain and Ireland, or the British World.*

In an age of information overload, the Bibliography is the definitive, curated record of what's been written about the past, and who's writing History today. No student, lecturer or researcher should be without the wonderful BBIH. ”

Professor Sir David Cannadine, Dodge Professor of History, Princeton University,
General Editor of the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*,
and President of the British Academy.



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The Bibliography (BBIH) is an essential tool for the study, research, and teaching of British and Irish history. It is the largest and most comprehensive guide available to published writing on British and Irish history, covering the Roman period to the present day.

The *Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH)* grew out of the Royal Historical Society (RHS) Bibliography of British and Irish History. Since its publication in 2010, BBIH has superseded the RHS Bibliography as an essential tool for students, teachers and researchers working on British and Irish history at every level and throughout the world.

Compiled and edited by specialist bibliographers and historians at the University of London, BBIH is a joint research and publishing project of the UK's Royal Historical Society and Institute of Historical Research, and its publisher Brepols.

Aims and Scope

The *Bibliography of British and Irish History* provides online access to bibliographic data on published works about Britain, Ireland, the British empire and Commonwealth and the British and Irish worlds. It can also be used to study, teach or research interdisciplinary and emerging areas within history, such as the histories of race and ethnicity, gender and sexual identity, social class, disability, mental health, environmental history and the history of emotions.

The BBIH includes published works during all periods for which written documentation is available - from 55BC to the present. In addition to 645,000+ bibliographic records, BBIH offers links to online catalogues to help you find the items that it lists in research libraries across the world. It also provides links to the full text where available.

The Bibliography is a tool 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 includes books, book chapters, journal articles and some history PhD theses. 800 journals and book series are currently searched systematically for material relevant to the Bibliography. Material is included irrespective of place or language of publication. The BBIH is a vital tool for any university library or independent historian and is invaluable for all levels of academic study and research, from undergraduate dissertations to the most advanced scholarship.

Key Features

- A database of **over 645,000 records, updated three times per year**, with 10,000+ records added annually
- Covers **British and Irish history** and relations with the empire and Commonwealth, **from 55 BC to the present**
- Includes records from partner projects: **London's Past Online** and **Irish History Online**
- Bibliographic data is drawn from a wide range of sources including: from journals not available online to data from the British Library's Electronic Table of Contents Database and the *British National Bibliography*
- Incorporates books, journal articles (print and electronic), review articles, chapters in edited collections and some history PhD theses.
- **800 journals and series** regularly checked
- Contents reviewed by **specialist academics** for accuracy and completeness, and prepared by professional bibliographers and historians at the Institute of Historical Research, the UK's national centre for history
- Indexed using a unique classification scheme that has been designed especially for historians, with 8,000 thematic search categories and the option to search by historical period
- A **metrics component** enables users to examine in detail trends in British and Irish history, see journal profiles (e.g. information on subjects and periods covered), and find authors' publication profiles

Subject Areas

Historiography and historical methods

Demographic and environmental history

Social history

Medical history and health

Economic history

Media and communication

Technology

Intellectual, cultural and artistic history

Social and cultural identity

Religious history

Political, administrative and legal history

Military history

Foreign affairs

Women's history

Numerous search options

The interface and search engine allow detailed searching and are identical to those used by other BREPOLiS bibliographic databases.

The screenshot displays the BREPOLiS website interface for the Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH). The top navigation bar includes language options (EN, FR, DE, ES, IT) and a search bar. The main header features the BBH logo and the title 'BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BRITISH AND IRISH HISTORY'. Below the header, there are tabs for 'Introduction', 'Search', 'Coverage', 'Search History', 'My Email Alerts', and 'Author'. The 'Record view' section shows details for 'Record 9 of 99'. The record information includes: Type: Book; Author: Bensimon, Fabrice, 1966-; Title of Publication: Artisans abroad : British migrant workers in industrialising Europe, 18; Place: Publisher, year: Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023; Pagination: 304 p.; ISSN/ISBN: 9780198835844; DOI: 10.1093/oso/9780198835844.001.0001; Notes: Record not yet reviewed by BBH section editor. The 'CLASSIFICATION DETAILS' section shows a subject tree: Demographic and environmental history > Population > Migration > Economic history > Industry > Manufactures > Manufactures by material or nature > Labour > Child labour > Labour by status > Skilled labour. Other classification details include Intellectual, cultural and artistic history > Intellectual life > Branches > Materials > Textiles > Manufactures, textiles; Media and communication > Other terms relating to media and communication; Political, administrative and legal history > Political and constitutional history > Religious history; Social and cultural identity > Xenophobia; Social history > Social life and conditions > Family and life-cycle > Childhood > Child labour > Social life and conduct > Gender relations; Women; Place name tree: Other countries > Europe > Europe, western > France > Paris; UK (pre-1922 boundaries) > UK (post-1921 boundaries) > Britain; Period covered: 1815-1870. The 'EXTERNAL LINKS' section provides URLs for the full text and the open access version.

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Review Next > Hide classification Export Refine search

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Other Features

- Choice of simple or advanced search
- Numerous search fields: Author, Title, Year of Publication, Subject, Place, Period, Person, etc.
- Auto-complete function
- Automatic counting of number of responses for each search term
- Several export formats (EndNote, Zotero, RefWorks, Microsoft Office Word)
- Multilingual interface (English, French, German, Spanish and Italian)
- Use of Boolean, phrase searching and truncation operators
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- BBIH links to library catalogues, Jisc Library Hub Discover and WorldCat (via Google Books)
- Learn more about people in BBIH records by 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*, and *H-Albion Reviews*

The global reach of the Bibliography

Given the global reach of British and Irish history, the Bibliography provides extensive coverage of scholarly content relating to Britain, Ireland, the British empire and Commonwealth and the British and Irish worlds. Using data visualization tools, we mapped the number of resources available onto a global frame using the figures from the June 2023 update and the place names listed.

The expansion of the British empire explains the significant number of resources concerning North America, the Indian Subcontinent, Australasia, South Africa. However, other less obvious areas also feature prominently. There are nearly 2,000 records of books, chapters and articles relating to Russia, over 2,000 to China, and over 1,000 to Japan.



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BBIH help pack for students, academics and teachers

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The QR code below will lead you to this page.



Reviews

The *Bibliography of British and Irish History* is, quite simply, indispensable. A superb resource—well maintained, regularly updated, and with the very best search tools—this is the indispensable ‘go to’ for all serious scholarship on British and Irish History.

Professor Mark Ormrod, University of York, UK

The Bibliography is the first resource I recommend, and rely on for myself, when starting research on the history of British Atlantic. Searches reveal the latest work on the Atlantic World, and the British in colonial America—including scholarly articles, book chapters, monographs and reviews.

Dr Jordan Landes, Curator, Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania

It's hard to imagine historical research and teaching without BBIH at my side. The Bibliography offers a great deal not only to historians of Britain and Ireland, for it also reflects an expansive view of what students and researchers need to know about this country's European and global entanglement.

Professor Miri Rubin, Queen Mary University of London, UK

BBIH is an invaluable, long-established, hand-curated resource. It not only provides powerful tools to help students and scholars find relevant secondary content, but also makes possible large-scale, quantitative and qualitative surveys of whole fields of historical study.

Professor Joanna Innes, University of Oxford, UK



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