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Dear patrons,

We do hope this finds you well and healthy.

Currently, all teaching at UE is taking place virtually. Under these circumstances, the UE Library would like to support you in your literature research in the best possible way. We would like to recommend particularly:

- UE Library's E-book Portal
- UE Library's Licensed Online Databases
- Open Access Resources

Please do take the time to read this carefully. And do not hesitate to contact us, should you have any questions whatsoever. In the current situation, contacting the libraries via e-mail is by far the quickest way to talk to us.

Kind regards,
Your team at UE Library

UE Library E-book Service

You will find the e-books we offer access to incorporated in **our online catalogue**:

<https://lib.ue-germany.de>.

How do I register to get access?

The e-books from Ebook Central, our partner ProQuest's e-book portal, are integrated in our online catalogue. To be able to access Ebook Central, a one-time **registration** from within the campuses' network is necessary. In the current situation, the library team will register you remotely on demand.

In case you are interested, please send an e-mail to your campus library from your university e-mail address.

How does Ebook Central work?

The library has adopted a demand-driven acquisition model for its e-books. You will find a large number of e-books in our online catalogue. We have already purchased some of these e-books. All others can be requested for acquisition. Clicking on the URL given in the field *Link* in each title's catalogue record will take you directly to the publication's page in Ebook Central.

To tell whether a book is already part of the library's collection, look at the field *Note* at the bottom of a catalogue record. If it lacks the first phrase "Ebook noch nicht erworben!" (i.e. "Ebook not yet acquired."), it is part of the library's collection and readily accessible.

You can read in any e-book not yet acquired for five minutes. The idea here is to allow you to determine whether a publication is relevant for you. Should this be the case, you may request the library to acquire the e-book in question via the *Request* button.

The library will then decide on whether to buy the book in accordance with the acquisition rules we have defined together with the rectorate and the university's academic staff. You will be notified within 24 hours (often much quicker, sometimes it may take a bit longer). Please be aware that the library's e-book budget—as any budget in the world—is finite and that we will not be able to satisfy all requests put forward.

UE Library Online Databases

The following databases can be accessed remotely using your credentials for the university's online campus.

Statista: <https://statista.ue-germany.de/>

WISO: <https://wiso.ue-germany.de/>

Please be aware that while the resources in WISO may not be academic publications in the strict sense, they include valuable data and information for case studies or applied research.

Open Access Resources

Most of the academic research and publications is available online these days. However, libraries and other institutions often must pay considerable licensing fees to gain access for their patrons and access is usually only possible from the network of the respective university/library.

This situation is gradually changing with the ongoing Open Access transformation that allows for ever more academic publications to be available online for free. Please find more information on what Open Access is [here](#).

With libraries currently being closed across the country, we have put together a list of Open Access resources. Please keep in mind that many of them are subject-specific and cater to individual disciplines or sets of disciplines, so doing your research properly will often mean searching across several portals.

We are happy to help with choosing the right resources for your research and subject. However, please be aware that with regards to the content of your paper or thesis, your supervisor is the right person to talk to.

For all UE faculties

UE Library Online Catalogue: <https://lib.ue-germany.de>

Includes all our e-books as well as the content of both **OAPEN** und **DOAB**, the most comprehensive academic Open Access e-book collections.

Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ): <https://doaj.org/>

Quite literally a directory of Open Access journals

Bielefeld Academic Search Engine (BASE): <https://base-search.net/>

An academic search engine allowing you to specifically filter for Open Access publications

Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/>

Includes some Open Access publications

Art & Design

Resources for the Communication, Media, and Film Studies: <https://katalog.adlr.link/>
An academic search engine allowing you to specifically filter for Open Access publications

Specialised Information Service for Art, Photography and Design:
<https://www.arthistoricum.net/>
An academic search engine allowing you to specifically filter for Open Access publications

Artdiscovery: <https://artdiscovery.net>
Multi-institutional research portal for art and design with a strong international focus

Business + Sports, Media & Event

EconBiz: <https://econbiz.de/>
Research portal with a focus on economics and adjacent disciplines, including a filter option for Open Access publications

PubPsych: <https://www.pubpsych.de/>
Research portal focusing on psychology, including a filter option for Open Access publications

Surf: <https://www.bisp-surf.de/>
Research portal focusing on sports, including a filter option for Open Access publications

Virtuelle Fachbibliothek <intR>2: <https://www.vifa-recht.de/>
Research portal focusing on law, including a filter option for Open Access publications

Social networks for academics

Researchers will often upload their publications to the academic social networks they are using. The most common ones are:

Academia.edu: <https://www.academia.edu/>
Mendeley: <https://www.mendeley.com/>
ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/>

More Tipps

Unpaywall: <https://unpaywall.org/>
Browser extension checking for Open Access versions of research papers and journal articles

Open-Access-Button: <https://openaccessbutton.org/>