



Programme
Doctoral Open Day – Social Sciences
Friday 12th February 2016

The day will:

- Introduce you to the range of research materials available in the British Library
- Enable you to attend special workshops
- Show you how to access online and electronic catalogues
- Introduce you to specialist curators at the Library
- Give you an opportunity to meet other postgraduate students from across the UK
- Provide career insight from an established social science researcher and leader

Programme

Timing	Session	Room
9.45 – 10.15	Registration/coffee	Foyer
10.15 - 10.35	Introduction & Welcome Sarah Evans, Research Engagement Manager	Auditorium
10.35 – 11.15	Finding and using the British Library Collections Suzanne Rawson, Social Sciences Reference Team Leader	Auditorium
11.15 – 11.35	Tea and coffee	
11.35 – 12.25	Curator session 1	See below
12.25 – 13.15	Lunch	Foyer
13.15 – 14.05	Curator session 2	See below
14.05 – 14.35	Research in the Digital Age, Part 1 - Aquiles Alencar Brayner, Digital Curator	Auditorium
14.35 – 15.15	Research in the Digital Age, Part 2 including tea and coffee	As directed
15.15 – 15.35	Research in the Digital Age, Part 3 - Aquiles Alencar Brayner, Digital Curator	Auditorium
15.35 – 16.20	Kandy Woodfield , Head of Social Sciences at the Higher Education Academy	Auditorium
16.20 – 16.30	Completing feedback forms/finish	

Curator Sessions

Morning	Room	Afternoon	Room
Social Welfare and Policy Research Michelangelo Staffolani	Chaucer	Researching Law at the British Library Jon Sims	Dickens
Business, Management and Intellectual Property Lola Gomes de Matos and Steven Campion	Eliot	Datasets and Digital Resources Rachael Kotarski	Bronte
Oral History and Sound Collections Rob Perks	Dickens	News Media Luke McKernan	Chaucer
UK Web Archives Jason Webber	Bronte	Propaganda and ideology in everyday life - and in the British Library Ian Cooke	Eliot

Session Summaries:

Introduction & Welcome

Dr Sarah Evans (Research Engagement Manager, Humanities and Social Sciences)

A welcome and introduction to the day's programme, this session will include a brief overview of what the British Library is, and how it supports doctoral research. This will include mention of EThOS, the Library's service enabling discovery and access of UK PhD theses, BL social media, and forthcoming events of relevance to social science researchers. The session will end with a 'speed networking' session for attendees.

Finding and using the British Library Collections

Suzanne Rawson (Social Sciences Reference Team Leader)

During this session the Social Sciences Reference Team will provide an overview of how to search for and gain access to the British Library collections. This will cover information on how the Reading Rooms work, the resources we provide access to, how to access material for your research, and the services we provide - both face-to-face in the Reading Rooms and also remotely. The session will also include a live demonstration of how to find and order items from our online catalogue 'Explore the British Library'.

Morning Curator Session – choose from:

Social Welfare and Policy Research

Michelangelo Staffolani (Service and Content Lead, Humanities and Social Science)

This session will give an overview of the library's sources for social welfare and policy research, with a focus on the Social Welfare Portal, a single point of access to the British Library's print and digital collections of research and information on policy development, implementation and evaluation. The portal covers all aspects of the welfare state, including and health and social care, education, benefits, employment services, and housing. It includes a high quality collection of full-text digital research and evaluation reports, consultations and policy proposals available for immediate download. As well as the digital documents you can search for details of books, journal articles, official papers, theses and archived web sites in the Library's main print and electronic collections.. The session will introduce the portal and how to use it in detail, including a live demonstration.

Business, Management and Intellectual Property

Lola Gomes de Matos (Collections and Content Assistant) & Steven Campion (Collections and Content Assistant)

Our workshop will explore the wide range of business and IP information sources, both contemporary and historical, available at the British Library. Sources such as the Management and Business Studies Portal, market research reports, trade literature, company data services, patents and trademarks will be reviewed. We will look at how these sources can help researchers studying business history and business and management studies.

Oral History and Sound Collections

Dr. Rob Perks (Lead Curator, Oral History)

This workshop will give an overview of the British Library's oral history and sound collections and activities, illustrated with audio extracts from the collections dating back to the origins of recorded sound in the 1890s, and highlighting some of the methodological issues raised by this contemporary collection of memory for research and study.

Propaganda and ideology in everyday life - and in the British Library

Ian Cooke (Head of Contemporary British Published Collections)

In May 2015, the British Library launched its first online course, Propaganda and ideology in everyday life. This course will run again in March 2016. This session will do two things. First, it will examine the process of creating an online course as a result of a research process, and will reflect on the experiences of running the course. Second, it will provide a case study of using collections from across the Library to examine a research question, looking at the role of material culture in expressing and shaping political ideologies.

Afternoon Curator Session – choose from:

Researching Law at the British Library

Jon Sims (Content Specialist, Humanities and Social Sciences)

This session will quickly introduce a range of collections for researching law, drawing attention to sources associated with traditional, practical and more interdisciplinary enquiry. The second half of the session provides an opportunity for participants to ask questions about their search strategies, or about particular collection areas or information needs.

Datasets and Digital Research Resources

Rachael Kotarski (Data and Services Content Lead)

This session will outline resources around digital data for re-use in social sciences. It will include an overview of the most popular social science data resources, how to discover social science data and datasets from local to global levels. The session will also explain how you can manage and disseminate your own research data and will provide an overview of new systems to allow researchers of any level to share and publish data and gain credit for digital resources created in research projects.

News Media

Luke McKernan (Lead Curator, News and Moving Image)

The British Library cares for the national collection of newspapers, amounting to some 60 million issues from the seventeenth century to the present day. The Library also has a growing collection of television and radio news programmes, and began archiving news websites on a frequent basis as part of its UK web archiving programme in 2013, following the recent non-print legal deposit legislation. This session will introduce the range of news media that we hold and how it can be accessed and used for research.

UK Web Archive

Jason Webber (Web Archiving Engagement and Liaison Manager)

The UK Web Archive has been saving selected websites since 2004 and since 2013 has been collecting ALL UK websites. This session will show why it is important to collect and preserve the UK web space and how these archives can be accessed and used for research.

Research in the Digital Age

Aquiles Alencar Brayner (Digital Curator, Digital Scholarship)

Over the last two decades British Library has increasingly become a place full of not just physical objects, but of digital content. These data range from digitised text, sound, visual, and philatelic material, to born-digital collections of personal archives and web content. These data are transforming research, with new tools and computational techniques enabling new discoveries and new understanding in the social sciences.

The aim of this session is to explore how social scientists can make best use of digital resources, consider how digital technologies can enable novel communication of research outcomes, and discuss the challenges and opportunities of doing social science in an era of big data.

Guest Lecture

Using social media to build your personal learning & research network

Kandy Woodfield (Head of Social Sciences, Higher Education Academy)

Social media are an increasingly important tool for academics, tools and platforms such as Twitter, LinkedIn and Academia.edu help us to connect with our fellow researchers, share our research findings and develop our ideas. In this session Kandy, aka @Jess1ecat, will draw on her personal experience of developing a global online community of researchers and provide guidance on how to get the best out of your social media presence for personal learning and professional development. We will reflect upon which platforms and tools are helpful in building your social media profile and how you can utilise social media networks to develop a valuable research and learning network. Whether you are new to social media or a seasoned user this session will provide new and different ways to think about your use of social media.