Subject Guide

Governance

Governance refers to the complex mechanisms, processes, relationships and institutions through which authorities, citizens and groups articulate their interests, exercise their rights and obligations, and mediate their differences.

About this guide

Welcome. This guide points to selected print and electronic resources related to governance, policy and law.

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Top three search strategies

This **infographic** shows you how "quotation marks" and wild card (?) and truncation (*) symbols can make a big difference in the results you retrieve.
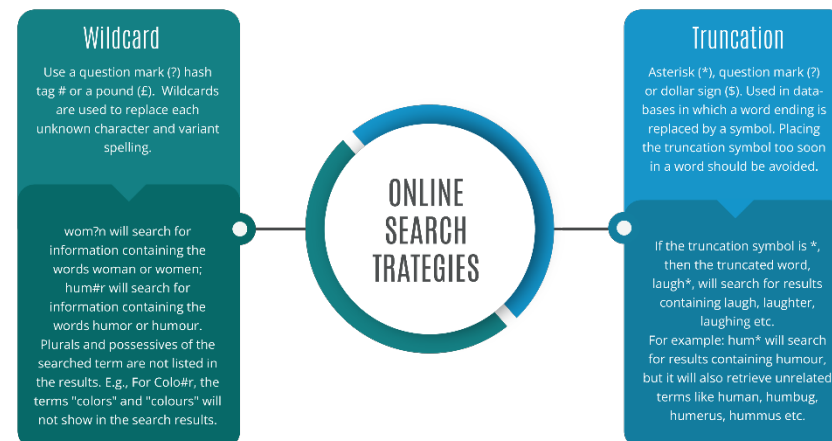
Wildcard: Use a question mark (?), hashtag (#) or a pound (£) symbol to replace each unknown character and variant spelling.

Wom?n will search for information containing the words 'woman' or 'women'; hum#r will search for information containing the words 'humor' or 'humour'. Plurals and possessives of the searched term are not listed in the results. E.g., for colo#r, the terms "colors" and "colours" will not appear in the search results.

Truncation: The asterisk (*), question mark (?) and dollar sign ($) symbols are used in databases in which a symbol is placed after a word or a truncated word. Placing the truncation symbol too soon in a word should be avoided.

If the truncation symbol is *, then the truncated word, laugh*, will search for results containing laugh, laughter, laughing etc.

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For example: hum* will search for results containing humour, but it will also retrieve unrelated terms like human, humbug, humerus, hummus, etc.

Stop words

Stop words are frequently occurring, insignificant words that appear in a database record, article or web page.

Common stop words include a, an, the, in, of, on, are, be, if, into, and which.

Some databases use quotes around stop words. Example: **Title keyword**= out "of" India retrieves **title**: Out of India

Search tips for Google Scholar

Searching on Google Scholar is similar to using Google search, with many of the same search options available.

Google Scholar automatically places AND between words:

Urban stress health

Place quotation marks around phrases or titles to find verbatim results:

"public policy"

"On the Origin of Species"

Search for alternate terms using OR, with the terms enclosed in parentheses:

("first grade" OR "second grade")

(theory OR model)

You can also use the advanced Google Scholar search to create your search string. Creating a complex Google Scholar search can be difficult.

A good Google Scholar strategy is to try multiple searches, adjusting your keywords with each search.

Background Sources

Global Campaign on Urban Governance aims to increase the capacity of local governments and other stakeholders to practice, raise awareness of and advocate for good urban governance around the world.

Annual Review of Political Science covers the authoritative, significant literature on "political theory and philosophy, international relations, political economy, political behaviour, American and comparative politics, public administration and policy, and methodology" in the last year.

Urban Governance Index 2020 is primarily a mapping exercise that stretches across states in India on indicative themes of democratic empowerment and accountability pertaining to urban governance.

Public Affairs Index 2020 is a conscious effort to present a scientifically sound, methodologically rigorous, and practically useful data-based framework to measure the quality of governance in the states of India and rank them.

Overview Of Public Policy: The Public and Its Policies is an article that "examines a story of the limits of high ambition in policy studies and policy making".

Sarai Reader 05: Bare Acts "looks at 'Acts' – at instruments of legislation, at things within and outside the law, and at 'acts' – as different ways of 'doing' things in society and culture".

Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

Encyclopedia of Governance provides a one-stop point of reference for the diverse and complex topics of governance.

Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance covers public administration, governance reforms, administrative ethics, leadership, and globalisation and global studies.

The UN Public Administration Glossary lists key terms on public administration.

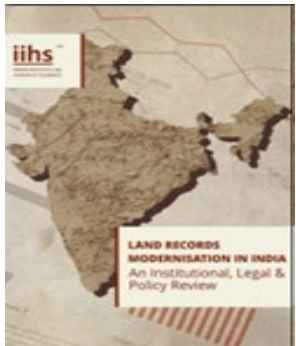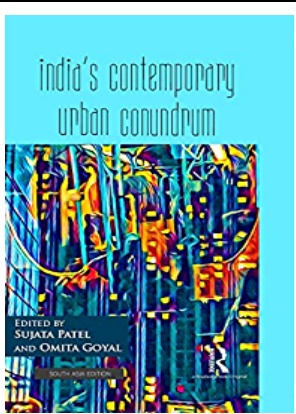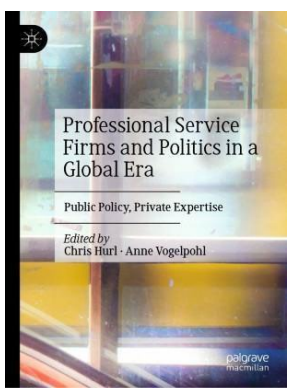**Land Use and Planning Glossary** is a handy reference for land use and planning.

Governance Glossary is a list of key indicators for governance.

Blogs/ News

- Centre for Good Governance News
- POLITICO
- iPleaders Blog
- The Print
- BSR Blog

Faculty Books

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	The land question in neoliberal India: Socio-legal and judicial interpretations / edited By Varsha Bhagat-Ganguly **Call Number:** 333.3154 BHA 016157 **ISBN:** 9781138583733 **Publication Date:** 7-2020

Land records modernisation in India: An institutional, legal & policy review
/ Amlanjyoti Goswami, Deepika Jha, Kaye Lushington, Sahil Sasidharan, & Sudeshna Mitra

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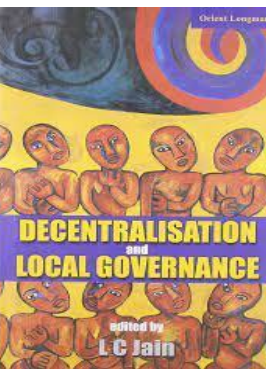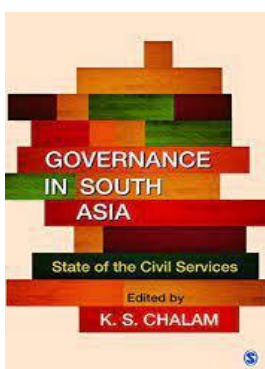**ISBN:** 9783030721275
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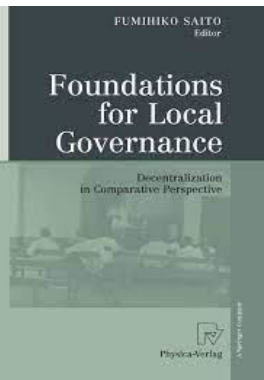In addition, visit **Knowledge Gateway** to access more books and other resources.
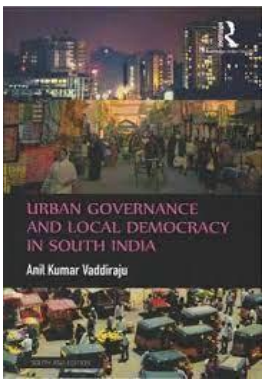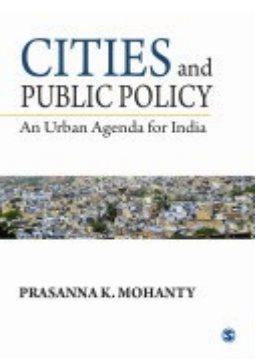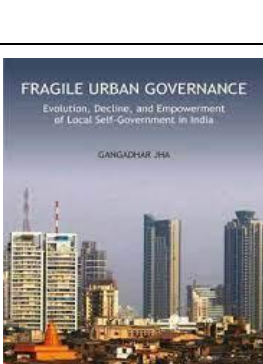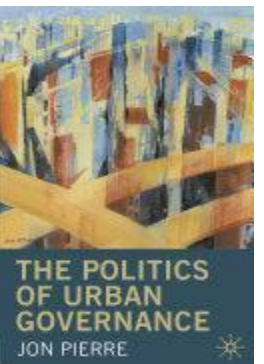
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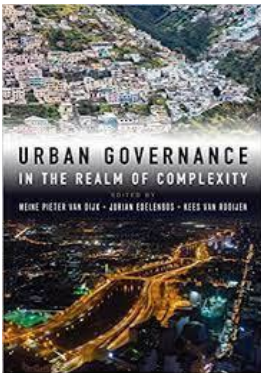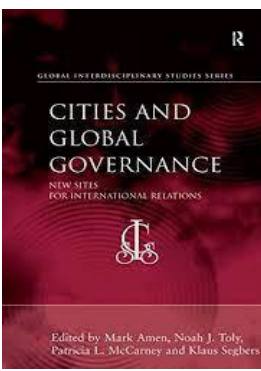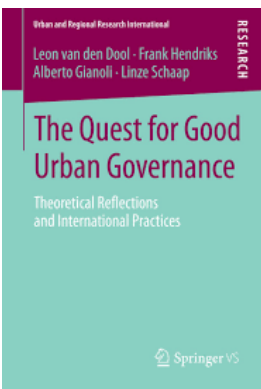
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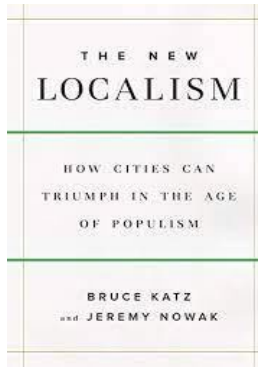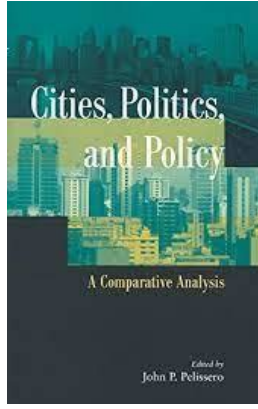
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Governance in South Asia: State of the civil services / edited by K. S. Chalam

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Call Number: 307.12 KAT 017285
ISBN: 9780815731641
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Cities, politics, and policy: A comparative analysis / / edited by John P. Pelissero

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- **Publishers Weekly**
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- The International Journal of Transitional Justice
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- Landscape and Urban Planning
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Start year: 2019

Frontiers in Sustainable Cities

Publisher: Frontiers Media S.A.
Country: Switzerland
Language: English
Keywords: governance and cities, urban greening, urban resource management, climate change and cities
Start year: 2019

Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance

Publisher: UTS ePRESS
Country: Australia
Language: English
Keywords: local government, political institutions, public administration, political science
Start year: 2008

Culture and Local Governance

Publisher: University of Ottawa
Country: Canada
Language: English, French
Keywords: cultural policies and management, culture and urban space, ethnic groups and local governance
Start year: 2008

Journal of Local Government Research and Innovation

Publisher: AOSIS
Country: South Africa
Language: English
Keywords: local governance, innovation, political science

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UrbanLex is a free global database which aims to improve access to the legislation that regulates the urban environment. The database features seven critical areas of urban law that are essential to the sustainability and development of the legal framework in urban areas.

NDLTD is the platform for international ETD (Electronic Theses and Dissertations).

Scopus is another large, multidisciplinary database. It looks through journals, books, and conference papers for highly cited publications, authors and metrics.

Repository/Data sets

- UN Digital Library
- Harvard's Dataverse
- ICPSR Bibliography of Data-related Literature
- Our World in Data
- International Social Survey Programme
- European Data Portal
- re3Data.org Registry of Research Data Repositories
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- SEDAC: NASA Socioeconomic Data & Applications Center
- OpenDOAR
- World Bank Open Knowledge Repository (OKR)
- Directory of Open Access Books
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Reports

- Global Development Research Center Documents & Reports
- Re FORM: Lessons for Urban Governance futures from the Pandemic
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- Dr Kasturirangan Committee Report on Bangalore Urban Governance
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