

Three Effective Tools for Academic Research in Chinese

According to the Library Law of Taiwan, all domestic publications should be given to the National Central Library (NCL) for legal deposit, including books, e-resources, audio-visual materials, theses, dissertations, and journals. In accordance with the aims of open access and freedom of information, also to provide references for academic researchers, the NCL endeavors to establish and maintain three important databases based on our collections: NDLTD, PerioPath, and TCI-HSS. Publications with authorized copyright are open to the public so that users can enjoy the free access to the fulltext via the Internet. In addition, these databases are linked to each other to integrate relevant resources for researchers to retrieve information effectively. These three databases can be served as effective tools for academic research in Chinese.



National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan

<http://ndltd.ncl.edu.tw/>

Since 1994, the NCL has been compiling the abstracts of theses and dissertations of universities in Taiwan to a searchable database. In March 2000, the library made these resources available for online searching and downloading through the Electronic Theses and Dissertations System. In June 2010, the system was renovated and renamed National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations in Taiwan, and on October, NCL formally joined the consortium of Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD).

The screenshot shows the NDLTD website interface. It includes a search bar, navigation tabs for 'For The Public' and 'For Faculties & Students', and a 'Hot Rankings' section. The 'Hot Rankings' table lists the top 5 institutions by full text downloads.

| No. | Institution Name | Full text | Total |
|-----|------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | 國立交通大學 | 309 | 521 |
| 2 | 國立中正大學 | 280 | 461 |
| 3 | 國立清華大學 | 280 | 425 |
| 4 | 大葉大學 | 204 | 477 |
| 5 | 國立東華大學 | 177 | 197 |

Features :

- ◆ NDLTD in Taiwan contains more than 888,200 abstracts and 328,700 fulltexts of theses and dissertations in Taiwan.
- ◆ Theses and dissertations that have been granted access rights can be directly downloaded via the Internet. Moreover, users can search the system to find information on theses and dissertations of other NDLTD members.
- ◆ Currently, 100,000 users on average access the system each day, making it the most used academic research database in Taiwan.

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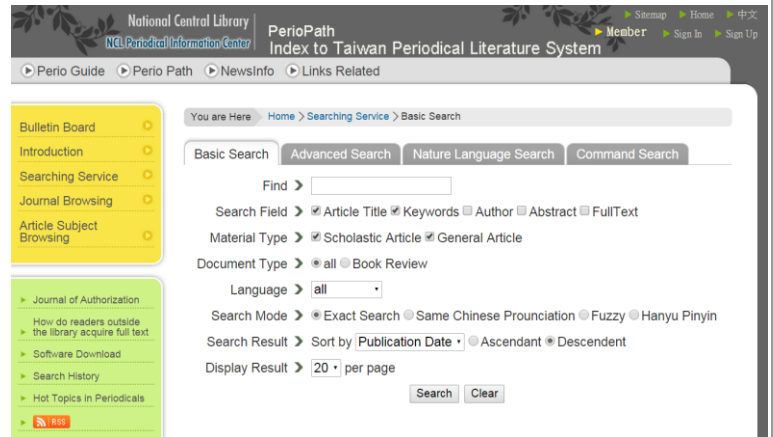
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PerioPath: Index to Taiwan Periodical Literature System

<http://readopac.ncl.edu.tw/nclJournal/>

The system covers more than 5,000 titles of academic journals in Chinese and foreign languages published in Taiwan, and some in Hong Kong and Macau since 1950s. To date, It contains over 2.5 million entries in all. The majority of the periodical literature collection in the system are academic essays, while literary works, personnel notes, newsletters, accounting statements, regular statistics, short essays and products introduction are not included.



Features :

- ◆ PerioPath contains the most complete collection of periodical literature published in Taiwan with a variety of subjects.
- ◆ PerioPath includes various search functionalities : simple and advanced search, natural language search, command search, and subject browsing.
- ◆ Fulltexts of journal articles that have been granted access rights can be directly downloaded via the Internet .

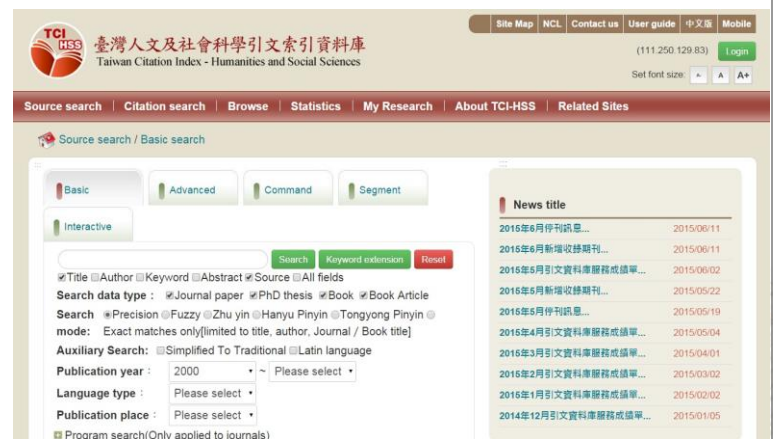
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Taiwan Citation Index - Humanities and Social Sciences (TCI-HSS)

<http://tci.ncl.edu.tw/>

TCI-HSS contains citations of academic journals in Chinese in the fields of humanities and social sciences published in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau since 2000. Citation of these, dissertations, and monographs published in Taiwan are also systematically being added. The system currently contains over 13,000 books articles, 1,000 journals, 12,000 dissertations, 3,700 monographs, and 3.5 million citations in over 18 subject disciplines.



Features :

- ◆ TCI-HSS integrates data from the Taiwan Social Sciences Citation Index (TSSCI) and the Taiwan Humanities Citation Index (THCI). It also covers important journals of Hong Kong and Macau as well as monographs and dissertations to establish a new platform of academic research resources in Chinese.
- ◆ Provide international bibliometric indicators such as number of citations, impact factor, citing half-life and cited half-life... etc. It also integrates long-term citation index for scholarly community to show long-term development trends.

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