

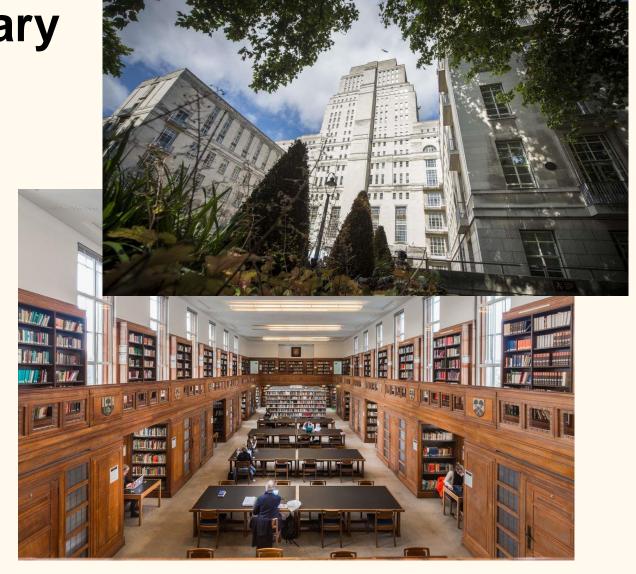
African National Congress, "The Fight Against Apartheid!" Album of exhibition photographs (ICS206)

Imperial and Commonwealth History resources at Senate House Library **About Senate House Library**

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- print and electronic research collections
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Institute of Commonwealth Studies Library

located on 6th floor of Senate House Library

concentrates on:

- Commonwealth as an organisation
- international relations of Commonwealth countries
- constitutional, political, demographic, social and economic development



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Institute of Commonwealth Studies Archive

230 archival collections from the 18th to the 20th century

strengths in:

- South Africa
- the Caribbean
- Commonwealth organisations
- papers of Commonwealth Studies researchers
- Apartheid and anti-apartheid movements

detailed subject guide to archives on apartheid available



Ruth First's scrapbook of newspaper cuttings from 1948 to 1949 (ICS117/1/4/1/3)

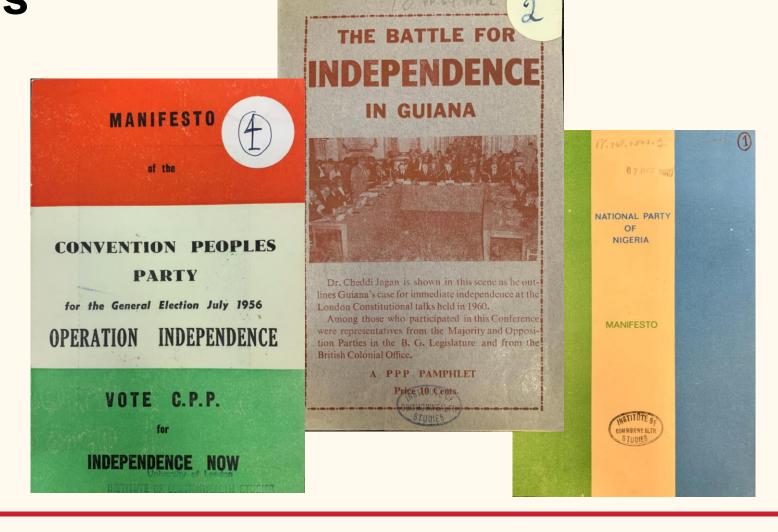


Institute of Commonwealth Studies Political Pamphlet Collections

13,000 publications issued by political parties, trade unions and pressure groups from over 60 countries

cover mainly the 1960s and 1970s

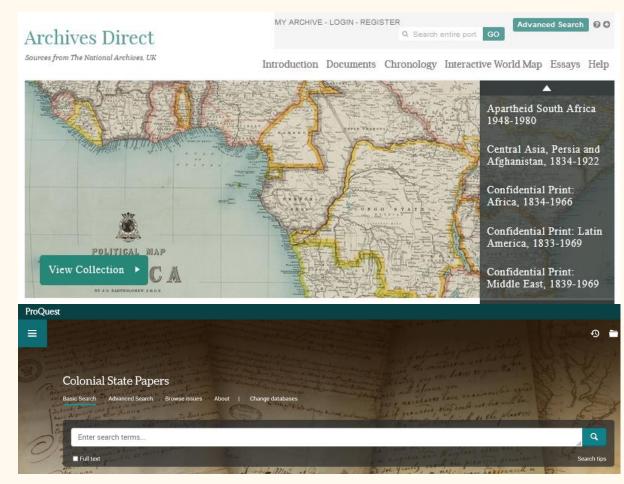
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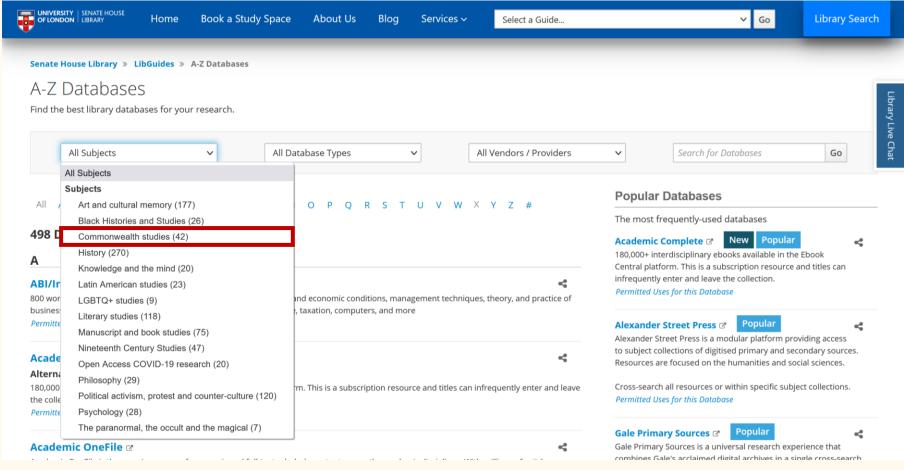
- African Writers Series
- Archives Direct
- Colonial Caribbean, Module I: Settlement, Slavery, and Empire, 1624-1832
- Colonial State Papers (1574 1757)
- Documents on British Policy Overseas (1898-1990)
- East India Company
- Empire Online
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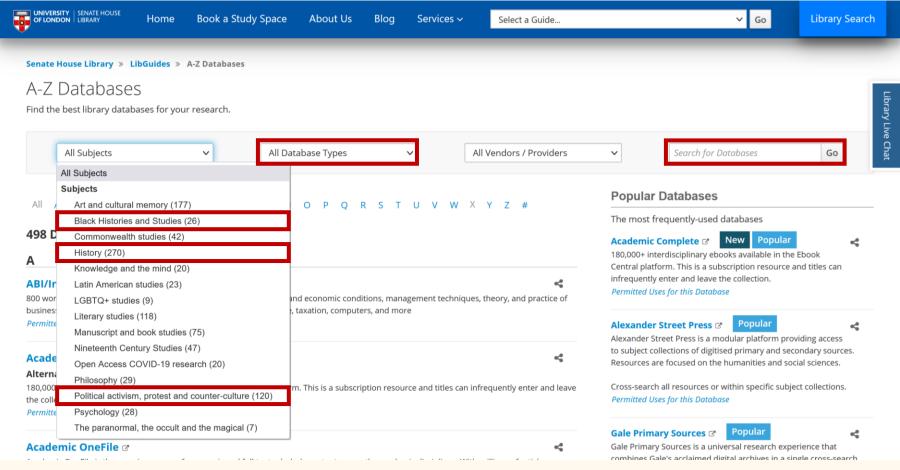
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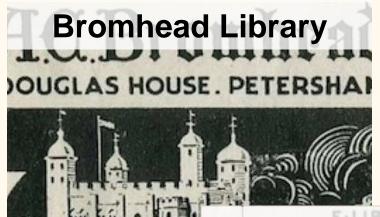
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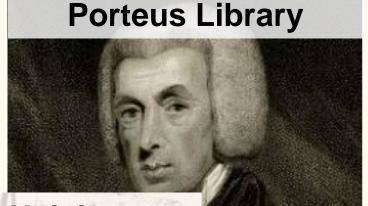
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Prothero Collection



Ron Heisler Collection



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Senate House Library archives and manuscripts

manuscripts related to the Goldsmiths Library of Economic Literature on imperial economics and trade

Lewin family papers (1770-1926) - residents of British India with the largest proportion relating to Thomas Herbert Lewin, reflecting his interest in India and its languages

detailed subject guide to archives on enslavement available

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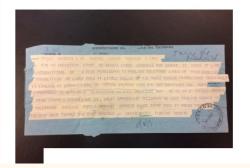


Papers presented to the House of Lords concerning the East India Company's status as a Joint Stock Company, 1647 (MS260)



How to find resources – subject guide









Imperial and Commonwealth history

Senate House Library houses the <u>Institute of Commonwealth Studies (ICWS) collection</u>, an extensive research-level collection that covers the Commonwealth and its member nations across Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Oceania and Europe, their histories and the history of the British Empire (for more information see our guide on <u>Commonwealth</u> studies).

In addition to its library collections, the ICWS has over 230 archival collections. The archives contain materials relating to the history of the British Empire and the Commonwealth from the 18th to the 20th century. Many Commonwealth countries and former British colonies are represented, but holdings on South Africa and the Caribbean are especially strong. The archives of Commonwealth organisations (such as the Commonwealth Trade Union Council and the Commonwealth Press Union) and the papers of Commonwealth Studies researchers are further strengths among the holdings. ICWS archives can be searched through Senate House Library's archive catalogue by using the Advanced Search function and filtering by the Repository "Institute of Commonwealth Studies".

Political archives of pamphlets collected by ICWS from current and former members of the Commonwealth extend to material from over 60 countries. They largely date from the 1960s and 1970s and give insight into processes of decolonisation and transitions to independence. The pamphlets can be explored through Senate House Library's archive catalogue by using the Advanced Search function and filtering by the Reference code "PP" (standing for Political Pamphlets).

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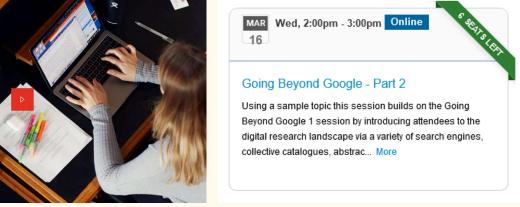


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