

SAGE Research Methods

What is SAGE Research Methods?

Created to help social science researchers and students with their projects, SAGE Research Methods hosts 100,000 pages of text from this scholarly publisher, covering all aspects of research principles, design and analysis, from hypothesis formation, through literature searching and evidence-gathering to drawing conclusions.

The collection comprises e-versions of more than 600 published books, dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks, the entire series of "Little Green Books" (*Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences*) and "Little Blue Books" (*Qualitative Research Methods*), a selection of articles from SAGE journals discussing methodology, and specially-commissioned videos for new researchers.

When should I use SAGE Research Methods?

To help you design your social science research project, understand your chosen method or identify a new method, conduct your research, and write up your findings.

Access to SAGE Research Methods

SAGE Research Methods is accessed via the **E-resources Guide**.

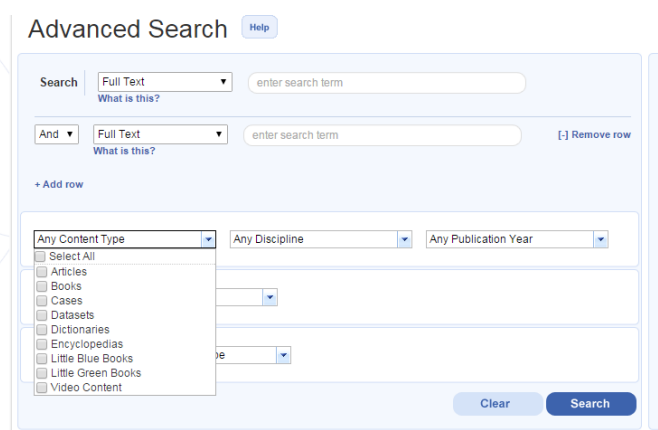
1. To open the E-resources Guide, go to: <http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/e-resources>
2. When the E-resources Guide has opened select the **S** tab from the A-Z list at the top of the screen. An alphabetical list of resources is then displayed.
3. Click on **SAGE Research Methods Online**. You may be asked to log in with your IT Services username and password. The resource will now open in a new window.

Finding what you need

Search for a research methodology (e.g. *narrative analysis*), a concept (e.g. *ethics*) or a statistical technique (e.g. ANOVA).

Use the **Advanced Search** option to:

- combine search terms
- search for a specific author or publication
- limit your search by publication date or format (e.g. dictionaries, videos).



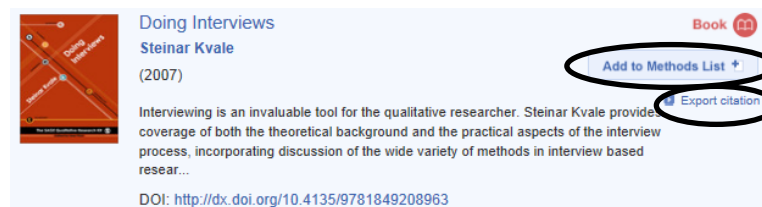
To provide an alternative route to the content, each publication in the SAGE Research Methods collection has a record on the Library Catalogue, with a link to the host website. Start from <http://yorsearch.york.ac.uk> and search for an author, title or subject keyword.



Viewing your results

The results of your search are presented as a list of titles, each with an extract of relevant text. Click on the item title to view the full text in your web browser (also PDF in some cases). A hyperlinked table of contents is provided for longer texts.

You can print or download max. 1 chapter per book, or 1 article from each issue of a journal.



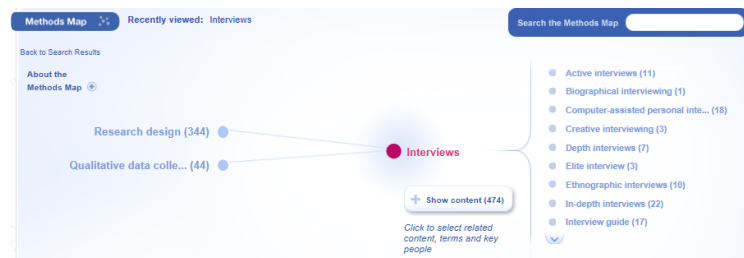
Create your own **Member Account** in order to save search results to a personal **Methods List**, which you can then share with other people you're working with.

Citation details in a limited number of formats (including Harvard, MLA and APA) can be copied and pasted, or exported to EndNote and other reference management tools.

Methods Map

Each publication in the collection has been tagged by SAGE editors with a number of keywords which capture the methodologies and concepts covered.

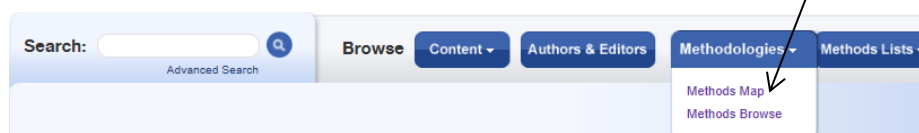
The right-hand pane of your search results presents a snapshot of the **Methods Map**, a visual representation of the hierarchical relationships between tag terms.



Use the Methods Map to identify more general or more specific terms, and quickly find publications tagged with these terms.

Move your cursor over a highlighted term for a pop-up definition.

When your research is developing in a new direction, you may find it helpful to start by exploring the Methods Map to identify the type of research you want to do. You can also browse an A-Z list of terms.



Getting help

- The SAGE Research Methods Tutorials consist of videos introducing the website's resources and features.
- Follow @SAGE_Methods on Twitter to learn about enhancements to this newly-launched collection.

