# SDE Library Orientation MSc(Project Management)

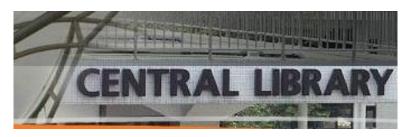
15 Jan 2013, 3-5pm Central Library, Training Room

Presented by Loo Lay Yen (Building Resource Librarian)

http://libguides.nus.edu.sg/building

## 1. INTRODUCTION

#### NUS Libraries







# Collections in Central Library

- Building & Environmental Management
- Real Estate
- Architecture & Design
- FASS/FoE/SoC



# **Opening Hours**

#### Central Library

#### **Semester**

Monday-Saturday: 8 am to 10 pm

Sunday: 9.30 am to 4.30 pm

Public Holiday: Closed

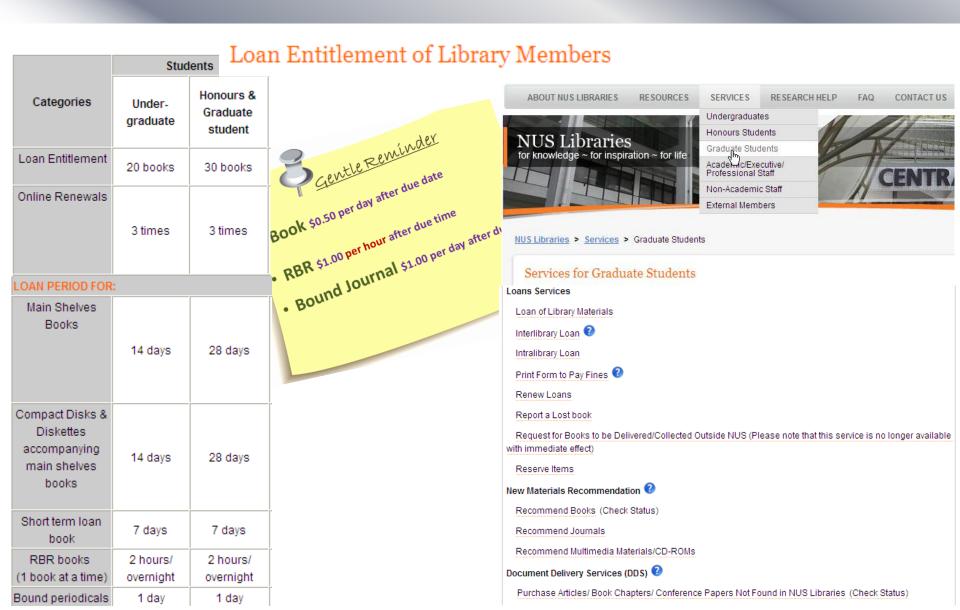
#### **Vacation**

Monday-Friday: 8.30 am to 7.00 pm

Saturday: 8.30 am to 5.00 pm

Sunday & PH: Closed

## Services for Graduate Students



#### 2. ADMIN CHECKLIST

- NUSNET ID/Password
  - **≻**Email
  - > IVLE
  - > Electronic resources

#### Matriculation Card/PIN

- > Borrow items at the library self-check machine
- ➤ Check your loan records using myLINC
- > Place holds on items



# Library PIN



Please note that your Library PIN is <u>not</u> the same as your NUSNET password (which you use to access IVLE and NUS Mail).

#### NUS students

By default, your PIN (Personal Identification Number) is your student SMARTCARD PIN issued by the NUS Computer Centre.

If you don't know or remember your SMARTCARD PIN, you can use the <u>Retrieval of Smartcard PIN service</u> which will email your PIN to your NUS email address.

Note: This is a service by the NUS Computer Centre and only works if you have not changed your default PIN before.

If this doesn't work, please approach library staff at the loans desk for a reset.

# Library Portal <a href="https://www.lib.nus.edu.sg">www.lib.nus.edu.sg</a>



#### Services For...

- Undergraduates
- Honours Students
- · Graduate Students
- Academic/Executive/ Professional Staff
- Non-Academic Staff
- External Members

#### 

- Check my library account
- · Renew my book
- Retrieve my library PIN
- · Pay fines/fees
- · Book a discussion room
- Search FAQ

# Login to myLINC

- Check your loan records
- Online Renewals
- Cancel Requests/Holds
- Modify PIN





## 3. LITERATURE RESERACH

•Google Scholar

•etc

Scholar

Resource	Data Source	Types of literatures	FAQ
3.1 ScholarBank	NUS Institutional Repository	<ul> <li>Scholarly output of NUS.</li> <li>Journal articles, conference papers, patented work.</li> <li>Master's (by Research) and Ph.D theses - Sep2003 to present (those which are conferred).</li> <li>SDE Dissertation Space (only open to SDE students and staff)</li> <li><a href="https://lib.sde.nus.edu.sg/dspace/">https://lib.sde.nus.edu.sg/dspace/</a></li> </ul>	http://scholarbank.nus.edu.sg /faq
3.2 LINC	Library INtegrated Catalogue (real time data)	<ul> <li>Acquired and subscribed contents available in NUS Libraries</li> <li>Books, journals, magazines, AV materials</li> <li>Print and electronic formats</li> </ul>	http://libfaq.nus.edu.sg/a.php ?qid=6046
3.3 FindMore@NUSL	*NUSL  *Due to time-zone difference, there is a time lag of 24-48 hrs, for NUSL data to be refreshed in Summon indexes.	•Google-like search. •Books, scholarly journals, newspaper articles, E-Books, theses and dissertations, conference proceedings, and numerous contents in academic databases indexed in Summon. •Covers content in NUS institutional repository (SB) and catalog (LINC), as well as subscribed electronic resources.	http://libguides.nus.edu.sg/content.php?pid=333052&sid=2888588
3.4 Databases (subscribed)	Content providers / Publishers	<ul> <li>Specialised subject specific journal articles, conference papers, datasets, newspaper, reports, etc.</li> <li>Full-texts</li> <li>Abstracts &amp; Indexes</li> <li>Statistical data</li> </ul>	http://libfaq.nus.edu.sg/a.php ?qid=190832 http://libguides.nus.edu.sg/co ntent.php?pid=227106&sid=1 889246
3.5 Other search tools:	Google	•Google's search engine that covers "scholarly material"	http://libfaq.nus.edu.sg/a.php

including a lot of free or open access material but may present

results you have no access to.

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3tart with the Library or Internet?

#### • LINC:

➤ As of Dec 2012, FindMore@NUSL covers over 330 million records, which compares to about 1.7 million records in LINC/LINC+

#### Databases:

Still FindMore@NUSL is not suitable for every task.

Firstly, while no other single search covers as much material accessable to you it still does not cover 100% of every resource or database available. So if you are doing a phd thesis where as comprehensive search as possible is desired you need to use this with other specialised databases in your discipline to cover as much ground as possible.

Secondly, while <a href="mailto:FindMore@NUSL">FindMore@NUSL</a> shines in cross disciplinary research as it is not limited to any one discipline, other specialised database sources, A&I databases (abstract and indexing databases) like PubMed, EconLit, PsycInfo etc may provide a more focused search relevant to your discipline, while you might find many irrelevant results in <a href="mailto:FindMore@NUSL">FindMore@NUSL</a>.

Thirdly, depending on your needs, you may find the searching features in <a href="mailto:FindMore@NUSL">FindMore@NUSL</a> lacking compared to the more advanced search features available in specialised databases. For instance, many databases allow you to restrict searches by more fields and some of the abstract and indexing databases have thesaurus features that you can use to expand or restrict subject heading searches.

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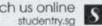


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## finding out more about Findmore@NUSL

It's probably too early to worry about term papers but here's a piece of good news! NUS Library has recently launched FindMore@NUSL, their brand new search engine, which will make writing our term papers and lab reports a whole lot

Writing a term paper is a long and labourious proce

IT PROMISES A LESS PAINFUL RE-SEARCH PROCESS THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF EXISTING LIBRARY SOURCES"

available in me was library or do you start with the online journals and newspapers that NUS subscribes to? If it's the latter, which one?

Having heard enough complaints from students every semester, NUS Library was inspired to come up with FindMore@NUSL. It promises a less painful research process through the integration of

existing library sources, our

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online journal and newspapers that NUS subscribes to into

one super search engine. Simply put, it saves us the

hassle of manually searching through ScholarBank@NUS for masters, PHD theses and dissertations written by NUS students and the other 160 million journal and newspaper articles that we have access to. It is no wonder that this

was the 2nd most requested feature in the 2007 survey on the functionalities of the library catalogue.

In addition, FindMore®

FINDMORE@NUSL HAS THOUGHT-**FULLY CRAFTED** UP REALLY USEFUL FILTERS, THROUGH ANALYZING COM-MON USER BEHAV-IOR AND PREFER-ENCES"

NUSL also boasts a search response faster than Google, a remarkable improvement from available online? Here you go. Its popular precursor, InfoGate.

An obvious downside to integrating such a huge

one search engine is the colossal amount of search results it generates. The team behind FindMore@NUSL has thoughtfully crafted up really useful filters, through analyzing common user behavior and preferences, to help us narrow down the search results into a more manageable size. Need only peer-review journal articles? Simply check the box. Want only articles with full-text

Lastly, for the special group of muddleheads who forget their sources after happily using

before the dateline, you can

or sentence into FindMore®

simply key in the exact phrase

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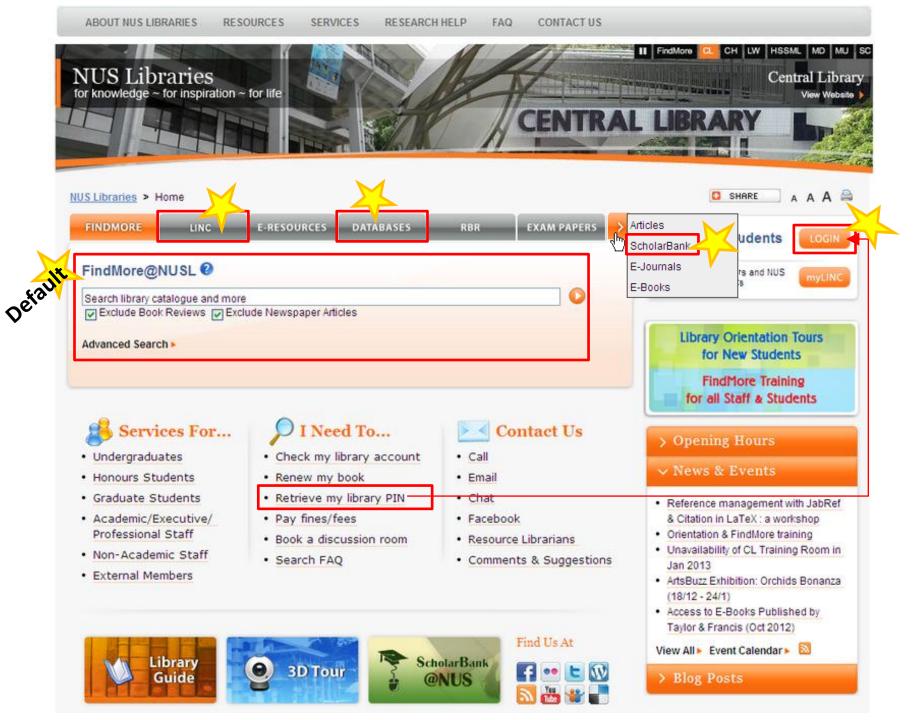
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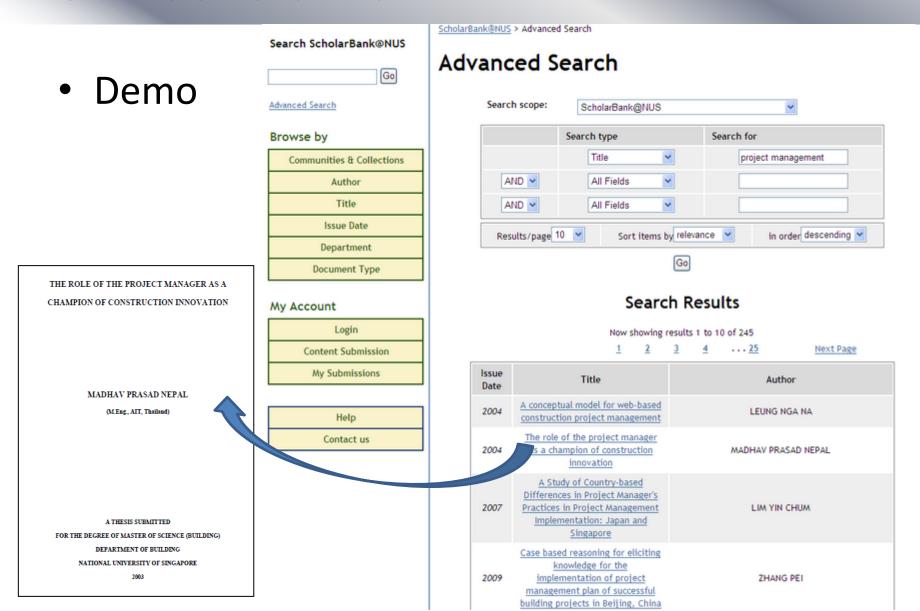
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from us - because it is after all

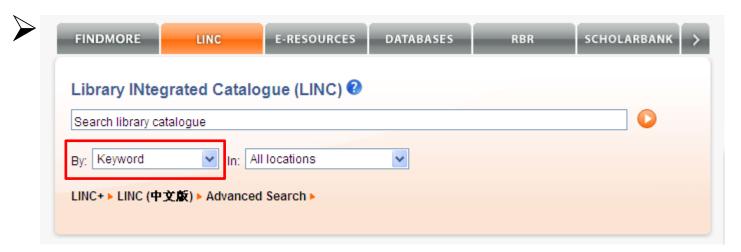


### 3.1. ScholarBank



#### 3.2 LINC

- Demo
- Library INtegrated Catalogue
- Default Keyword search
  - Switch to By Title to search for a known title.



# What would you get in LINC?

- Books (print)
- <u>Keyword</u>: Construction project management

746 results found. Sorted by relevance | date | title .

Record: Prev Next

Author Tan, Willie.

Title Project finance : principles, techniques, and cases / Willie Tan, Robert Tiong.

Imprint Singapore: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2011, c2012.

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**Descrip.** iv, 153 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

Bibliog. Includes bibliographical references (p. [144]-149) and index.

Subject <u>Construction projects -- Finance.</u>

Infrastructure (Economics) -- Finance.

Project management -- Finance.

Add Author <u>Tiong, Robert.</u>

ISBN 9789810688417 (pbk.)

9810688415 (pbk.)

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# What would you get in LINC?

#### Books (electronic)

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Author Watson, Paul, Dr. Title

Imprint

Summary

Subject

ISBN

Construction quality management [electronic resource]; principles and practice / Paul Watson and Tim

Abingdon, Oxon; New York, N.Y.: Spon Press, 2011.





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1. An overview of key theorists and quality philosophy -- 2. Measuring project and corporate performance -- 3. ISO 9001:2008 -- 4. The European Foundation for Quality Management Excellence Model (EFOM EM) -- 5. Quality and environmental management systems -- 6.

Developing a learning organisational culture -- 7. Quality management systems for health and safety in construction.

"Written in line with the ISO 9001:2008 standard, this textbook provides a comprehensive evaluation of quality management systems and tools. Their effectiveness in achieving construction project objectives is explored, as well as applications in corporate performance enhancement for business types across the bult environment. Self test questions and case studies are included to help the student and

professional alike" -- Provided by publisher.

Note Also available in print edition.

Online version restricted to NUS staff and students only through NUSNET.

Mode of access: World Wide Web.

System requirements: Internet connectivity; World Wide Web browser.

Building -- Quality control.

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Add Author Howarth, Tim.

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# What would you get in LINC?

- Journals (print and/or electronic)
- Journal title level search
  - > Unable to search at article title level.
  - ➤ Hence, LINC will not retrieve results for journal articles.
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Vol. 1, no. 1 (Feb. 1983)-

Title from cover.

Published for the UK Association of Project Managers on behalf

by Elsevier.

Online version restricted to NUS staff and students only through Also available in online version.

Project management -- Periodicals.

Network analysis (Planning) -- Periodicals. Association of Project Managers (Great Britain)

International Project Management Association.

Project management.

Project manager

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## Demo – LINC 1/4

• Eg. Keyword: Construction project management



Comparative analysis of construction project management in specified Asian countries

1988

c2009

Kwan, Chi Ping.

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Construction project management

Gould, Frederick E., 1954-

Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Pearson Prentice Hall, c2009.

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Green construction project management and cost oversight

Kubba, Sam.

Burlington, MA: Architectural Press, c2010.

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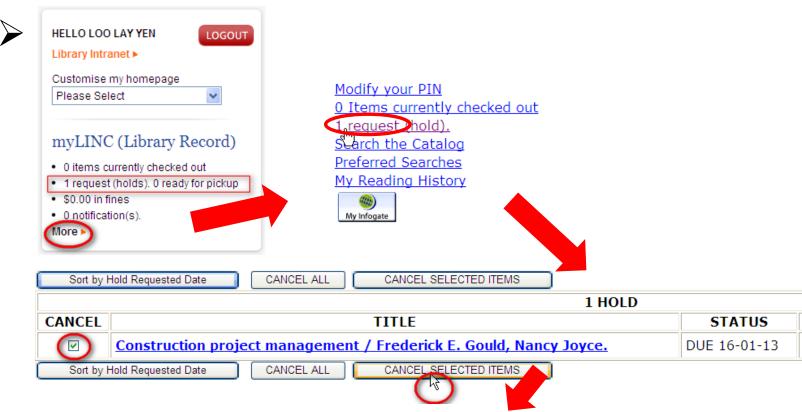
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  - Mark item & click "Request Selected Item"



## Demo – LINC 3/4

- Cancel reservations
  - ➤ Login to myLINC, click "More"



The following hold(s) will be cancelled or updated, would you like to proceed?



# Demo – LINC 4/4

- Opt In Reading History
- Captures items checked-out previously
- Benefits:
  - **≻**Citations
    - Bibliographies
    - References

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	Advances in environmental fluid mechanics / Dragutin T. Mihailovic, Carlo Gualtieri, editors.		11-08-2011	

## 3.3 FindMore@NUSL

• Get more/less results..





- Use "quotes" and Booleans (AND, OR, NOT, \*, ?)
- Advanced Search
- Refine Search
- Eg. construction "project management" AND Singapore

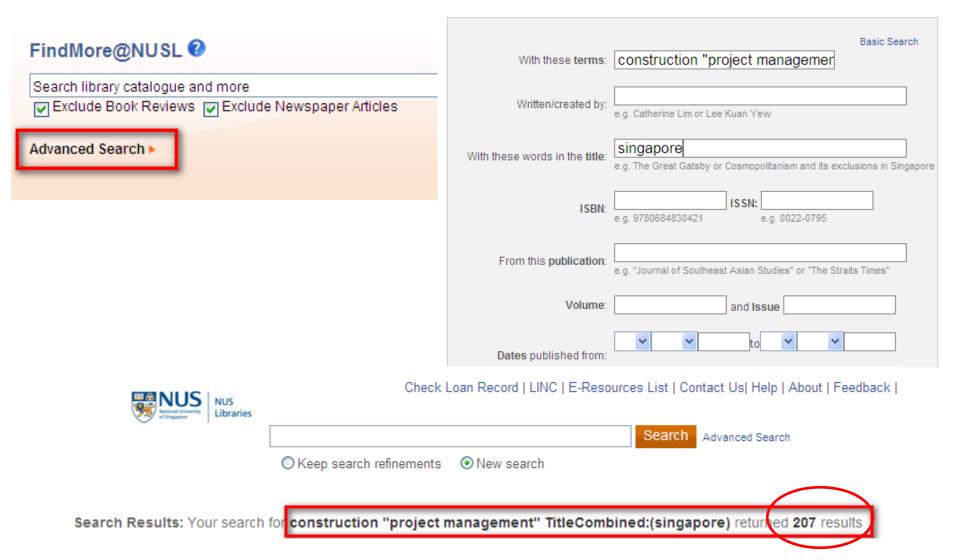
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# What would you get in FindMore? 1/7

#### Construction fatalities in Singapore



by Ling, Florence Yean Yng; Liu, Min; Woo, Yue Chiau

International Journal of Project Management, ISSN 0263-7863, 2009, Volume 27, Issue 7, pp. 717 -

This study investigates proximal causes to 40 fatalities between 2006 and 2008 in Singapore's construction industry... Safety management, MANAGEMENT, Prevention, International comparisons, **Fatalities** 

Journal Article

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#### Asian management style versus Western management theories – A Singapore case study in construction project management





by Low Sui Pheng and Christopher H.Y. Leong

Journal of Managerial Psychology, ISSN 0268-3946, 2001, Volume 16, Issue 2, pp. 127 - 141

.... This is achieved through a case study in construction project management for a typical familyrun building firm in Singapore. Field observations on the construction site suggest that the style of management in Asia can be related to modern management theories from the West Management styles, Construction industry, Project management

Journal Article:

Full Text Online

#### Researchers at **Singapore** National University Have Published New Data on **Project Management**







Engineering Business Journal, ISSN 1945-7006, 04/2012, p. 263

... According to the authors of recent research from Singapore, Singapore, "Due to its unique culture, besides adopting established project management practices... Singapore, Project Management, Asia, Region: Asia, China

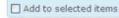
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Low Sui Pheng and Christopher H.Y. Leong. Journal of Managerial Psychology 16, 2 (2001): 127-141.

#### □ Abstract (summary) Translate

It is shown that the style of management in Asian countries can be explained and described using contemporary management theories from the West. This is achieved through a case study in construction project management for a typical family-run building firm in Singapore, Field observations on the construction site suggest that the style of management in Asia can be related to modern management theories from the West.

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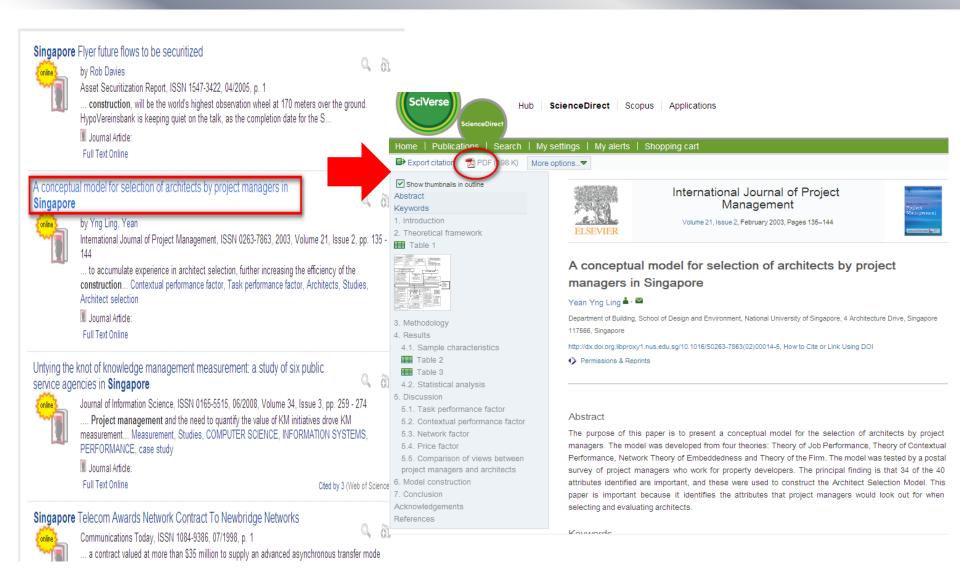
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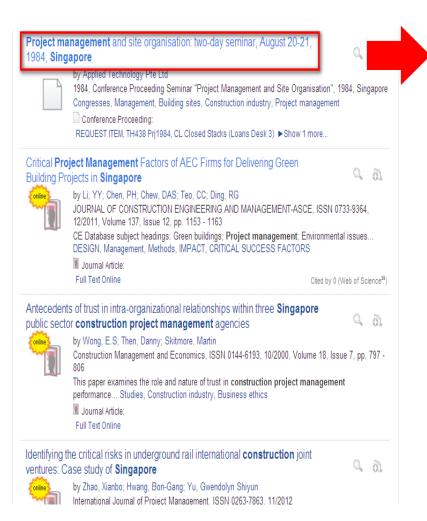
#### Introduction

The financial crisis in Asia, which first started in July 1997, affected many countries in the region, including Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, South Korea and Singapore. While the currency in Singapore remained relatively stable in relation to the US dollar, this was not the case in other countries where currencies were devalued drastically overnight. Many countries in the region were badly affected, but the government in Singapore was able to hold its ground in steering the country away from the crisis (Low and Lim, 1999), This observation suggests that the crisis in Asia may not be caused by a peculiar Asian style of management alone.

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## What would you get in FindMore? 3/7





Title Project management and site organisation: two-day seminar,

August 20-21, 1984, Singapore / organised by Applied

Technology Pte Ltd.

**Imprint** Singapore : The Organiser, 1984.

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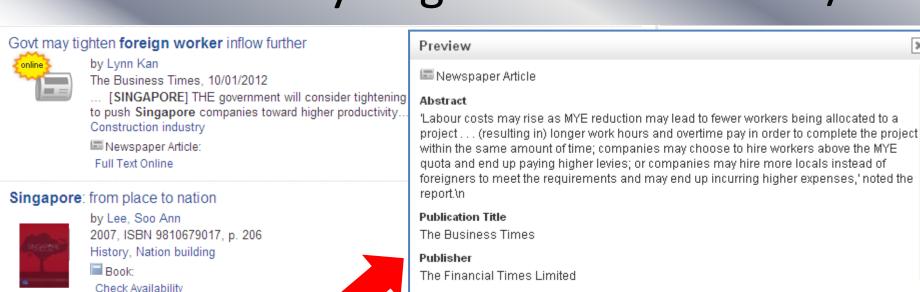








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S'nore to further cut foreign worker inflows: With the additional reduction

S'pore to further cut **foreign worker** inflows: With the additional reduction, cumulative man-year entitlement cuts will be raised to 45% by July 2013



by Mindy Tan

The Business Times, 02/18/2012

... be no 'U-turn' on the government's call to improve productivity and reduce reliance on foreign workers, construction players say that the measures will hit them hard... Workers, Small business, Foreign labor

Newspaper Article:

Full Text Online

#### Employment relations in Singapore



by Tan, Chwee Huat

2007, 5th ed., ISBN 9810678606, p. 455

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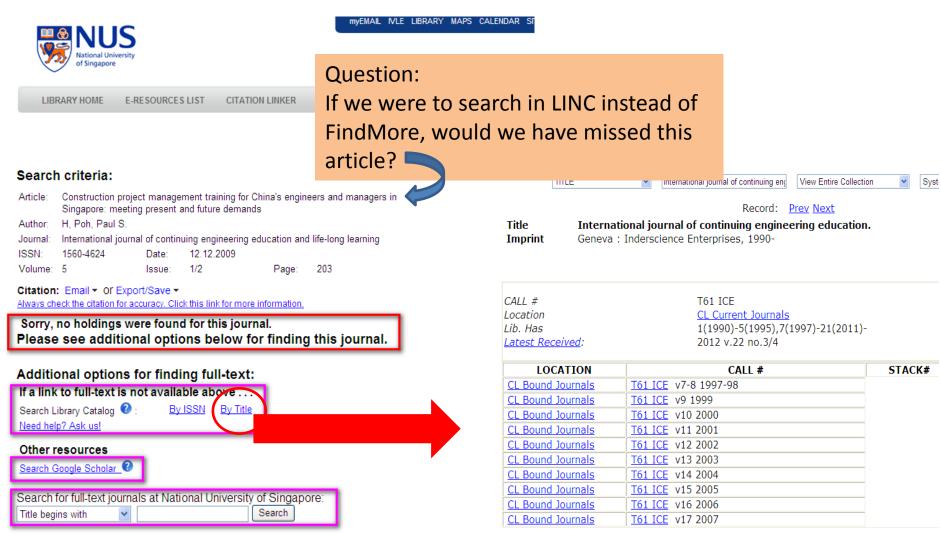






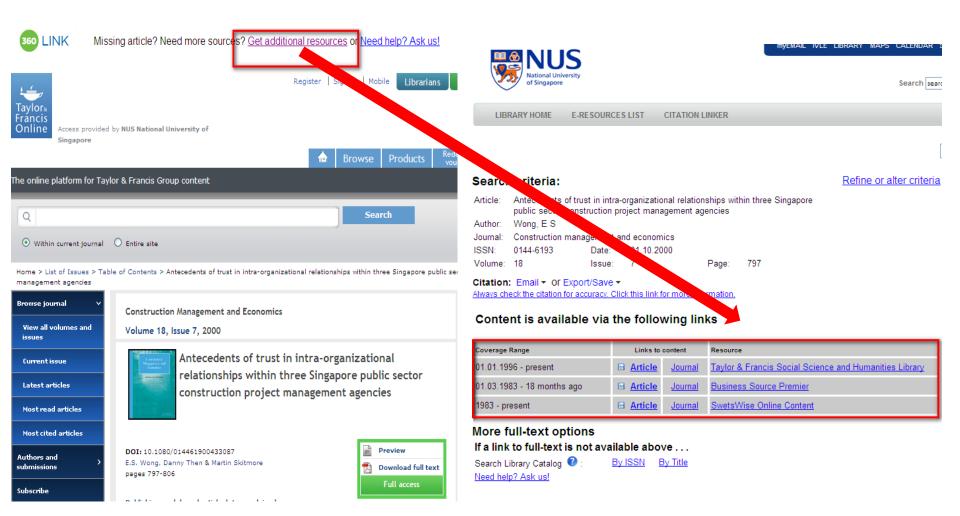
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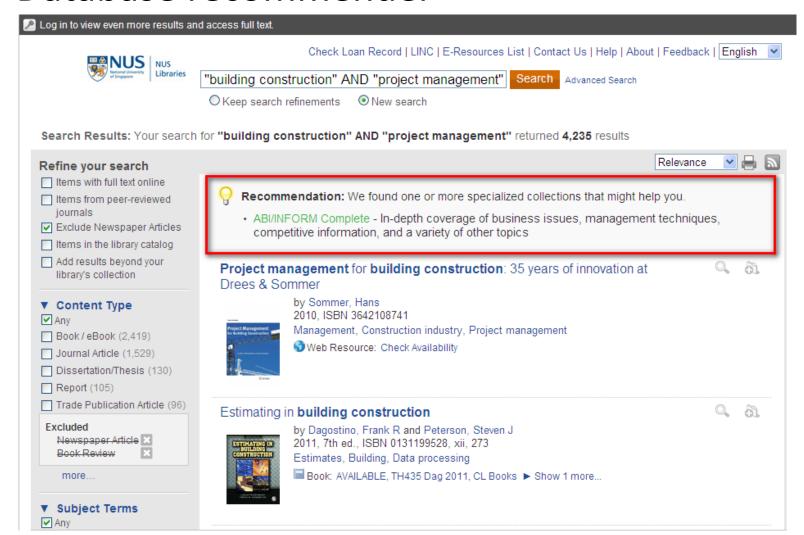
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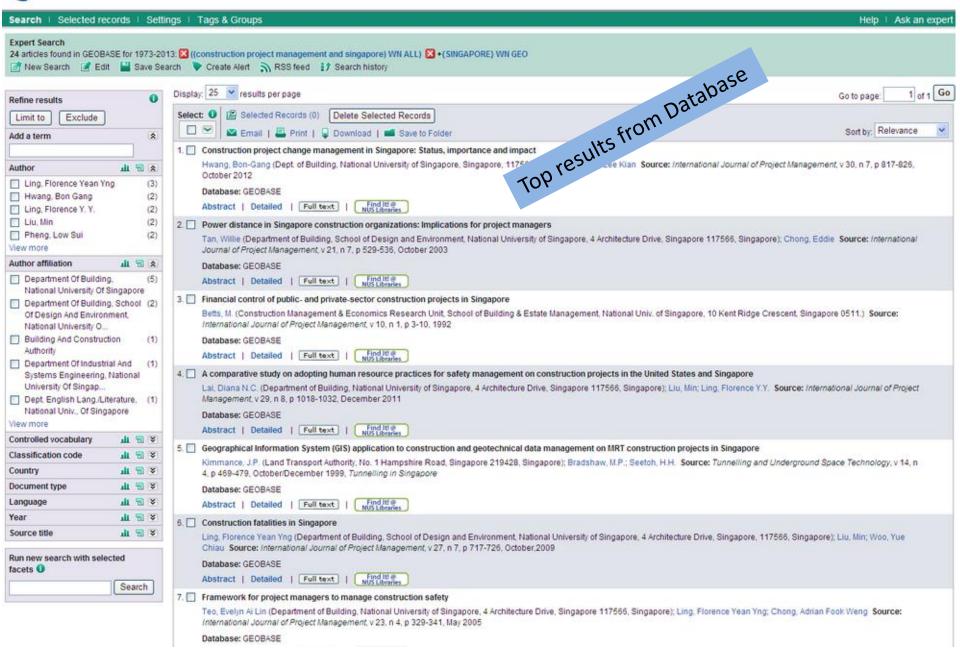
#### 3.4 Databases

- Topic:
  - > Eg. Construction project management in Singapore
- Possible databases to use/try
  - ➤ ProQuest ABI/INFORM Complete
  - > PERIND
  - > Factiva
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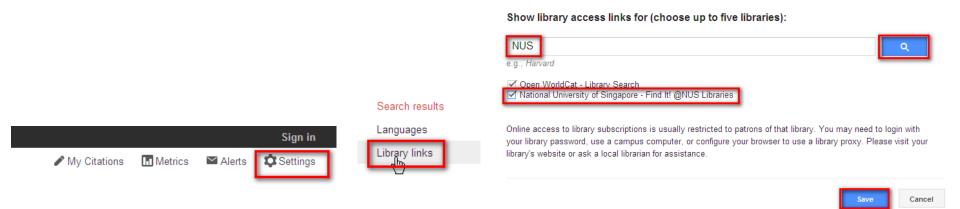
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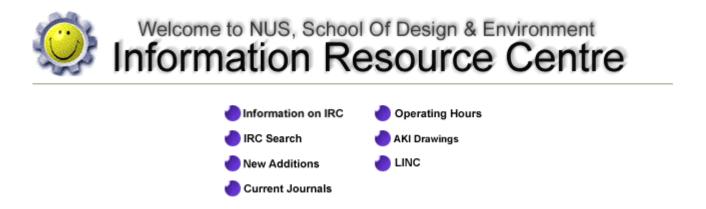
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