Web subject gateways
A guide for the social sciences

Web subject gateways enable you to search or browse collections of internet resources relating to a specific discipline. The resources are chosen and maintained by subject specialists and their content evaluated to academic quality. Consequently, they are a more reliable way to find information on the Internet than via traditional search engine methods such as Google or Yahoo and help avoid information overload. They can supplement traditional literature searches and can also be useful in maintaining current awareness. Web subject gateways are freely available and do not require a username and password to access them.

**SOSIG (Social Sciences Information Gateway)**
http://www.sosig.ac.uk
*Useful for all branches of the social sciences.*

SOSIG covers the following subject areas:

- Business and Management
- Environmental Science
- Geography
- Philosophy
- Social Welfare
- Women's Studies
- Economics
- Ethnography and Anthropology
- Government Policy
- Politics
- Sociology
- Research Tools and Methods
- Education
- European Studies
- Law
- Psychology
- Statistics

SOSIG includes:
- Search and browse facilities
- Social Science Grapevine which can keep you up to date with details of forthcoming conferences and courses
- Register with My Account to receive regular updates by e-mail

**Eldis: gateway to development information**
http://www.eldis.org
*Particularly useful for Development Studies; also useful for some aspects of International Relations.*

Eldis is a gateway to information on development issues, including environment, health, debt, agriculture and poverty. Eldis is hosted by the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.

Eldis includes:
- Resources guides which offer quick links to key documents and organizations.
- Country profiles.
- News and events and jobs.
- Email news service to keep you up to date.
http://bized.ac.uk/
This gateway will be useful for students in Economics and EBMS. The Virtual
 Developing Country simulation will be useful for CDS students.

Biz/ed includes:
• A directory of academic internet resources for economic and business.
• Learning materials specifically for economics, business and accounting students up to
  MBA level.
• Data – this includes a helpful TimeWeb tutorial which will help you develop effective
data-handling skills.
• Virtual Worlds : these are learning packages (games and simulations) and include: Virtual
  Factory; Virtual Economy; Virtual Developing Country and also Virtual Learning Arcade.
• Company information – includes financial information from 37 companies; business
  profiles of 12 companies; and a tutorial on Financial Ratio Analysis.
• Current Topics – relates recent news to standard business and economic theory.

The Virtual Training Suite:
http://www.vts.rdn.ac.uk
A collection of tutorials useful to all social science students.

The Virtual Training Suite tutorials take about an hour and will enhance your ability to evaluate
information on the web; improve your search techniques; and inform you of key web sites,
documents and organizations in your chosen field.

Tutorials include : Anthropology; Business; Development; Economist; Education; European
Studies; Geographer; Government; Lawyer; Politician; Psychologist; Social Policy; Social
Research methods; Social statistics; Social worker; Sociologist; Women’s Studies.

Subject gateways in other disciplines:

Resource Discovery Network http://www.rdn.ac.uk

The RDN includes links to some of the sites listed above and includes links to subject gateways in
the Arts, Humanities and Sciences.

Another useful site is Pinakes  http://www.hw.ac.uk/libWWW/irn/pinakes/pinakes.html which
has links to many subject gateways in individual disciplines.