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The University Library at OsloMet –
Research Support

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Research support

The University Library offers several kinds of support to you in your research, such as:

- Workshops in academic writing
- Support in open access publishing
- Literature searches
- Production of films
- ...and much more

For more information, visit:

<https://ansatt.oslomet.no/en/library-research-support>

Library and research support

The University Library offers several services for researchers.

Literature searches

Literature searches can be time consuming and require special skills (knowledge of search technology, databases, etc.). The library helps you with literature search on different levels. You may:

- Order systematic literature searches for research projects for a fee
- Request assistance from librarians to formulate and execute your own literature searches

Text and language

Unit for Academic Language and Practice offers several opportunities for language learning and practice. They offer several courses within the field of English for Academic Purposes, Norwegian language courses and different support to improve your written and oral language, etc.:

- Academic writing in Norwegian: a workshop
- Improve your academic English
- Norwegian courses and other language offerings for employees

Publishing

The library helps you with inquiries about publishing, such as:

- Open access publishing
- Making your research available through OsloMet's Open Digital Archive (ODA)
- Establishing and publishing open access journals @ OsloMet
- Publishing reports etc. in Skriftserien
- Publishing PhD theses in OsloMet's Editorial Publishing Series

Research Dissemination and communication

Get support to make your research more visible:

- Events at the library (Lunsj påfyll)
- Publishing of scientific publications in ODA (OsloMet's Open Digital Archive)
- Publishing of reports and other academic work in Fagarkivet
- Production and/or publishing of films using FilMet

Contact information and resources

Do you have any questions? Please contact:

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Library resources

Oria 

Databases

Databases by subjects (in Norwegian)

ODA

Fagarkivet

FilMet

Skriftserien

Tools 

Tutorials 



www.econtentpro.com/blog

Types of literature in a PhD

1. Theory literature and classics in the field– chosen in dialogue with supervisors and experts
2. Literature on research methods etc. – PhD-courses, in dialogue with supervisors *and* own literature mapping
3. Literature on your topic – you are the expert and are going to **do a literature review**

Elements in the literature review:

- finding the relevant literature
- accessing the literature
- saving and organising the literature
- evaluating the literature and extracting what you need from it
- writing your review

<https://www.phdontrack.net/review-and-write/reviewing/>



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A web resource aimed primarily at PhD candidates and early career researchers.

The aim is to enable beginning researchers to easily access information on searching and reviewing scholarly literature, on academic writing, and on sharing and publishing reports and data.

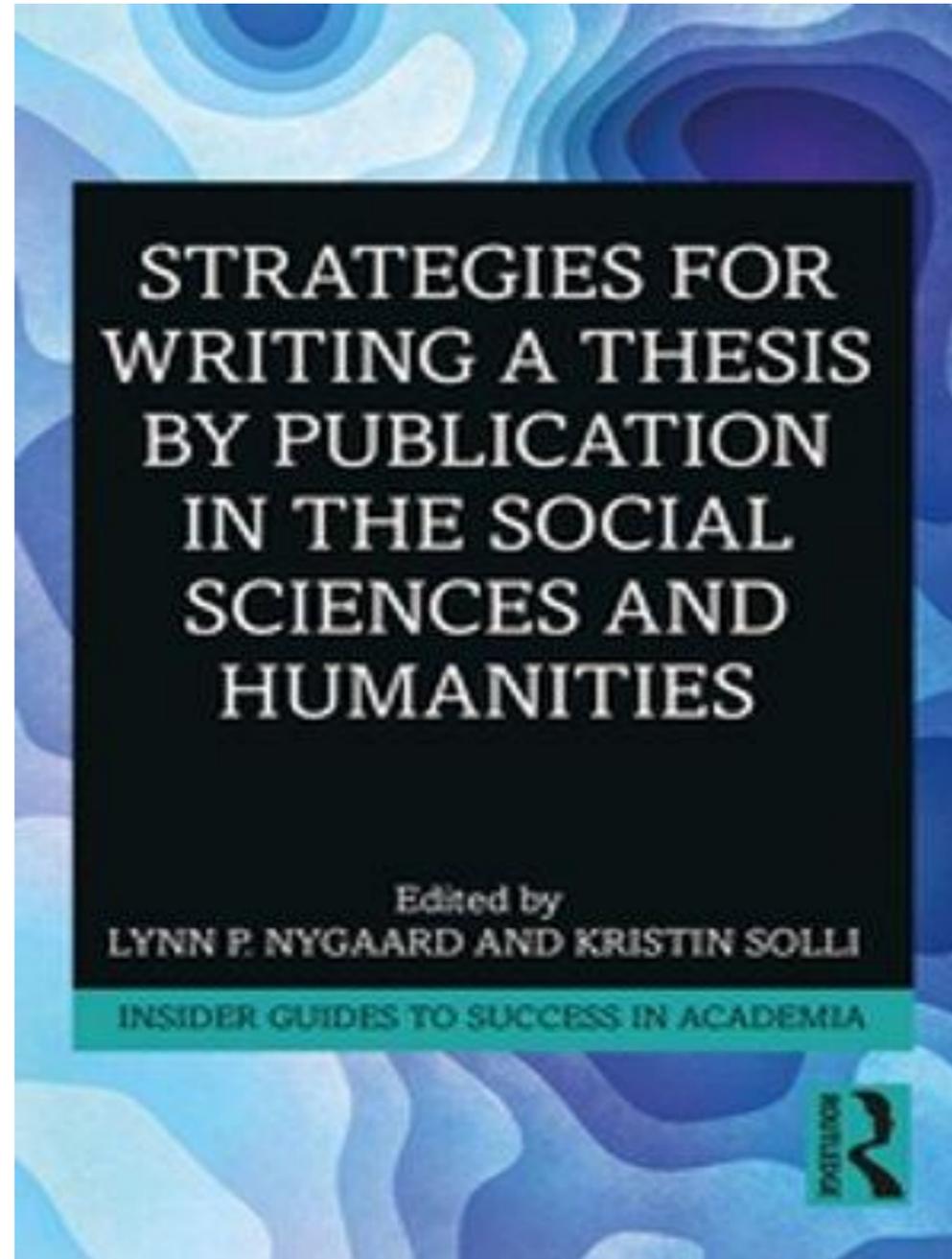


DOING A LITERATURE REVIEW IN A PHD CAN BE:

- A statement in the text: "...not much empirical research has been done..." has to be documented
- Identify "blank spots" – you can go in and position yourself
- Compare your findings with other research

- A chapter in your dissertation
- A section in an article
- A work in its own right (Systematic review article)

See as well chapter 6: «The structural elements of the narrative»



Systematic versus exploratory literature searching

“Searching may, but need not, be done according to a stringent methodology. Projects in medical sciences tend to be more inclined towards **systematic searching**, using explicitly defined search methods that allow for transparency and reproducibility of the search process. In other disciplines, especially within the humanities and social sciences, searching is typically more **exploratory**, embedded in the research process, and makes use of a wider range of resources and techniques. Approaches that combine elements of systematic and exploratory searching are viable for projects in most fields.”

(<https://www.phdontrack.net/review-and-write/searching/>)

Systematic approach– increased use outside health science:

You do not have to undertake a systematic review – but anyway it may be good to apply a more **systematic approach to your literature reviews**.

Daigneault & Ouimet (2014) claims:

- Recent years have seen significant developments in research synthesis, **starting from within healthcare and migrating** across a large number of disciplines and fields.
- The proportion of Ph.D.-students using systematic review and synthesis methods for their research project will certainly increase as **these methods become more widely known and as their value is increasingly recognized in the social sciences**

Daigneault, P.-M., Jacob, S., & Ouimet, M. (2014). Using systematic review methods within a Ph.D. dissertation in political science: challenges and lessons learned from practice. *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, 17(3), 267-283.

Literature search support from University Library:

- Guidance in literature searching - **Book a librarian** (from homepage)
- Ordering systematic literature searches (fee based service)
- Courses (databases, identifying keywords, search techniques, Endnote, Zotero, Rayyan etc.)
- Literature search support for your trial lecture (advance booking)
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