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Logo**URL**

<http://sauc.uchicago.edu/>

Subject

Union catalogs—South Asia

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

Digital South Asia Library and The Center for South Asia Libraries.

Brief History

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Scope and Coverage

The South Asia Union Catalogue intends to become an **historical bibliography** comprehensively describing books and periodicals published in South Asia from 1556 through the present. In addition, it will become a **union catalogue** in which libraries throughout the world owning copies of those imprints will register their holdings.

In four phases of the South Asia Union Catalogue was completed. Phase I encompasses south India and Sri Lanka. Publications in the Dravidian languages plus Sinhala, an Indo-Aryan language, predominate. Phase II covers eastern South Asia and colonial Burma. Most publications are in eastern Indo-Aryan, Tibeto-Burman, and Austro-Asiatic languages. Phase III covers north central South Asia, including Nepal. The majority of publications are central Indo-Aryan and the most frequently occurring languages of imprints are Nepali, Marathi, Gujarati, and Hindi with its dialects. Phase IV ranges over western South Asia and includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and parts of northwestern India. Languages of the region include several from the western and eastern Indo-Iranian and western Indo-Aryan families. Most of those languages use the Perso-Arabic script.

Kind of Information

The website provides simple and advanced search procedures. In simple search process users has to put search terms in the search bar and they can chose bibliographic field from the menu from more specific search by title, author name, subjects etc. (the following screen shot).

Simple Search

Title
Author
Date
Publisher

Select type of search

Type a word or phrase:

Show 10 results on a single page.

Users can select the number of displayed search result per page from a top down menu shows above.

In advance search process users can put search terms in maximum three search bar and in that case they can select a bibliographic field (from title, author, accession number, series, note, subject etc.) and may use operators 'and', 'or', 'not'.

Advanced Search

Enter search terms in at least one of the fields below

Search for: Keyword

and Keyword

and Keyword

Limit results by (optional)

Publication Date: (format: YYYY or YYYY-YYYY)

Language:

Show: 10 results on a single page.

Sort results by: Title Author Date ascending descending

The search result can be shorted by publication date, language, title, author etc. Although it is optional.

The above search process produced a list of documents with some bibliographical information. Under each title, there are links to full bibliographical detail and MARC tags of that document.

By using this union catalog users can access bibliographic information like title, author, physical description, notes, subjects, LOC Holding numbers, and also equivalent MARC tags of the document.

Special Features

The South Asia Union Catalogue is a global collaborative effort. The website includes links to its partner's libraries. Some of them are

- Center for Research Libraries
- Center for South Asia Libraries
- Digital South Asia Library
- Library of Congress
- South Asia Microform Project
- British Library
- University of Oxford
- Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta
- Library of Congress Field Office-New Delhi
- Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya

Arrangement Pattern

Remarks

The South Asia Union Catalogue is a cap-stone program gathering existing bibliographic records and combining them with new cataloguing created under current projects to create a definitive statement on publishing in the South Asian subcontinent.

Comparable Tools

- The David Straight Memorial Philatelic Union Catalog
(<http://catalog.stamplibrary.org/InmagicGenie/opac.aspx>)

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