
Searching BIROn

How do I search BIROn?

- BIROn's front page features a [basic](#) form which searches multiple fields, including the content of full-text files.
- It also links to an [advanced](#) search by more specific criteria like author, date or title.
- Use the **refine** option to narrow your results further.
- Search full-text files with the **Full Text** field. For example, looking for a specific phrase like "[near-earth cosmic environment](#)". This also works in the **basic** search.

How do I browse BIROn?

- The top (blue) navigation bar enables browsing by **Year**, **School**, **Author**, **Journal Title** and **Output Type**. Click on the link to see a list for each.
- BIROn's [Twitter feed](#) is updated with new content as it arrives.

Can I save my searches?

- Logged-in, registered users who perform a search will see an option to **Save**. You can then configure alerts for any new content meeting your search criteria. View your saved searches by following the link in the grey nav bar.
- Non-registered users, (i.e. students and non Birkbeck-affiliated researchers) can set up an [RSS/Atom](#) feed for each search to keep up to date with new entries matching your search criteria.
- RSS/Atom feeds can also be added to personal web pages to provide a dynamic publications list.

Can I export search results?

- Results can be exported in fifteen formats, including those compatible with Endnote and Reference Manager. Choose one from the drop-down list at the head of your search results.

What does "Request A Copy" mean?

- The *Request a Copy* button should only appear when BIROn holds a locked copy of the full-text (due to copyright or embargo.) This sends a request to the author for a copy of the item, and provision of such is at his/her discretion. If provided, this copy is distributed on an **individual basis only** under the terms of fair use, and must not be distributed further.