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Secret Files from World Wars to Cold War

The **Secret Files from World Wars to Cold War** is a perpetual mode basis online database purchased during few couples of years ago from Taylor & Francis. This may also be accessible through remote access i.e. LSDiscovery (<https://vbu.lsdiscovery.in/>).

To access of **Secret Files from World Wars to Cold War** database, visit <http://www.secretintelligencefiles.com>



Overview of the Collection:

Secret Files from World Wars to Cold War: Intelligence, Strategy and Diplomacy provides access to British government secret intelligence and foreign policy files from 1873 to 1953, with the majority of files dating from the 1930s and 1940s. Spanning four key twentieth century conflicts, with a spotlight on the Second World War, the material, sourced from The National Archives, U.K., enables rich research into intelligence, foreign policy, international relations, and military history in the period of Appeasement, through the Second World War, and into the early Cold War.

At the heart of this resource are the files of the Permanent Undersecretary's Department (PUSD). The PUSD was the point of liaison between the Foreign Office and the British intelligence establishment and

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Announcement

Proposed Special Sessions during August 2021 through online on (a) Resources, Services and Facilities of VBLN b) Retrieving Required Resources from Open Access Resources, etc. etc. Date and Time will be announced very soon through University Website, E-mail and WhatsApp.

these files document intelligence activities and their influence on foreign policy from 1873 to 1951, providing new insights into key moments of twentieth-century history. Topics that can be researched in the PUSD files include:

- planning for major operations such as Overlord and Torch
- civilian morale in Axis nations
- the policies of Vichy France
- Japanese wartime strategy
- the plight of prisoners of war
- the threat of nuclear war
- Anglo-American cooperation
- U.K. preparations for war with Soviet Russia

The PUSD files can be found in the series FO 1093.

In addition, the following eight series are included, either in their entirety or selections in part (further information on the selection process is detailed in the Methodology):

- CAB 56 Joint Intelligence Sub-Committee: Minutes and Memoranda, 1936-1939
- CAB 81 War Cabinet and Cabinet: Committees and Sub-committees of the Chiefs of Staff Committee: Minutes and Papers, 1939-1947
- CAB 158 Ministry of Defence and Cabinet Office: Central Intelligence Machinery: Joint Intelligence Sub-Committee later Committee: Memoranda (JIC Series), 1946-1968
- CAB 159 Ministry of Defence and Cabinet Office: Central Intelligence Machinery: Joint Intelligence Sub-Committee later Committee: Minutes (JIC Series), 1947-1968
- CAB 163 War Cabinet, Ministry of Defence, and Cabinet Office: Central Intelligence Machinery: Joint Intelligence Sub-Committee, later Committee: Secretariat: Files, 1939-1986
- CAB 176 War Cabinet, Ministry of Defence and Cabinet Office: Joint Intelligence Sub-Committee, later Committee: Secretariat: Minutes (JIC(SEC)), 1942-1957
- CAB 301 Cabinet Office: Cabinet Secretary's Miscellaneous Papers, 1936-1952
- HW 1 Government Code and Cypher School: Signals Intelligence Passed to the Prime Minister, Messages and Correspondence, 1940-1945

One of the highlights of the resource, the HW 1 series, consists of original intelligence reports from German, Japanese, Italian, and other nations' signals that were intercepted, deciphered, and translated by the British Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park. Covering the period 1940 to 1945, the HW 1 files include reports derived from high-grade cyphers such as ENIGMA. These reports were delivered to Winston Churchill in batches several times each day throughout the Second World War, and in many cases include Churchill's own handwritten annotations in red ink.

Taken together, the nine series included in Secret Files from World Wars to Cold War provide an almost day-by-day, in-depth study of the history of the Second World War, its causes, course, and consequences, and the early Cold War, from a high-level government and secret intelligence perspective.

Topics covered by the documents in the collection include:

- Allied Military Operations, for example: Operation Overlord, Operation Torch, and Operation Husky
- Intelligence strategy and espionage
- Axis movements, operations, and Allied defence strategies
- British efforts to bring the U.S. into the war
- Japanese and German war crimes including accounts and reports of atrocities and deaths in concentration camps
- The Japanese invasion of China and the Sino-Japanese war
- Jewish insurgency in Palestine
- The rise of communism in China and the spread of communism to South-East Asia
- The Korean War
- The Cold War, weapons technology, and nuclear warfare post-1945

Material Classification: The types of material featured in the resource include:

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| a) Correspondence | b) Directives |
| c) Financial Records | d) Maps |
| e) Meeting Minutes | f) Memoranda |
| g) Reports | h) Signals Intelligence Reports |

Twentieth-century conflicts represented in the resource include:

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| a) Spanish Civil War | b) Second World War |
| c) Cold War | d) Korean War |

Users can browse, filter, and search the documents by the following themes:

- British Domestic Security
- Foreign Policy and International Relations
- Intelligence Funding and Finances
- Intelligence Gathering and Surveillance
- Intelligence Operations
- Intelligence Organization and Administration
- Military Intelligence and Operations
- Propaganda, Censorship, and Psychological Warfare
- Signals Intelligence and Code-breaking
- Weapons Technology and Nuclear Warfare

The content of the material is international in its breadth and scope, and includes coverage of the following regions:

- Africa
- Atlantic
- East Asia
- Europe
- Latin America
- Mediterranean
- Middle East
- North America
- Pacific
- South Asia

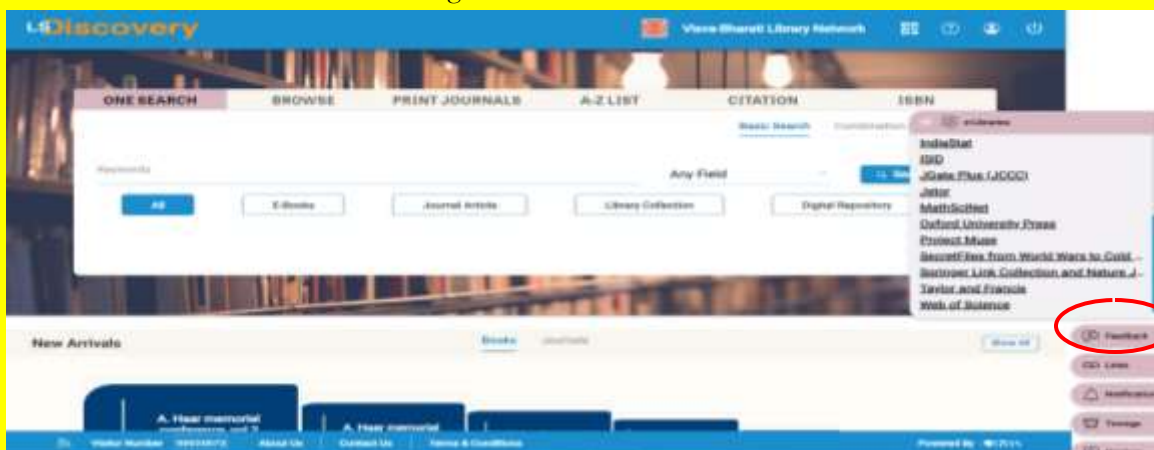
Functionality:

- A unique indexing system ensures a superior level of search ability and discoverability within the Collection, including related searches and popular search terms.
- Multiple navigation routes and browsing options to ensure that the appropriate material is located in the fewest number of clicks.
- All free-text field metadata tags are hyperlinked to search results for all other content in the resource indexed with the same tag, allowing users to trace connections across documents.
- A platform that will enhance the content by permitting the addition of user generated keywords.
- User accounts from which to manage personal information, access saved searches and reading lists, and submit keywords for moderation.
- Searching within an image is enabled to support the user in discovering key content within the context of the document.
- Filters and facets have been customized to ensure relevant content is returned to the user.

Synonym search is supported based on a bespoke thesaurus created specifically for this platform.

Access through Remote Access: The **Secret Files from World Wars to Cold War** also accessible through remote access (**LsDiscovery**), only requirement is to login of remote access as noted below;

- 1) Go to Library Website- <http://visva-bharati-library.in/>
- 2) Then Click to Lsdiscovery with OPAC - <https://vbu.lsdisccovery.in/home/dashboard>
- 3) Then put **Library Card No. as ID & vbu123 as password**
- 4) Then Click e-Libraries at the right-hand panel (middle of the page)
- 5) Then scroll down the mouse to reach the target destination



RECENT ACTIVITIES

- **Three-Day Special Session:** Visva-Bharati Library Network has successfully organized three special sessions in virtual mode during 08-10 July 2021 to aware/train the VB Library users to use the Resources & Facilities of Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) to the extent possible. Topic covered during the session are, **Similarity Checking by using URKUND / OURIGINAL** by Dr Nimai Chand Saha on 08.07.2021; **Registration in VIDWAN Database** by Dr. Koushik Ghosh on 09.07.2021; and **Remote Access through LSDiscovery** by Dr. Sabahat Nausheen on 10.07.2021. Average 100 (160+70+65) participants have attended in each of the session.
- **Two-Day Special Session:** Visva-Bharati Library Network has successfully organized another two special sessions in virtual mode during 28-29 July 2021 to aware/train the VB Library users to use the Resources & Facilities of Visva-Bharati Library Network (VBLN) to the extent possible. Topic covered during the session are, **Grammarly** by Mr Ratish Iyer, General Manager and Trainer, from Bridge People (the Grammarly provider) on 28.07.2021 and **China and the Modern World: Hong Kong, Britain and China, 1841-1951** by Ms Priyanka Sharma, Product Training Manager, Gale on 29.07.2021. Average 55 (77+33) participants have attended in each of the session.
- **Meetings:** i) Organized an online meeting on 16 July 2021 at 11.00 am with all the professionals of VBLN on uploading of Digitized Book and others in the VB digital Library. Total thirty-four professionals have attended in the meeting. In the meeting, the process/steps of uploading of Digitized Books on the VB Digital Library was demonstrated in detail.
ii) One meeting with LibSys Corporation has been arranged in presence of all officers of VBLN through online mode to review the status of Digital Library and updating of the library website Joomla from VB library etc. etc. have been discussed favourably. Total eight officers were present in the meeting.
- **Uploading files in the VB Institutional Repository:** The majority of library professionals have involved themselves to upload files in the VB Institutional Repository under VB Digital Library. Through the special drive around 4000 files (containing publications of VB fraternity, Project Reports, question papers, syllabus, Annual Reports of VB and VBLN, e-Newsletter of VBLN, etc.) have been uploaded during the month. Resources may be browsed through the link: <https://vbudspace.lsdiscovery.in/xmlui/> or one may go through the university website, then the library and then the digital library.
- **Documents / Article Delivery Services:** During the month 36 no. of soft copies of the articles have been collected and delivered through mail as requested by the academics/scholars.
- **Similarity Checking Through URKUND Software:** On request from the academics 31 articles/ Files have been checked through URKUND software and the report has been forwarded through the mail.
- **Special drive for the newly admitted students/scholars during pandemic:** Considering the needs of the newly admitted students/scholars during pandemic, VB library has issued notification for accessing VB Library resources on 26 June. Till date, more than 250 users (combination of Research scholars and Students) have sent their required information/documents through concerned HoD to get temporary ID and Password.

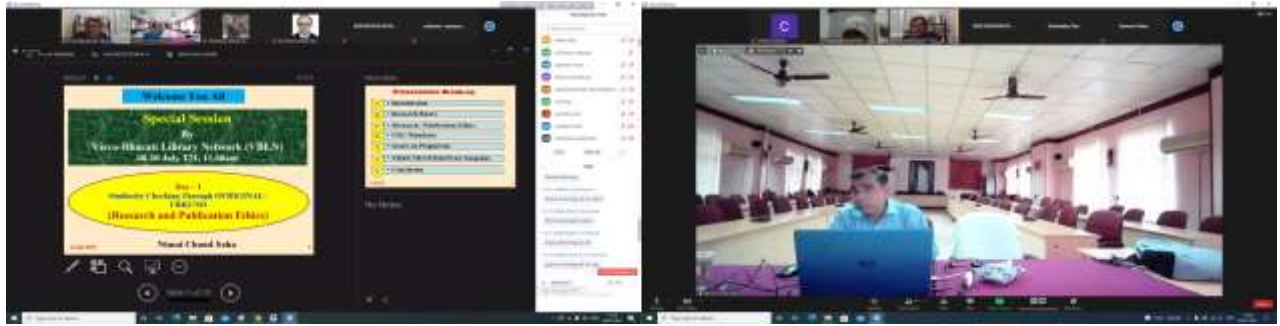
IMPORTANT LINKS:

- **WiKi Books** (<https://www.wikibooks.org/>) : Simply, Wikibooks is a collection of open-content textbooks. Because the word textbook is open to interpretation, this document exists to help clarify which types of content are acceptable for Wikibooks. For example, The Complete Works of Shakespeare might be considered a textbook in an English Literature course, but such a text would be inappropriate for this site.
- **Project Gutenberg** (<https://dev.gutenberg.org/>) : Project Gutenberg is an online library of free eBooks. Project Gutenberg was the first provider of free electronic books, or eBooks. Michael Hart, founder of Project Gutenberg, invented eBooks in 1971 and his memory continues to inspire the creation of eBooks and related content today.

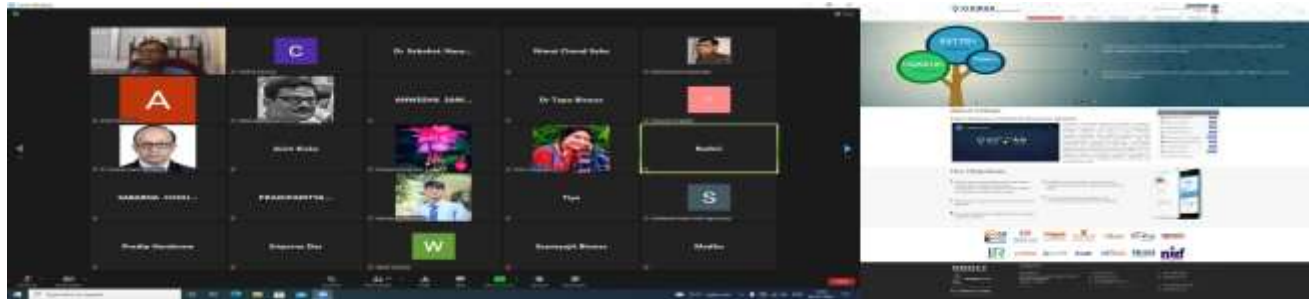
New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

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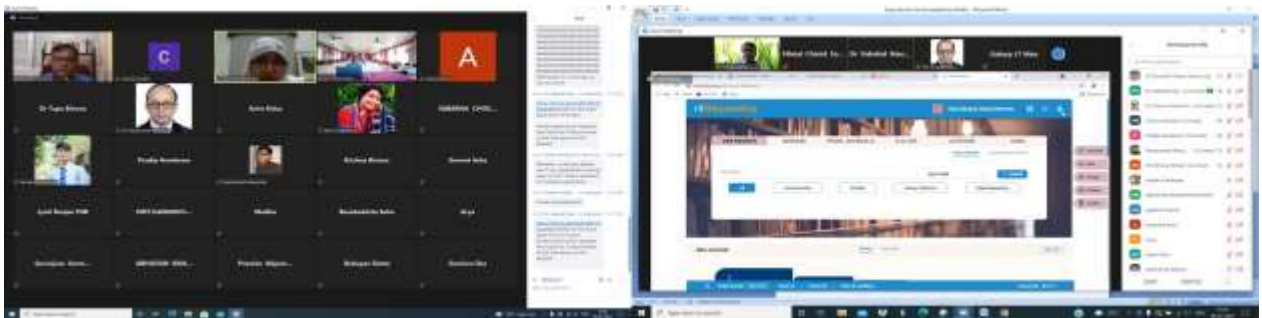
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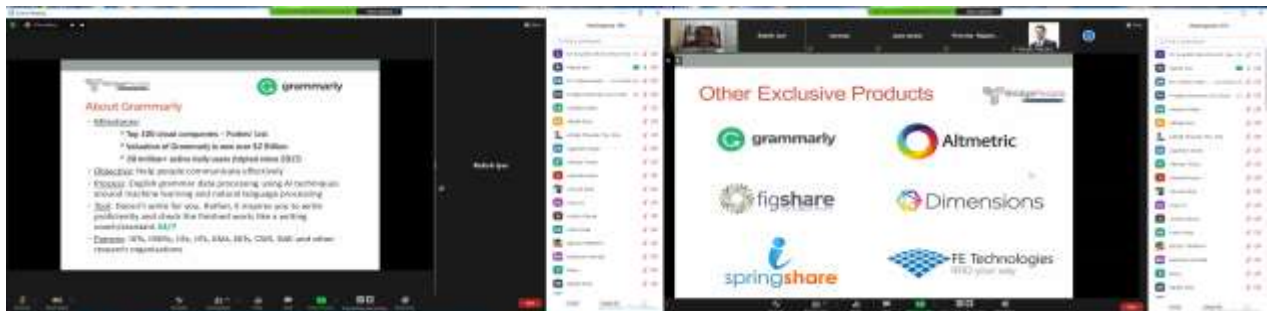
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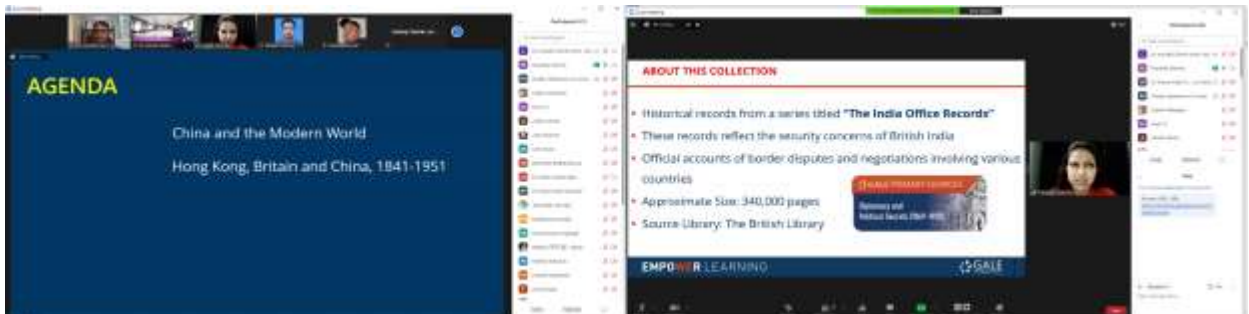
Glimpses of Three-Day Special Session: Day-2



Glimpses of Three-Day Special Session: Day-3



Glimpses of Two days Special Sessions on 'Grammarly': Day 1



Glimpses of Two days Special Sessions on 'China and the Modern World: Hong Kong, Britain and China, 1841-1951': Day 2