DEVS 321: Development Dramas
Research Project: Macro-Space of Globalization and Micro-Space of the Body
Suggested research resources

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Encyclopedias/General Sources

Encyclopedia of Asian Theatre
PN2860.E53 2007 (Stauffer Library – Reference Collection)

Oxford Encyclopedia of Theatre & Performance
Online (via Oxford Reference Online)

Oxford Companion to Canadian Theatre
PN2301 .O93 1989t (Stauffer Library – Reference Collection)
(although a bit dated - see sections titled Alternate Theatre, Political and Popular Theatre, Multicultural Theatre for a history of the genre in Canada)

Development Gateway: Development & Culture
Not necessarily peer-reviewed, scholarly literature but may provide some background

Books, dvds and music

Use QCAT http://library.queensu.ca/

Tips for keyword searches in QCAT:

• Theatre is spelled two ways – theatre or theater
• Drama is also a word that is used to describe theatre, eg. search Africa and (theatre or theater or drama) as a Keyword Boolean search
• “Theater and society” and a region or a country as a Keyword Boolean search
• Search for your specific theatre AND more generally for theatre in your region or country AND generally for development and theatre
• Search for books on the history and the political, social and economic conditions of your country or region for the appropriate time period

Peer-reviewed or scholarly journal literature
(Need a refresher on what this means? Look at this tutorial)

The following are databases where you can search for scholarly articles and in many cases link to the full journal articles. Note that some of the databases allow you to limit your search to only peer-reviewed, scholarly literature – look for the icons, or checkboxes.

Search tip: Search for both the specific theatre type that you have chosen AND the type of theatre that it represents

Start with:
• Academic Search Complete
• Scholars Portal Search
• Google Scholar

Then try:
• International Bibliography of Theatre and Dance
  Publication coverage: 1984-

• MLA International Bibliography
  Publication coverage: 1926 - present

• Humanities Abstracts
  Publication coverage: 1984-
  Publication coverage: 1907-1984 see Humanities & Social Sciences Index Retrospective

• Alternative Press Index
  Publication coverage: 1991 - present (updated quarterly)
  Print holdings: Stauffer Reference HN51 .A48 from 1969 –

• Bibliography of Native North Americans

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