INDEX RELIGIOSUS

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- More than 590,000 bibliographic records
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- 20,000 new records every year

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The *Index Religiosus* endeavours to become the international reference bibliography for academic publications in Theology and Religious Studies. It covers publications written in various European languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, etc.) and is the result of collaboration between the Catholic University of Louvain and the KU Leuven, which are both recognized internationally for their excellence in the field of Theology and Religious Studies.

The new bibliography begins from the basis of two existing bibliographies: the bibliography of the *Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique* and the *Elenchus Bibliographicus* from the journal *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses*. These two tools are internationally recognized as essential working instruments for Theology and Religious Studies.

Since January 2014, the printed version of the bibliography of the *Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique* and the *Elenchus Bibliographicus* have been replaced by the *Index Religiosus*.

Thus the *Index Religiosus* already consists of some 590,000 bibliographic and 123,000 review references for January 2015.

**Subject areas**

The *Index Religiosus* covers the full range of disciplines in Theology and Canon Law: History of Theology, History of Religions, Old and New Testaments, Fundamental and Dogmatic Theology, Sacramentology and Liturgy, Moral and Pastoral Theology, and Canon Law.

All aspects of Church History are also widely covered: Institutions; Orders; Congregations; Influential Figures; Hagiography; Political, Social and Economic History; Archaeology; Art History; Music; Architecture; Relations with Islam and Judaism; and more, which makes the *Index Religiosus* a tool of the first order for all manner of disciplines.

**Thesaurus**

The bibliographic notes of the *Index Religiosus* benefit from a rich thesaurus comprised of 20,000 keywords. From 2014 onwards, new records are being indexed by a unique classification system. Previous entries (taken from the *Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique* and *Elenchus Bibliographicus*) are searchable not only via their own specific classification system but also together, thanks to an underlying interconnectivity between them.
Key Features

- Approximately 590,000 bibliographic records and 120,000 review references are searchable (January 2015)
- More than 20,000 new records every year
- Over 1000 journals systematically checked
- Multilingual Interface (English, French, Spanish, Italian and German)
- Indexing in English and French
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- Ability to query the database from Bible Verses, the Tenets of Canon Law, or the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Ability to export records in several formats (Endnote, Microsoft Office Word, Refworks, Zotero, etc.).
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- Direct links to the Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques, Die Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches, the International Encyclopaedia for the Middle Ages and the Lexikon des Mittelalters
- Links to Google books

It is possible to export records in various formats (Zotero, Refworks, Endnote, etc.)
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The best international church-historical journal is Revue d’Histoire Eclésiastique, which, like Ephemerides T. Theologicae Lovanienses, is known to scholars as the larger publication that includes Elenchus Bibliographicus Biblicus (since 1985; Elenchus of Biblica), is a massive bibliographic tool from the University of Louvain that indexes both articles and books and offers very fine year-end cross-referencing… [it] should be consulted regularly for current bibliography in the field.

Direct links to the *Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques* and to other encyclopaedias

The bibliographic records of the *Index Religiousus* contain direct links to several encyclopaedias: the *Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques*, the *Die Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches*, the *International Encyclopaedia for the Middle Ages* and the *Lexikon des Mittelalters*. This means that some classification criteria used in the *Index Religiousus* records refer directly to the corresponding article in one or more encyclopaedias.

The online *Dictionnaire d’histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques* is fully searchable on the BREPOL Š site. It represents an unparalleled source of information for those interested in Church History and is the ideal complement to the *Index Religiousus*. There is a wealth of information, comprising 70,000 items and sub-items, more than 50,000 columns written by specialists, all now made available to curious researchers. In addition, the initial online DHGE information has been enriched with the contributions published under the title *Die Bischöfe des Heiligen Römischen Reiches* (© Duncker & Humboldt). This represents more than 2200 biographies of bishops who held office in the Holy Roman Empire between 1198 and 1648.

Where appropriate, links also refer to *Lexikon des Mittelalters* and its complement, the *International Encyclopaedia for the Middle Ages*. The *Lexikon des Mittelalters* is the unrivalled reference encyclopaedia for medieval studies, containing over 36,700 articles written by some 3000 authors.
The *Index Religiosus* is available either as a stand-alone database or in combination with the *Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques*. By subscribing to both databases, you will benefit from existing links between them, and also from a special price.

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