

FINDING PUBLICATIONS

Many publications are “behind a paywall”, meaning that you have to pay to read them from some journal (particularly the more pretentious journals). Finding publications, in the unlikely event that you find someone actually readable that might write one, can be a trial. Here is a good source for finding the work of authors you like, or topics of interest.

The Internet location “www.researchgate.net” is a place where researchers can log in to find research, and you can “follow” particular people to find out when they post new research, preprints or other material. It is free, and is a good source of material. If you visit someone (you can enter their name and they will search for it) you get a brief description of them, and can check “research” to see what they have loaded into the site. You can then look at the abstract of the work, and often they have loaded the entire paper that you can then look at and print off if it is of interest. You can even enter questions about research issues, which might get an interesting response from people who use the site.

The Internet is changing how people find information – including papers that were published years ago and are not otherwise available. Check out the site, and see if it is useful to you.

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