

IMF eLibrary User Guide >

Startup Guide

This guide provides step-by-step instructions for accessing and navigating the IMF eLibrary. In this guide, you will learn how to:

- Navigate the main page to see products and features of the IMF eLibrary.
- Browse publications by country, topic, publication series, or author.
- Carry out a simple or advanced search of all publications.
- Download a book, paper, article, or report.

Getting started: find out what's in the IMF eLibrary

Type the URL in your browser: <http://elibrary.imf.org/>

The IMF eLibrary contains more than 12,000 publications in several digital formats. General categories are IMF Statistics, Books and Analytical Papers, and Periodicals and Reports.

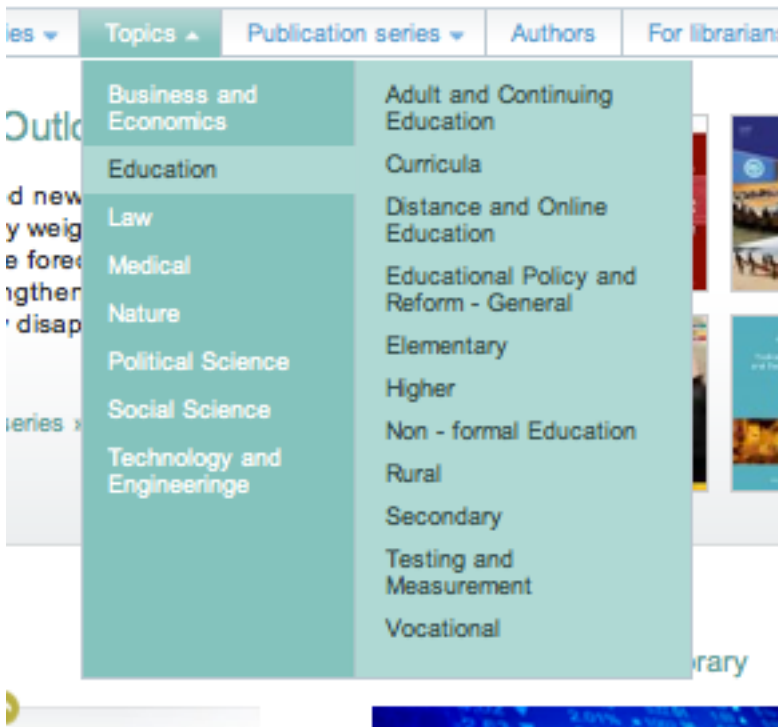
The screenshot displays the IMF eLibrary homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About', 'Help', 'FAQs', 'Contact Us', and a sign-in prompt. Below this is the 'IMF eLIBRARY' logo and a search bar with a 'GO' button. A secondary navigation bar includes links for 'New releases', 'Countries', 'Topics', 'Publication series', 'Authors', 'For librarians', 'Subscription', 'My content (5)', and 'My searches (0)'. The main content area features a 'World Economic Outlook' section with a text summary and a grid of book covers. To the right, a 'What's new' section lists recent updates like the 'Spring 2013 Catalog' and '38 new members'. Below these are sections for 'Essential reading' with a list of books, 'Learn about the IMF eLibrary' with a video player, and 'Explore by country or region' with a world map and a link to 'Free online resources for developing countries'.

- In the center of the home page, you will see featured publications. Click on the cover image or title for the publication details page.
- The Recommended Reading List is being featured on the home page as an Essential reading section. Click the arrow buttons to scroll through the items. There is also a link to the full recommended reading page.
- What's new contains announcements.
- The multimedia area features content such as videos, blogs, and more.
- Explore publications by country or region when you click on the interactive map. Select a region, then a country to narrow your publications list.

Browsing the eLibrary

The top navigation allows you to browse the eLibrary by New releases, Countries, Topics, Publication series, and Authors.

Click on the Topics menu to see main topics. Then hover over to see subtopics associated with each topic.



The IMF organizes its publications into three main subscription series. Use the Publication series navigation to browse a specific series.



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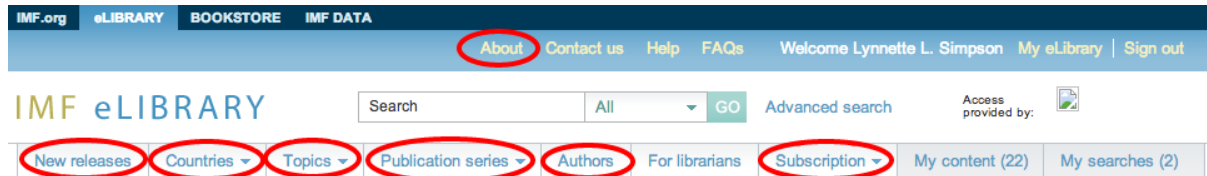
Click on the Authors tab to see an A-Z list of all authors and editors.

Authors and Editors

Browse all content available in the IMF eLibrary by author or editor name.

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| Abdelati, Wafa Fahmi | | | | | | | | | | Al-Mansouri, Abdulrahman | | | | | | | | | | Angeloni, Ignazio | | | | | |
| Abdih, Yasser | | | | | | | | | | Al-Mashat, Rania | | | | | | | | | | Anjaria, Shailendra | | | | | |
| Abdul Aziz, Ungku | | | | | | | | | | Al-Zein, Eza Ghassan | | | | | | | | | | Anne, Benoît | | | | | |
| Abed, George | | | | | | | | | | Alberola Ila, Enrique | | | | | | | | | | Annen, Kurt | | | | | |
| Abiad, Abdul | | | | | | | | | | Albertin, Giorgia | | | | | | | | | | Annett, Anthony | | | | | |
| Abrams, Richard | | | | | | | | | | Albino-War, Maria | | | | | | | | | | Antoshin, Sergei | | | | | |
| Abrego, Lisandro | | | | | | | | | | Aleksandrov, Nikolay | | | | | | | | | | Araujo, Juliana | | | | | |
| Acevedo Mejia, Sebastian | | | | | | | | | | Aleksynska, Mariya | | | | | | | | | | Arbatli, Elif | | | | | |

The top navigation bar also has **New Releases** with the most recent publications, a **For Librarians** section for help with MARC records and more, and **Subscription** for current subscribers and information on our free subscription policy.

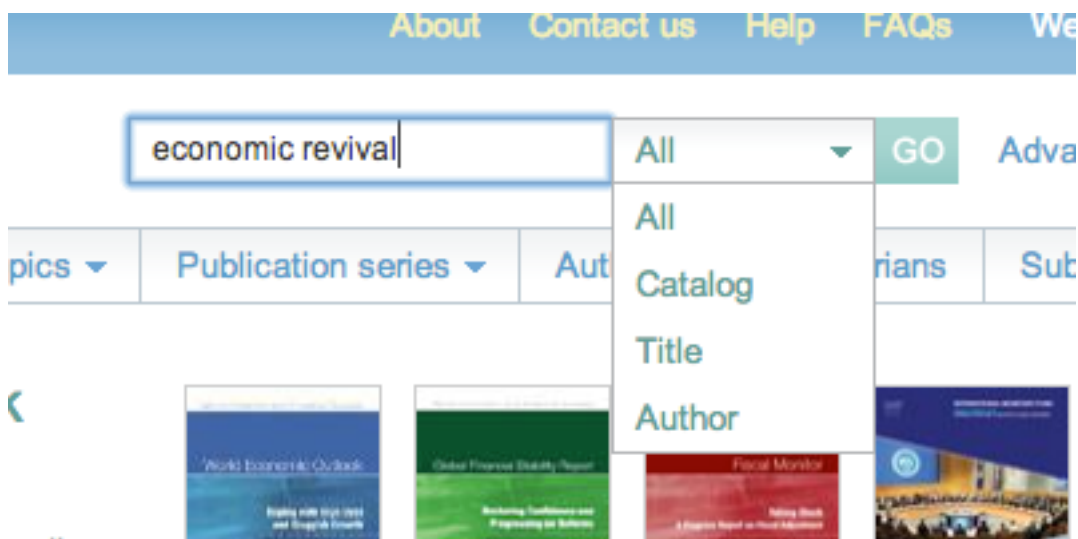


If you are not already a subscriber, click on the **About** tab at the top of the page. Request a brochure with pricing information, or sign up for a trial.

Simple and advanced search

Simple search

For a general search, type a word or phrase in the search bar, found at the top of every page. The default search is All. You will be searching the full text and metadata (author, title, source, ISBN, abstract) of all publications in the eLibrary. The search will retrieve articles, papers, and books that match your terms, with the most relevant publications first. Use the dropdown box to switch from All to Catalog (metadata only), Title, or Author.



From the results page, you can refine your search and sort results:

- Search within results to search within publications using a single word or phrase. (1)
- Under Narrow Your Choices, check the box to show only content within your subscription. (2)
- Under Narrow Your Choices, select Content Type (Books and Journals/Chapters and Articles), Countries/Region, Topics, Languages, or Date. (3)
- Type a word in the Starts with box to go to the first title that begins with the word. (4)
- Sort by Title, Date, or Source.(5)
- Change the Items per page. (6)

The screenshot shows a search results interface. On the left, a sidebar titled "Narrow Your Choices" includes a "Search within results" box (1), a checkbox for "Show only my subscribed content" (2), and expandable sections for "Content Type", "Countries / Region", "Topics", "Languages", and "Date" (3). The main content area features a "Browse by Title" section with a "Starts with:" input field (4), a "GO" button, a "Sort by" dropdown menu (5) set to "Title - A to Z", and an "Items per page" dropdown menu (6) set to "10". Below this, it indicates "You are looking at 1-10 of 7,619 items for:" and lists filters for "Type: Books And Journals" and "Business and Economics", along with a "Clear All" button. A specific result is shown for "Access to Trade Finance in Times of Crisis" with details on series, author, publication date, ISBN, and keywords.

Advanced search

For a narrower focus, switch to Advanced search to search by field, such as title, source, or series, or to combine concepts. In the search below, you will find all documents in the IMF Working Paper series that have 'trade' in the title.

Advanced search

Search by entering a word or phrase in the search field. Add new row(s) to include additional words or phrases and refine your search further.

Search:

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| <input type="text" value="And"/> | <input type="text" value="Source"/> | <input type="text" value="imf working paper"/> | [-] Remove row | | |

[+] Add row

Downloading publications

Clicking on a title from the results page will take you to the publication landing page. (Please note: you will see a lock sign near the title if you do not have subscription access to the publication.)

Most publications are available in several digital formats: PDF, ePub (for iPad, Sony, Nook, and other readers), and Mobi (for Kindle). Options for downloading are shown on the left-hand navigation panel. There is also a link to buy the print edition from the IMF Bookstore.

The screenshot shows the IMF eLIBRARY interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Search', a dropdown menu set to 'All', and a 'GO' button. To the right of the search bar are links for 'Advanced search' and 'Access provided by:'. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with tabs for 'New releases', 'Countries', 'Topics', 'Publication series', 'Authors', 'For librarians', 'Subscription', 'My content (23)', and 'My searches (3)'. On the left side of the page, there is a vertical navigation panel with a book cover for 'World Economic Outlook, Coping with High Debt and Sluggish Growth' and a list of download options: PDF (12 MB), ePub (13 MB), Mobi (7 MB), and Buy Print. Below the download options is a language dropdown menu set to 'English'. On the right side of the page, the title 'World Economic Outlook, October 2012 : Coping with High Debt and Sluggish Growth' is displayed in a large, bold font. Below the title, there are options to 'Print', 'Save', 'Cite', 'Email', 'Share', and 'Text size: A A'. The publication details are listed: 'Published Date: October 2012', 'Author(s): International Monetary Fund. Research Dept.', 'ISBN: 9781616353896', and 'Pages: 247'. A summary paragraph follows, describing the WEO's assessment of global recovery prospects. Below the summary is a 'Contents' section with links to 'Front Matter', 'Chapter 1 Global Prospects and Policies', 'Chapter 2 Country and Regional Perspectives', 'Chapter 3 The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: 100 Years of Dealing with Public Debt Overhangs', 'Chapter 4 Resilience In Emerging Market And Developing Economies: Will It Last?', 'Annex: IMF Executive Board Discussion of the Outlook, September 2012', 'Statistical Appendix', and 'Back Matter'.

Above the title, on the right, are options to print, save, cite, email, or share the publication.

Each chapter of a publication has a separate link to the full text. (For some older publications, however, only the PDF version is available.)

Under the title, once within a chapter, there is a heading that includes sections, figures, and references. As you scroll the chapter, the heading remains at the top of the page. This allows you to select sections, figures, or jump to the references no matter where you are in the chapter.

