

Online Resources

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Adam Matthew/BFI

Socialism on Film: The Cold War and International Propaganda is an online collection of previously unseen films, “acquired by British communist, Stanley Forman, from his personal contacts within the socialist world.” The films have been digitised and released as an online collection by Adam Matthew in partnership with the BFI. Content includes documentaries, features and newsreel from the Eastern Bloc, Vietnam, Cuba and more, and transcriptions of each film are fully searchable as part of the resource. The [March press release](#) includes a link to a [promotional video](#), which is a tantalising glimpse of what looks like a fascinating resource, showing us, “how socialist countries saw themselves and the world around them during major political and social events of the twentieth century”.

Elsevier

Another Online resource update, another story about Elsevier. This time Elsevier are being sued by Louisiana State University (LSU) after their School of Veterinary Medicine had their IP addresses blocked by Elsevier, stopping them accessing Elsevier content for which LSU Libraries holds a license providing for unlimited, simultaneous access. In return Elsevier have, “proposed that LSU purchase an additional \$170,000 of journal subscriptions and increase its payment for the ‘Freedom Collection’ by \$30,000”. It’s a long story - find it [here](#) courtesy of Krista Cox, Director of Public Policy for the ARL (Association of Research Libraries) and their shorter [press release](#) here. Thanks to Gary Price at [Infodocket](#) for the nod.

European Commission

In a [press release](#) in February the European Commission (EC) announced that while Europeans are travelling they will soon be able to enjoy portable online content they have subscribed to, be it films and TV, games, music streaming services, for example, wherever they are in the EU. Providers will, “verify the subscriber’s country of residence by using means such as payment details, the existence of an Internet contract or by checking the IP address.” Once adopted, the rules will be applied to member states in 2018 and there will be a nine-month period for rights holders to prepare. European travellers will be able to get the benefit of this new cross-borders agreement by the [introduction on June 15th](#) of, “domestic prices for mobile internet, subject to fair use, irrespective of where they are travelling in the EU domestic prices.” Just a couple more things that Britons are going to miss out on then.

JSTOR Labs

In March JSTOR Labs announced the launch of their great new [Text Analyzer](#) tool in beta. You can upload a document, which Text Analyzer will examine and suggest articles from JSTOR, and a range of search terms, which it has identified from the document. It also

suggests what it thinks are the five most important search terms which you can change and/or adjust in importance before re-running the analysis, and you can add your own terms too. As suggested in a JSTOR Labs [video](#), it will be useful for homing in on important articles or areas of study and much more. I uploaded a slideset - no problem! There's lots of scope for information literacy activities, for example, comparing the search terms extracted from news articles on the same topic from different sources. It will also analyse images. Find out more about Text Analyzer in two [JSTOR Labs blogs](#).

National Library of Wales/British Library

After a successful National Lottery bid netting a £9.5 million grant, the British Library (BL), a project spanning ten preservation centres across the UK including the National Library of Wales (NLW) in Aberystwyth. Materials to be preserved by the NLW include, “interviews with Welsh migrants to North America and Patagonia, dialect recordings, interviews with various industry workers, their families and the community, archives of Welsh traditional music and political speeches by national politicians.” This important and engaging collection will become available to the public via a BL-hosted website due to go live in 2019. Nearly half a million, “rare and unique recordings”, will be saved from, “decay and media obsolescence”. Find the locations of all the preservation centres in the [BL press release](#).

University of Houston

Continuing the earlier theme of communist sources, in February the University of Houston [announced](#) that they had digitised and published a series of socialist, communist and anarchist pamphlets dating from 1872 to 1920 from their special collections. The pamphlets originate mainly from the US (New York) and the UK (London) and authors include Lenin, Engels and Kropotkin. I've had a quick look and you can browse front cover thumbnails of the pamphlets, or search the transcripts, and there are features like citation advice, lo-res image and citation downloads, and a form to help you request a hi-res image.

Wikipedia/Wikitribune

After Wikipedia editors made the headlines (and my day) in February this year [by declaring the Daily Mail “generally unreliable”](#), there's a new, “experiment in sustainable community journalism” on the block. With the rallying call, “The news is broken and we can fix it”, Jimmy Wales launched [Wikitribune](#) on Tuesday 25th April, a crowd-funded online news publication to “fight fake news by pairing professional journalists with an army of volunteer community contributors.” With content accompanied by the sources used, Wikitribune will be freely available and will not carry advertisements. Professional journalists will be paid by crowd funding and, “Articles are authored, fact-checked, and verified by professional journalists and community members working side by side as equals”. The first edition is due “soon” according to [this article](#) in the Guardian, which sets a good example in transparent journalism by taking care to remind readers that Jimmy Wales is a board member of their parent company.