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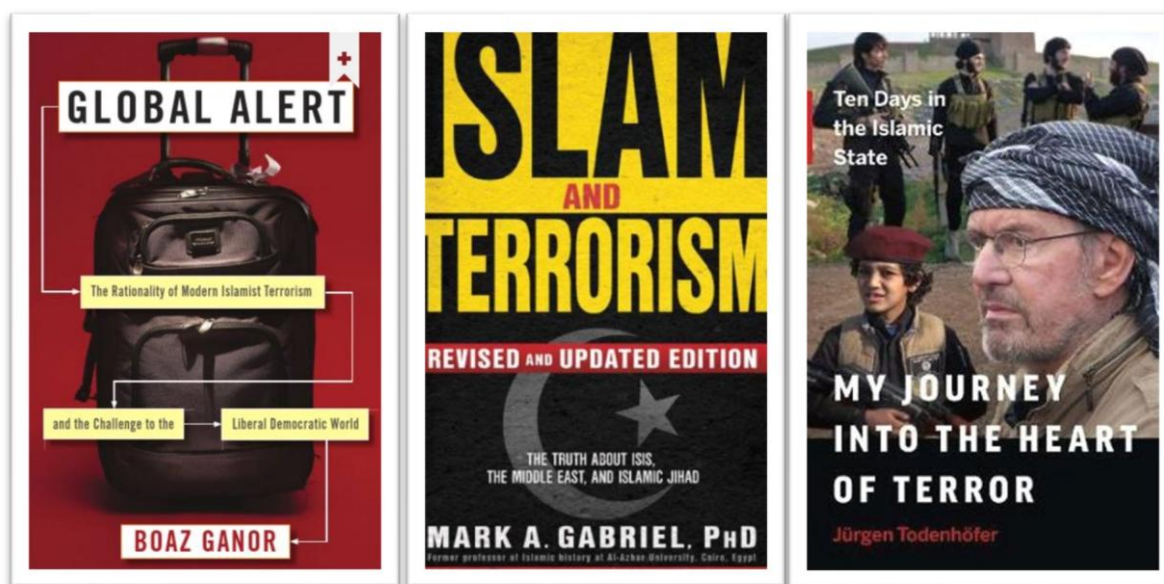
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The Oxford Dictionary of Islam

Edited by: John L. Esposito

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John L. Esposito, editor
John L. Esposito is University Professor of Religion and International Affairs and Founding Director of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. A past president of the Middle East Studies Association, he is Editor-in-Chief of the four-volume *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World* and Editor of the *Oxford Illustrated History of Islam*.

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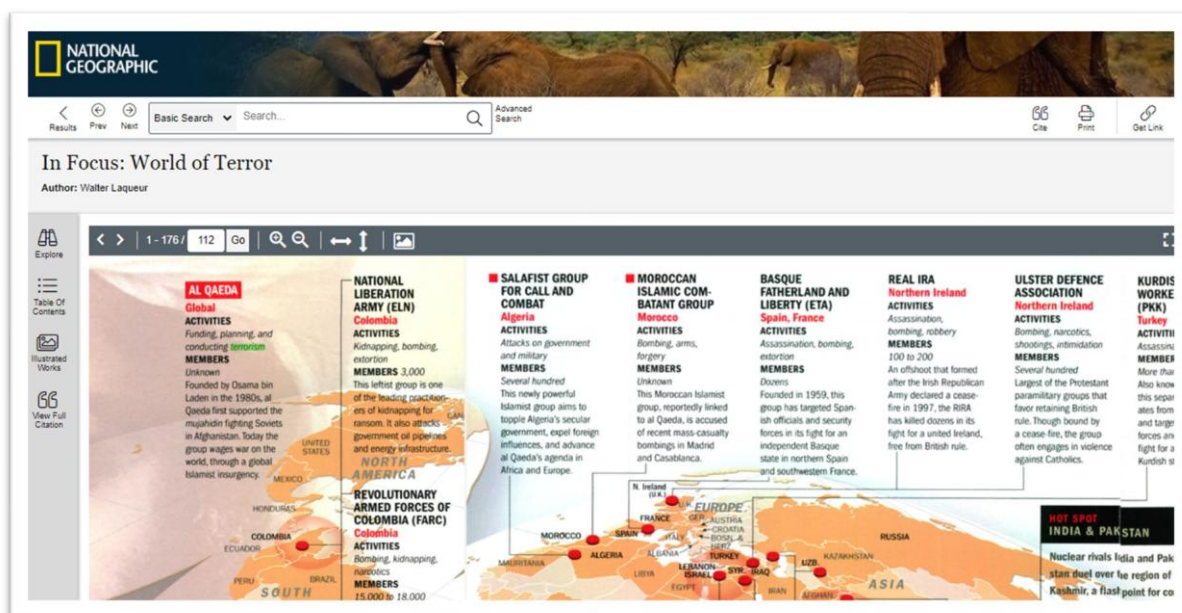
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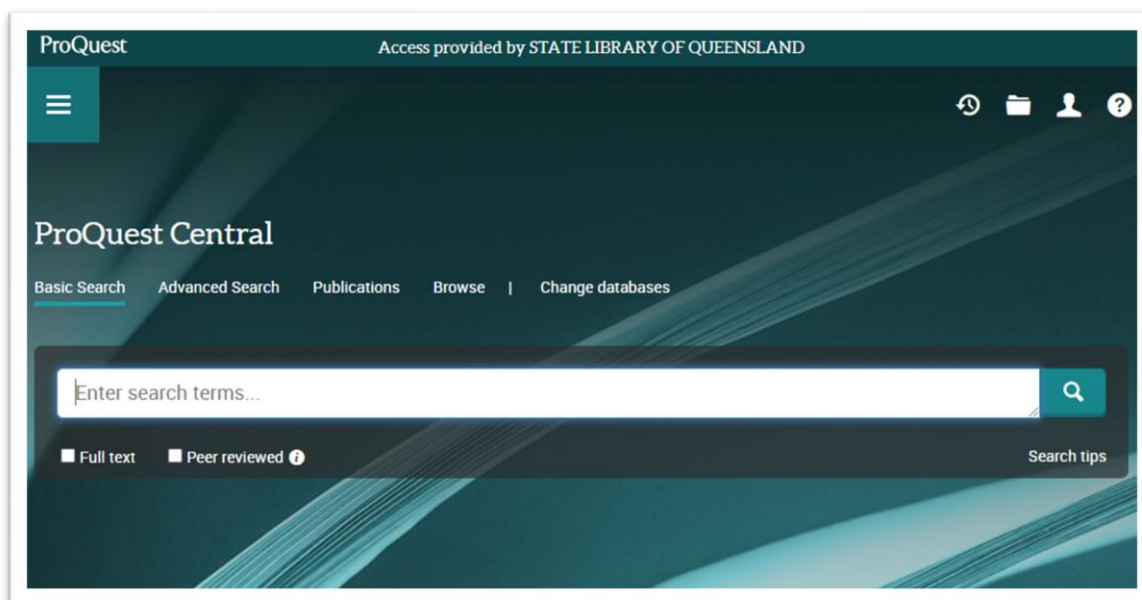
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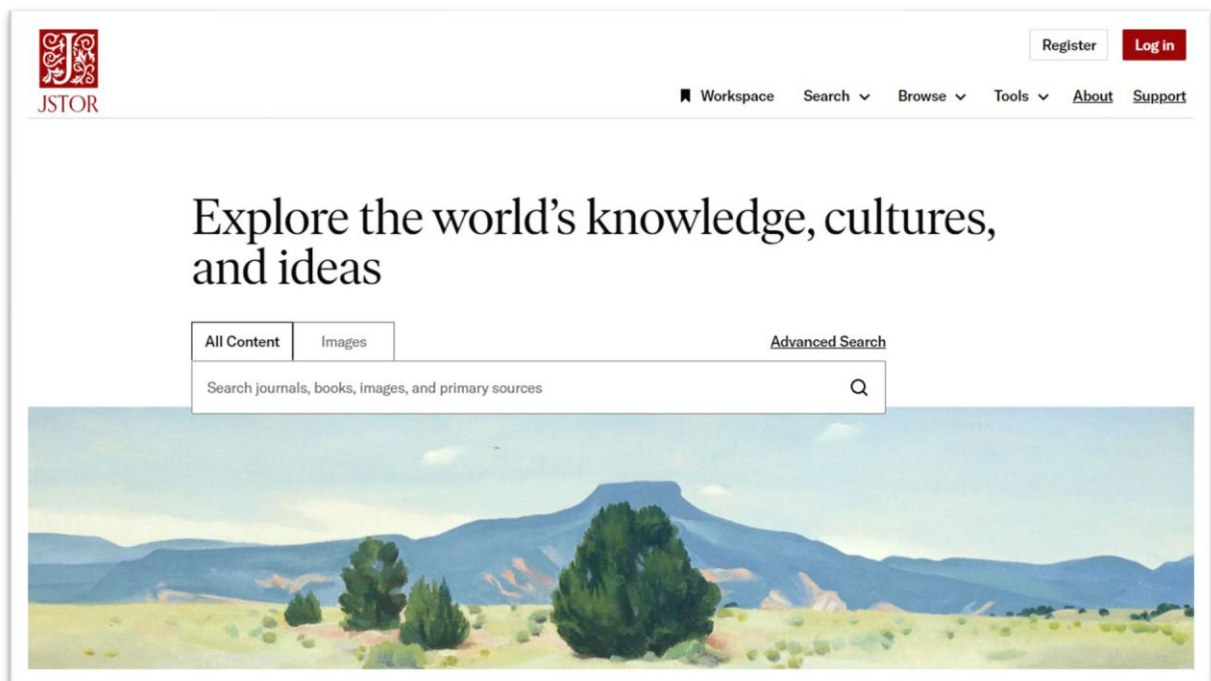


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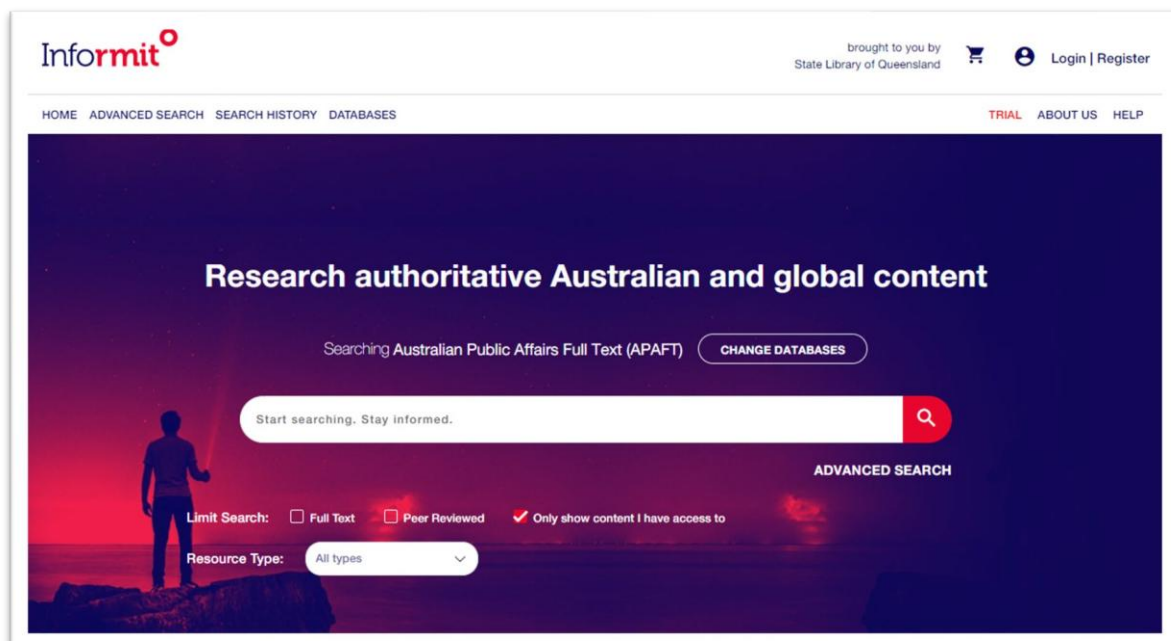
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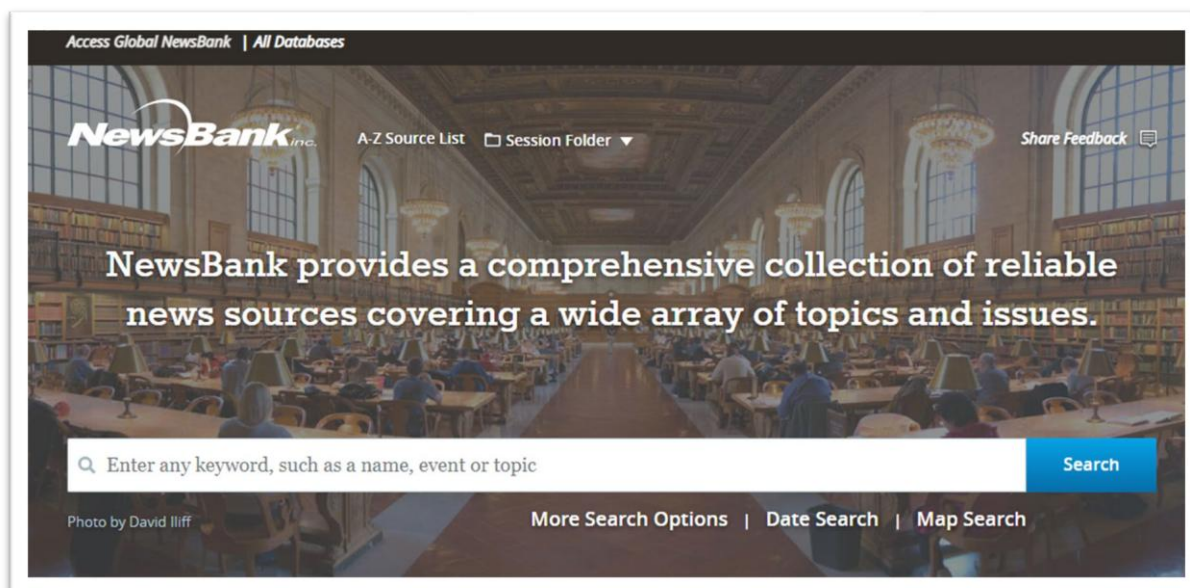


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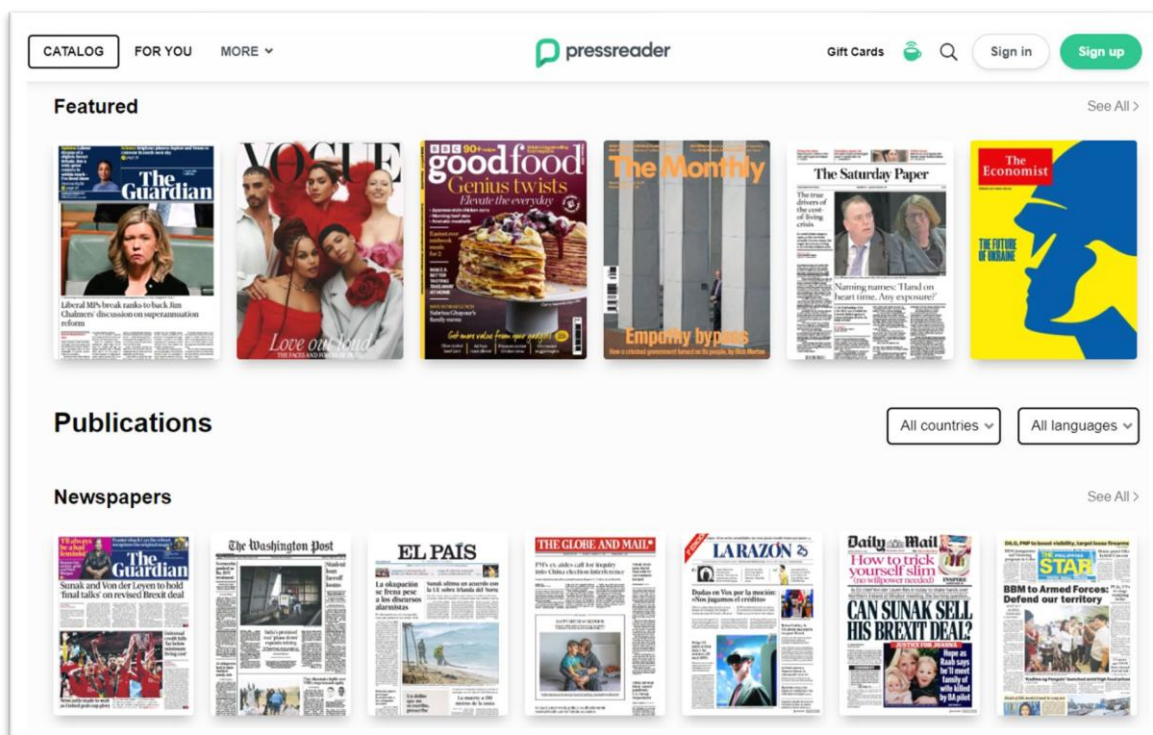


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