

NCI LIBRARY **news**

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Turnitin

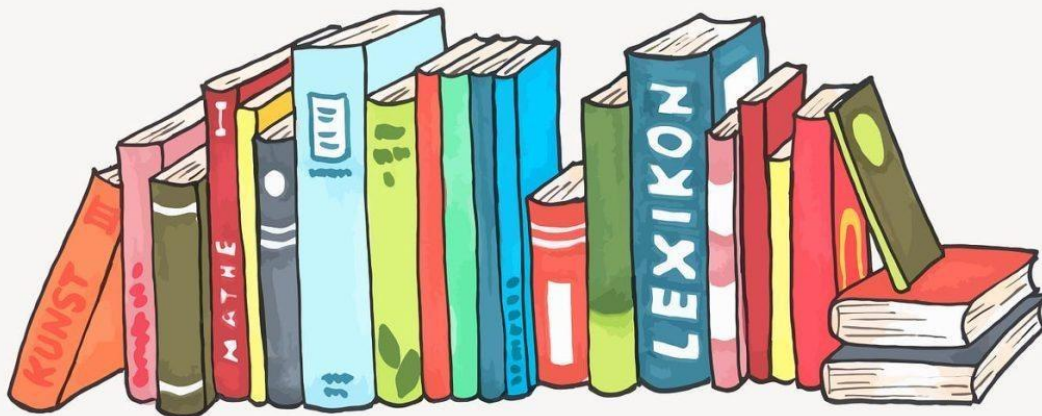


The past year has been an important one for Turnitin and plagiarism detection software due to the appearance of ChatGPT and other Generative AI applications in late 2022. Turnitin developed an AI detection tool which became available to NCI faculty on 4th April 2023. NCI also began using Turnitin's Draft Coach in late 2022, a tool which can be used by students to check their work while in Word Online or Google Docs.

In January 2024, NCI upgraded from Turnitin Feedback Studio to TFS with Originality. This allows for continued access to the AI detection tool in addition to Authorship, which uses forensic linguistics to track the authorship of written work. An Enhanced Similarity Report has also become available to NCI faculty.

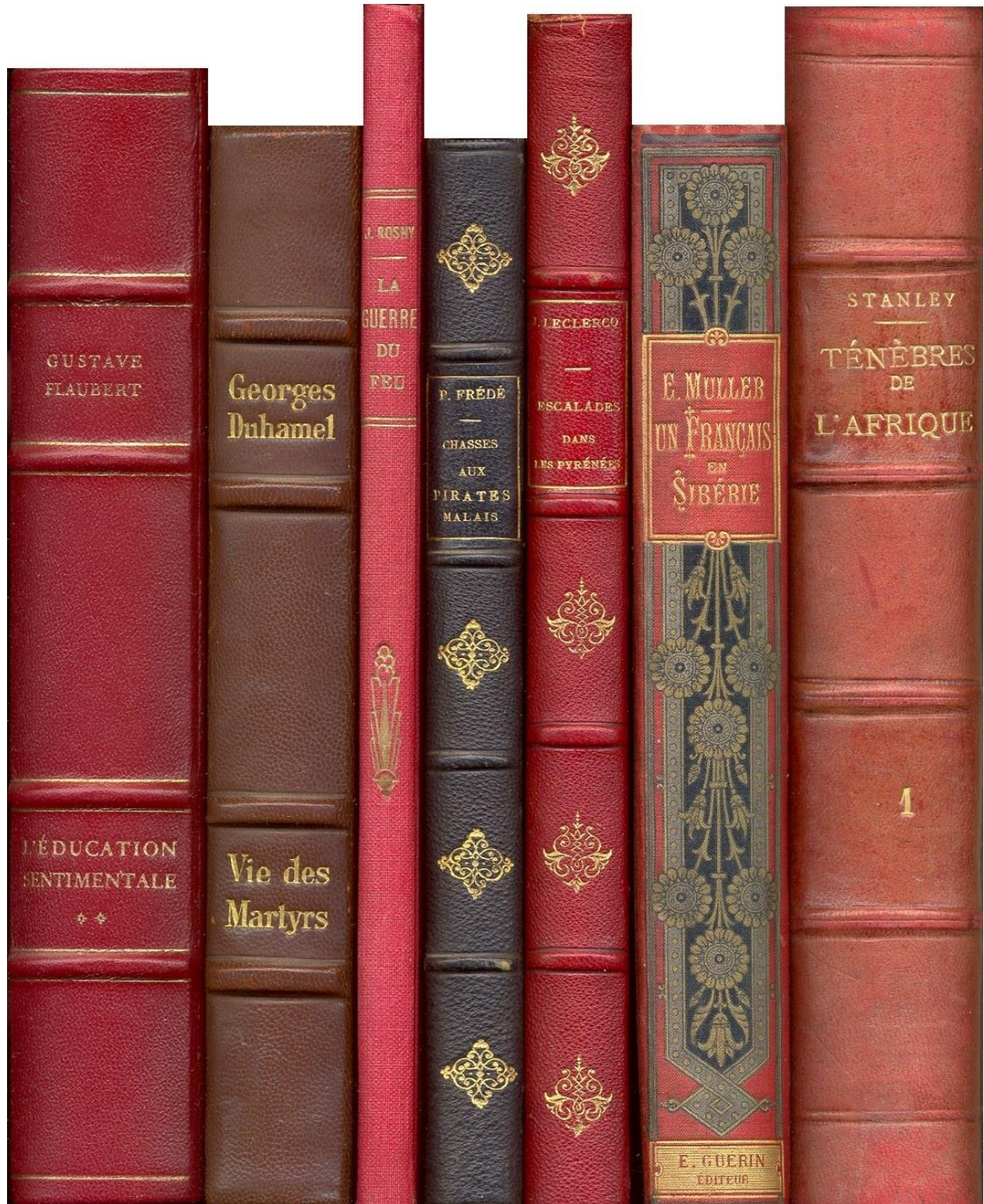
NCI Learning Teaching and Assessment Subcommittees released a college-wide policy on the use of ChatGPT and other tools like it in September 2023, along with an updated project cover sheet which includes an AI declaration (links to these below). AI use is not explicitly forbidden as part of this policy but may be permitted in certain assessments as long as evidence is provided of appropriate AI use.

QQI White Paper on Academic Integrity



¹<https://libguides.ncirl.ie/c.php?g=686647&p=5200642>

Academic Integrity Workshop



On the 12th January, the library held an Academic Integrity workshop for incoming international students.

For this workshop, we developed and distributed the following resources: Understanding your Turnitin Similarity Report² and Ethical AI use checklist³.

See below for our slides from the event!



²https://libguides.ncirl.ie/ld.php?content_id=35205410

³https://libguides.ncirl.ie/ld.php?content_id=35205391

What is academic integrity?

"a commitment to five fundamental values:"
(ICAI, 2013)



Academic Integrity at NCI

As international students, it is important to be aware of the practices required at the National College of Ireland and to not assume what has been accepted in previous educational experiences is also accepted at NCI.



Academic Writing

Using evidence to back up your opinion is one of the main characteristics of academic writing.

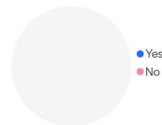
You will need to always support your writing with evidence from good quality sources and reference these writers.

When approaching academic writing at NCI, it is essential to have an understanding of plagiarism and referencing so that you can uphold your academic integrity in your written work.



Do you know what plagiarism is?

Mentimeter



What is plagiarism?

The act of taking another person's words, ideas, data or images and using them as your own without giving credit to the original source of the information.



Examples of Plagiarism

- Copying words, ideas, illustrations, graphs or computer code from a source (including internet sources) without giving credit
- Referencing sources at the end of your written work that you have not directly consulted
- Failing to to put exact wording in quotation marks for direct quotes
- Submitting all or part of someone else's work as your own
- Paraphrasing another's work too closely, with only minor changes
- Submitting some or all of one of your old assignments without authorisation to do so (self-plagiarism)
- Presenting as independent work done in collaboration with other people (i.e. collusion)

See more examples on page 11 in the NCI Library Referencing Guide



What causes plagiarism?


- Poor time management
- Not understanding plagiarism
- Problems with note taking
- Deliberately copying words/code from other sources without credit
- Insufficiently paraphrasing words taken from other sources
- Inaccurate referencing
- Lack of confidence in English language skills
- Following practices encouraged or accepted in previous educational experience and that are not accepted at NCI



How do you avoid plagiarism?


- Don't copy and paste text - this will inevitably lead to using wording that is too close to the original
- Use a variety of good quality sources
- Keep good quality and accurate notes - write down details of the source you have taken information from and where you can find it again
- Make sure that you paraphrase properly, put quotation marks around exact wording for direct quotes and reference correctly
- Paraphrase at the information gathering stage





Key tips for avoiding plagiarism

- 1 Never copy and paste
- 2 Good note taking makes it harder to accidentally plagiarise
- 3 If permitted to use AI, make sure to declare it



Plagiarism Tutorial

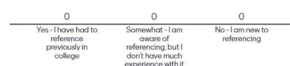


Access via Moodle - Avoiding Plagiarism option under Library menu




Do you know what referencing is?

Moodlemeter





What is referencing?

Referencing is used in academic writing to identify where you have used material written or produced by others.

It can be called **citing** or **referencing**.

It is important to be consistent and accurate in your references to enable readers to identify and locate the material to which you have referred to.



Where do you reference in your work?



- 1 Reference at the exact point in your writing where you are using the information from a source (direct quote or paraphrase), using a short, basic reference as formatted in the required **referencing style**
- 2 Include a list of references at the end of your work which requires the full details of the sources used and are formatted in the required **referencing style**



NCI Referencing Styles

TIP: Before any assignment, double check which referencing style you need to use



- Harvard Referencing Style
- APA Referencing Style
- IEEE Referencing Style

Referencing Guides & Support

NCI Library Referencing Guide, 5th edition
Referencing Quick Guides

Available online and free hard copies

Academic Integrity & A.I.

A.I. or artificial intelligence (AI) tools that use natural language processing techniques to respond to user-generated prompts, such as ChatGPT/BARD/Copilot (ask a question & the tool gives you an answer).

“AI brings both opportunities and challenges in the context of academic integrity. While it can assist in identifying and preventing dishonest behaviors, its use also raises ethical questions, especially when it comes to privacy and surveillance. Moreover, it is important to remember that **AI tools can support, but not replace, the work of teachers and administrators in promoting academic integrity.** Ensuring honesty in academic work also relies heavily on creating a culture of integrity and setting clear expectations for ethical behavior.”

Source: <https://libguides.unm.edu/c.php?g=1301926&p=9566552#:~:text=While%20it%20can%20assist%20in administrators%20in%20promoting%20academic%20integrity> (Accessed 10 January 2024).

Library Resources

At NCI, particularly in postgraduate courses, you will be expected to use good quality academic resources in your written work.

The quickest and easiest way to find these sources is via the library.

As an NCI student, you have access to online academic resources that are not freely available on the internet.

Internet Sources

Don't depend on internet sources, use them to add context, but do not build your work on them.

Be very selective with webpages - no date? no author? a lot of pop up ads? - likely not a good source to use



Books & eBooks



Journal Articles & Conference Papers



Subject Guides



Library Search Engine

turnitin & Draft Coach

Turnitin is NCI's plagiarism detection software.

Each assignment you submit on Moodle will be submitted on Turnitin and you will receive a similarity report.

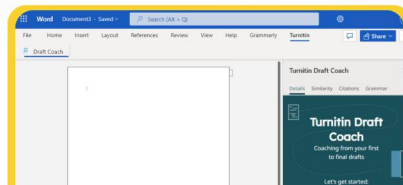
You can use Turnitin's Draft Coach software to check the similarity of your written work before you submit it on Moodle.



Accessing Draft Coach

Go to the Current Students Hub > Select Office 365 myApps > Open MS Word or Google Workspace

At the top of your document you will have the option for Turnitin which will open Draft Coach.



Similarity Report

Having similarities does in your work does not mean you have committed plagiarism. Your instructor will review the similarities and determine their nature.

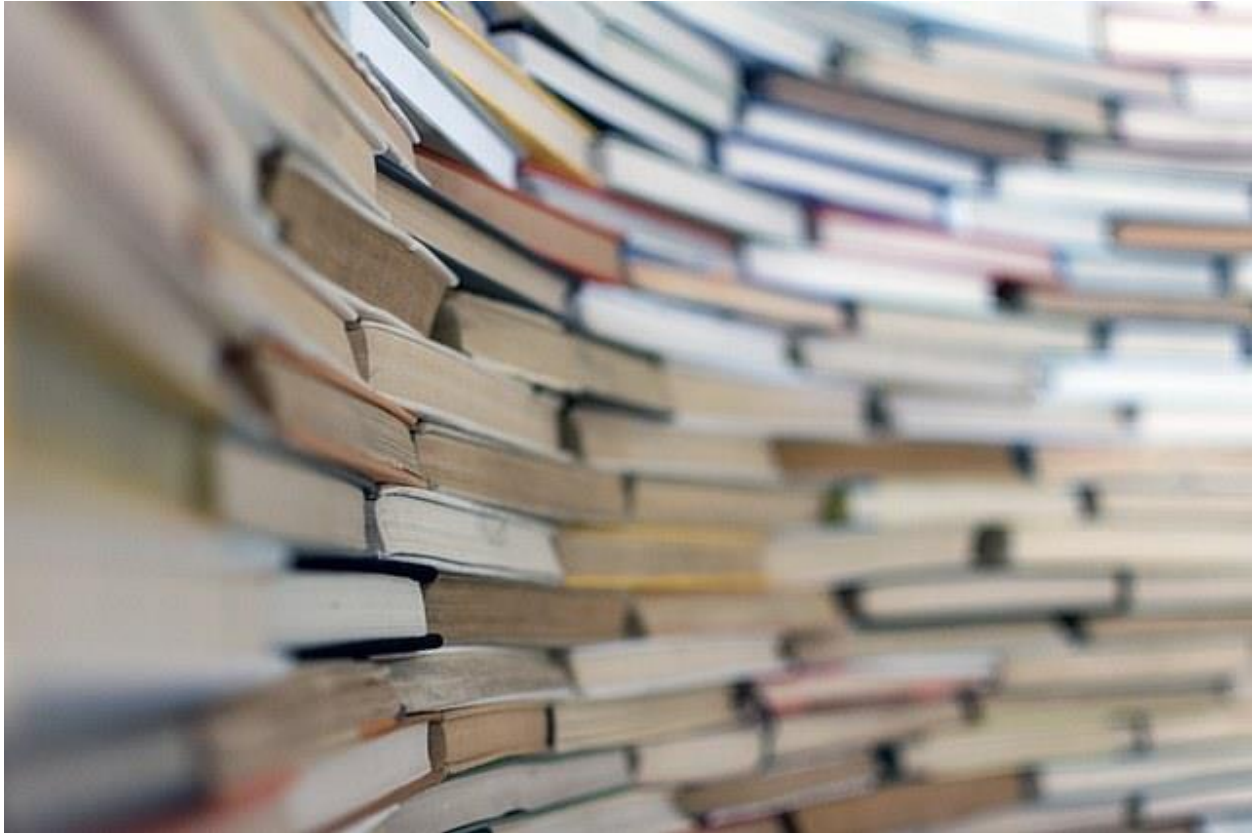
Turnitin does not determine whether you have quoted or cited correctly, it only points out similarities of any kind. Therefore:

- Direct quotes that you have cited properly may be highlighted - this would not be considered plagiarism
- The full reference of a source in the list of references may be highlighted - this would not be considered plagiarism

See the library's **Turnitin Guide** for more details on what Turnitin is and how to interpret your similarity report.



Other Academic Integrity Resources



LASC

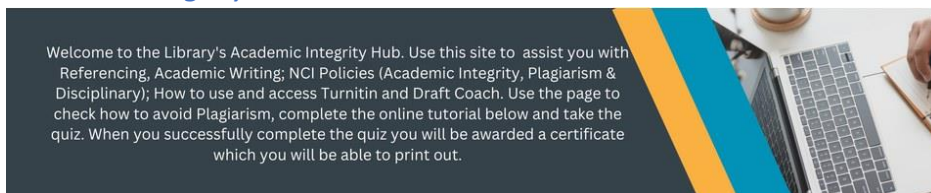


*Winner of the National College of Ireland's
2023 President's Award for Excellence in
Education*

Our Library Academic Support Centre (rebranded from the Library Help Centre) has relocated to shiny, bright new offices, helping them to increasingly offer the same exceptional services to NCI students. LASC helps students with academic writing, referencing and citations, understanding feedback, research, and study skills. Faculty may also request guest lectures.

Get in touch with them here!⁴

Moodle's Academic Integrity Hub



The *Academic Integrity: Writing, Referencing, and Avoiding Plagiarism* hub on Moodle is a source of information on Academic Integrity for students, allowing them to take online tutorials and quizzes to test their knowledge.

Find the Hub here!⁵

Academic Integrity LibGuide



Our library guide to Academic Integrity is an extensive collection of information and resources on the topic, and we would recommend both staff and students consult it for advice, or any updates in the Academic Integrity world!

Our guide can be found here⁶.

⁴<https://libguides.ncirl.ie/libraryacademicsupportcentre>

⁵<https://moodle2023.ncirl.ie/course/view.php?id=1608>

⁶<https://libguides.ncirl.ie/academicintegrity/home>

NCI Academic Integrity Policies



Academic Integrity at NCI

At National College of Ireland, we are committed as staff and students to acting responsibly and ethically; to embrace integrity in all of our actions and interactions.

Policies

Policies relating to academic integrity and that outline how students and staff are expected to behave in an ethical and responsible manner are available to view and download, these are regularly refreshed and approved by our Academic Council.

- [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Guidance on use of ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence](#) - This is a draft policy prepared by Professor Leo Casey. It is intended to supplement and clarify existing policy not as a replacement to any existing policy.

NCI's institution-wide statements and policies relating to Academic Integrity can be found here⁷.

NAIN



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National Academic Integrity Network

Our guide to *NAIN*, Ireland's National Academic Integrity Network, including a list of upcoming events, may be found here⁸.

⁷<https://www.ncirl.ie/Students/Academic-Integrity/TabPath/2278>

⁸<https://libguides.ncirl.ie/academicintegrity/nain>

ICYMI



Australian Government
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

TEQSA

A TEQSA demonstration of some generative AI tools relevant to educational contexts, including Scite Assistant, ChatGPT Plus, Plus AI, and HeyGen. Find the demo here⁹!

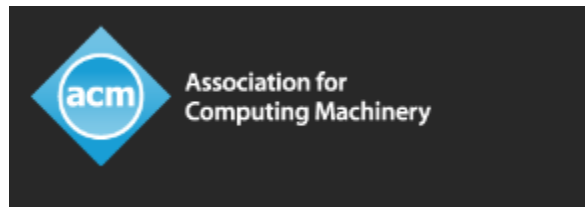
Open Access and NCI agreements



Open Access (or Transformative) Agreements allow NCI and the library to negotiate with publishers for access to periodicals, journals, conference proceedings, and databases. With this access, NCI-affiliated authors are not required to pay additional charges for publication, and staff and students may read works published by these sources.

Scholarly Kitchen has a useful primer on Transformative Agreements¹⁰.

⁹<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZW7oMLY6RE>



The Association for Computing Machinery is the world's largest computing society, and the ACM Digital Library is a database of literature and bibliographic resources comprising of journals, magazines, and proceedings aimed at professionals in the ICT sector, with more than 600,000 full-text articles.

NCI has reached an OA agreement with ACM whereby, having paid an annual fee, NCI-affiliated literature will be published at no additional cost to the author as part of the new ACM OPEN model, and staff and students have unlimited access to the ACM Digital Library. NCI-affiliated publications will additionally be added to NORMA¹¹, NCI's Institutional Repository, and will be given a Creative Commons licence; more on this here¹².

This agreement represents a fantastic opportunity for NCI staff and students and we would highly encourage you to take advantage of this by perusing ACM offerings¹³ and perhaps contributing some of your own work¹⁴.

¹⁰<https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/2019/04/23/transformative-agreements/>

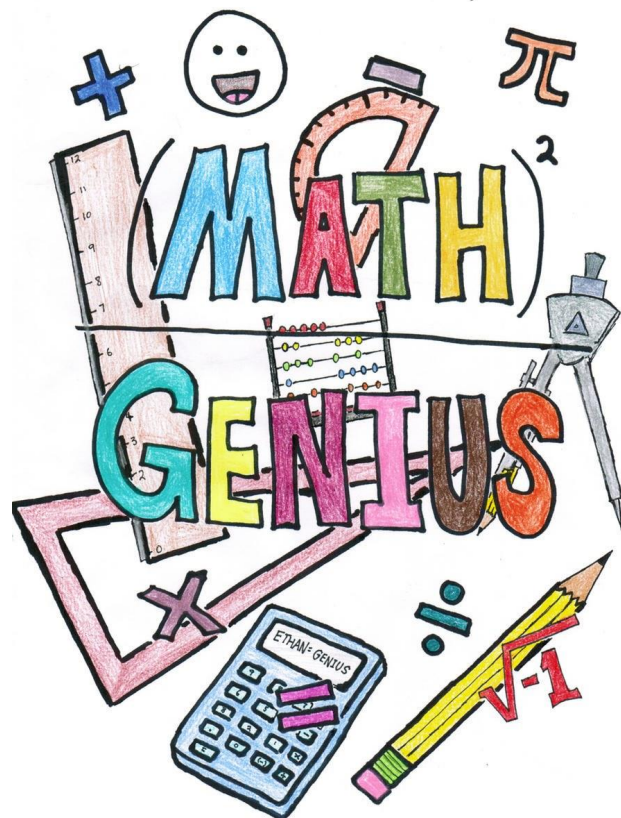
¹¹<https://norma.ncirl.ie/>

¹²<https://www.acm.org/publications/openaccess>

¹³<https://dl.acm.org/about/content#sec2>

¹⁴<https://www.acm.org/publications/authors/information-for-authors>

Staff News



Our brilliant Mathematics Development and Support Officer, Jonathan Lambert, recently successfully defended his PhD in Maynooth University. The title of Jonathan's thesis is, "Beyond Execution Speed: Understanding the Power and Energy Consumption Dynamics of the Java Runtime Environment and its associated Virtual Machine", and more information can be found below. This is of course an incredible achievement. **Congratulations, Dr Lambert!**

Jonathan's PhD focused on modelling the power and energy consumption characteristics of the Java Runtime Environment and its associated Virtual Machine, a managed runtime system targeted by numerous programming languages. Jonathan's research findings have implications across a wide range of managed runtime systems, whether deployed on embedded systems, mobile devices, sensor nodes, large-scale systems or data centres. From a high level, his findings indicate that there exist classes of applications that have significantly more favourable power consumption characteristics when interpreted compared to when they are executed by state-of-the-art just-in-time compilers, a significant finding supporting power-capping strategies within data centres, and highlighting the application cases that would benefit from such a strategy. In addition, Jonathan's work has presented a framework for future systems performance analysis that moves beyond the single snapshot measurement methodology predominately relied upon within the field of Computer Science.

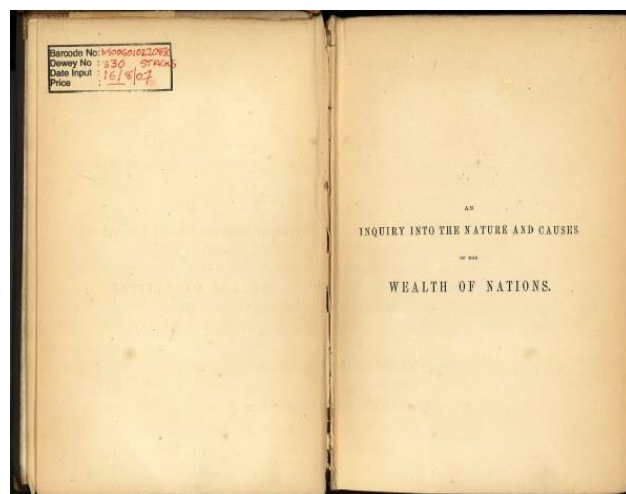


Our Industrial Relations Collection



Here at the library, we are very proud of our Industrial Relations Collection, containing books and reports primarily on the history of industrial relations in Ireland and Britain, and tying us to NCI's history as the National College of Industrial Relations. We are therefore beginning a project to digitize parts of this collection to be made available open access on the NCI Archive¹⁵. See below for a sneak peek!

¹⁵<https://archive.ncirl.ie/>

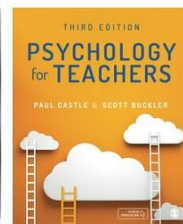
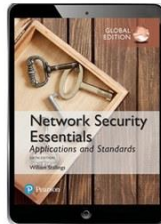
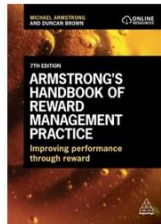
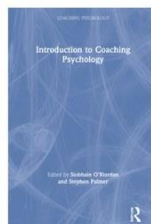
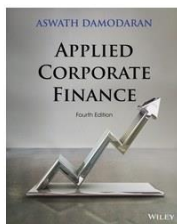


We moved!



You probably already know about our big move to the 4th and 5th floors of Spencer Dock! We are delighted with our new, larger space. If you have any feedback for us, or ideas about how we might use this space, please get in touch using the information at the bottom of this newsletter!

Some of our new books



Visit our Catalogue¹⁶ to read them!

¹⁶<https://library.ncirl.ie/>

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Visit us on the web¹⁷!

¹⁷<https://libguides.ncirl.ie/library>