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*Digital Resources on Japan  
in European Universities : A  
Survey*

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# Figures

- 30 : Countries with interest on Japan
- 431 : Institutions with Japanese related documents
  - 349 Universities, Research Institutions, Libraries
  - 85 museums
    - Germany: 86 ; France: 68 ; Great Britain: 54 ; Italy: 40
- 1,914 individuals
  - Germany: 350 ; Great Britain: 241 ; France: 203 ; Italy: 133

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# *Online resources - in Japanese -*

- *GeNII (Germany : 1 ; Great Britain : 1 ; Norway : 1)*
  - *Nikkei Telecom 21 (Germany : 1 ; Great Britain : 3)*
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主要オンライン文献の機関購読数(2006年3月末現在)

*Institutional Subscriber of Popular Japanese E-Resources*

<i>Database</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>North America</i>	<i>Europe</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b><i>MAGAZINEPLUS</i></b>	<b>322</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>355</b>
<b><i>JapanKnowledge</i></b>	<b>256</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>282</b>
<b><i>YOMIDAS</i></b>	<b>200</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>203</b>
<b><i>Web OYA-bunko</i></b>	<b>96</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101</b>
<b><i>CiNii</i></b>	<b>575</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>582</b>

# Major online resources - in English -

- **Bibliography of Asian Studies: 20** (Austria: 1 ; France: 2 ; Germany: 6 ; Italy: 2 ; Netherlands: 1 ; Norway: 1 ; Switzerland: 2 ; Great Britain: 5)
- **EbscoHost: 15** (Austria: 1 ; Belgium: 2 ; France: 1 ; Germany: 5 ; Italy: 1 ; Netherlands: 1 ; Sweden: 1 ; Switzerland: 2 ; Great Britain: 1)
- **Jstor: 19** (Belgium: 1 ; France: 2 ; Germany: 5 ; Italy: 2 ; Netherlands: 1 ; Sweden: 1 ; Switzerland: 2 ; Great Britain: 5)
- **LexisNexis: 12** (Germany: 4 ; Italy: 1 ; Netherlands: 1 ; Switzerland: 2 ; Great Britain: 4)
- **MLA Bibliography: 17** (Austria: 1 ; Belgium: 1 ; France: 2 ; Germany: 6 ; Italy: 2 ; Sweden: 1 ; Switzerland: 2 ; Great Britain: 2)
- **Periodicals Archive Online (PCI Full Text): 12** (Belgium: 1 ; France: 1 ; Germany: 3 ; Italy: 2 ; Netherlands: 1 ; Sweden: 1 ; Switzerland: 2 ; Great Britain: 1)
- **Project Muse: 9** (Germany: 3 ; Netherlands: 1 ; Sweden: 1 ;

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# *Other online resources - in English -*

- *JADE (Journal Articles Database): Germany*
  - *JS TAGE (Japan Science & Technology Information): Great Britain: 1*
  - *Science Direct / Elsevier: Belgium: 1 ; Great Britain: 1*
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# CD-Roms

- *CD-ASAX* ( 朝日新聞戦後見出データベース )
  - *Italy: 1*
- *CD-HIASK* ( 朝日新聞記事データベース )
  - *France: 1 ; Italy: 1 ; Norway: 1 ; Sweden: 1*
- *Meiji no Yomiuri Shinbun* / 明治の讀賣新聞
  - *Italy: 1*
- *Jōhō tsūshin hakusho* / 情報通信白書
- *Keisatsu hakusho* / 警察白書
- *Rōdō hakusho* / 労働白書
- *Etc...*

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# *Why ? Tentative explanation (part 1)*

## *Biggest issues when considering digital resources*

- ❑ *1) Price*
  - ❑ *2) Technical requirements*
    - ❑ *Up-to-date computers*
    - ❑ *Staff to install and manage the database(s)*
  - ❑ *3) Number of Faculty/Students concerned*
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# *Why ? Tentative explanation (part 2)*

## *- Facts -*

- *1) Libraries are Public libraries*
    - *Public budget*
    - *Libraries vs Google*
  - *2) Equipment*
    - *Outdated computers in libraries*
    - *Absence of internet (for legal problem)*
    - *Etc.*
  - *3) Percentage of students dropping out*
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# *Why ? Tentative explanation (part*

## ■ *3) 1) Price*

- *Is the consortium a solution ?*
  - *Yes if you get over the different countries legislations... but still somewhat rather rare and difficult to establish*

## ■ *2) Equipment*

- *Physical material vs technology*
- *Space*
- *Investment*

## ■ *3) Students /Faculty*

- *Is it worth investing so much money for so few people ?*
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