Philosopher's Index, The

The world’s most authoritative and comprehensive bibliography in philosophy for nearly 50 years, this resource is a current, comprehensive, and easy-to-use subject and author index to philosophical articles; books; anthologies; and contributions to anthologies.

The Philosopher’s Index is a bibliographic database with informative author-written abstracts covering scholarly research in the fifteen fields of philosophy, published in journals and books since 1940. Records cite journal articles, books, contributions to anthologies, and book reviews.

Serving philosophers worldwide, it contains over 600,000 records from publications that date back to 1902 and originate from 139 countries in 37 languages. The Index features high-quality content with complete and accurate citations, and author-written abstracts for most articles. Many of these abstracts cannot be found in other reference resources; they are unique to The Index.

The Philosopher’s Index provides the highest quality indexing, which yields superior search results.
- Editors prescreen each publication to ensure that it pertains to philosophy
- Indexing is done by a small team of 12 assistant editors, who are philosophers.
- Assistant editors scan each article and book. They then capture the “aboutness” of each publication by assigning relevant keywords (subject headings and names) to all records. All indexing is done by philosophers without the assistance of computer indexing.
- To ensure consistency, indexing is done using the Information Center’s Custom, Standardized Thesaurus to assign keywords to all records except Book Reviews.
- Thesaurus contains over 15,000 subject headings and over 40,000 names.
- Assistant editors assign 6 keywords per record. Some records have as many as 17 keywords.

Publisher: Philosopher's Information Center
Platform: Ovid
Product Type: Database
Speciality: Philosophy of Medicine/Science
Language: English
Frequency: Quarterly
Coverage: 1940 - Present
Number of Records: 600,000+
Records Added Annually: 14,000+