

USER GUIDE

A simple documentation that will help you navigate and use the Single Case Archive website.

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INTRODUCTION

The basic idea behind the SCA is simple: providing a tool that allows the quick identification of specific sets of cases according to specific interests of researchers, clinicians, and students. The SCA realizes this by presenting an online archive, with an easy-to-use search engine operating on the basis of descriptive criteria, such as diagnosis of patient, type of therapy, theoretical orientation of therapist, etc. In this way, the researcher who wants to aggregate findings across a homogeneous set of cases, the clinician who wants to know about a treatment x with a patient with diagnosis y, or the student who wants to write a paper on a certain clinical subject, all benefit greatly from the SCA.

Our new website provides all the functionalities of the previous version as well as enhanced and additional features which include the following:

- Advanced search abilities
- Viewing and downloading case study abstracts
- User accounts
- Saving case studies
- Send case studies to be added to The Archive

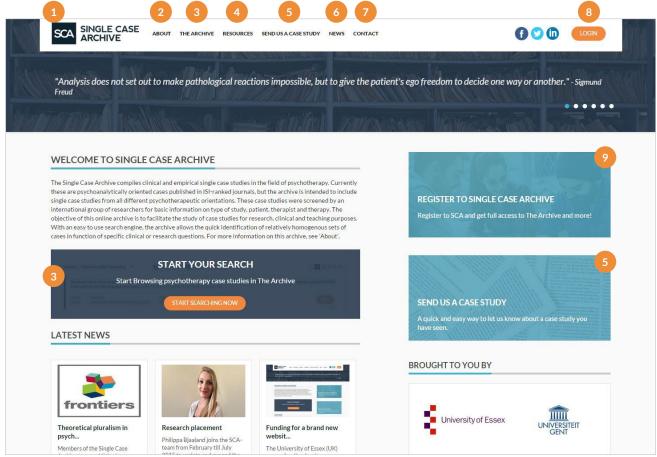
At this moment, an international research team, concentrated at the universities of Ghent and Essex, is working to progressively extend the archive beyond the initial set of 500 cases, beyond the psychoanalytic field, and ultimately beyond theoretical confinements in general. The human subject doesn't belong to any theory. It exists for anyone who wants listen to it and hear it. Clinicians, researchers, or any other person willing to do so can easily submit cases to the archive. After a review procedure, they will be added to the archive if they meet criteria pertaining to ethical issues (e.g. concerning anonymity of patients), quality of writing, minimal length, and focus (e.g. it must clearly concern a case on psychotherapeutic treatment). The user guide specifies these criteria and provides other relevant information on how to submit a case study and also in general on how to use the online archive.

You can be part of this project in several ways. To start with, you can register on the Register page and we will keep you updated on any news related to the SCA. Also check out our social media pages. Second, you can let us know about case studies that are not included in the archive through our Send us a case study page. We will consider the case study for inclusion in the archive. Furthermore, you can provide us with patient, treatment, therapist, and publication information related to a case study on the Case study submission page. We will check your codings and the case study will be included in the archive shortly after. Finally, if you want to be further involved in the SCA project as a volunteer, for a research placement, or for collaboration, you should contact us on the Contact page.

GETTING AROUND

On navigation to the Single Case Archive website, the first page you will see is the home page, as below:

The navigation menu and logo is at to top left of every page of the website to allow easy navigation across all pages.

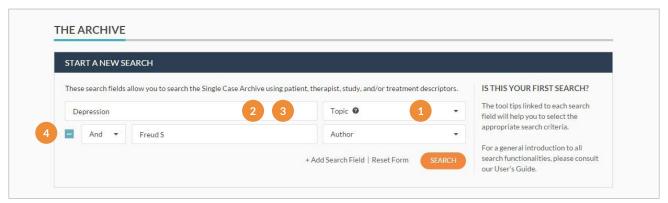


HOME PAGE

- 1. Logo Clicking the logo will take you back to the home page.
- 2. About This takes you to a page giving you further information about Single Case Archive.
- 3. The Archive This takes you to a page allowing you to start a search.
- 4. Resources This will take you to a page where you will find useful links, downloadable PDFs and more.
- 5. Send us a case study This will take you to a page where can send or submit a case study.
- 6. News This will take you to a page where you will find all the latest Single Case Archive news.
- 7. Contact This will take you to a page where you can find different methods of contacting us.
- 8. Login Clicking this button will take you to the login page. If you are logged in, this will display [User Menu] and will take you to your User Area.
- 9. Register This will take you to the registration process.

THE ARCHIVE

STARTING A NEW SEARCH



THE ARCHIVE PAGE

1. Identify relevant search field

In order to do a successful search, you should first identify the relevant search field. Are you looking for a particular author? Are you looking for case studies on patients with a specific diagnosis? Are you looking for experimental case studies? You will be able to select your search field from a long list on the Archive page.

2. Identify search term

Within the search field, you should identify an appropriate search term. Think carefully about what kind of case studies you are looking for. You have to find a balance between being specific and being general. Are you looking for case studies on the treatment of anxiety or phobia? Anxiety is a broad term and might generate too many case studies. Phobia is a very specific term and might exclude relevant case studies. It is advised to make a list of search terms and test each one according to a system of trial and error. Moreover, many terms in the field of psychotherapy have multiple meanings. The word 'psychotic' refers to a psychotic disorder, to a delusional state, and to a specific defence mechanism. Consider carefully what you are looking for and test alternative terms.

3. Type in search term

Some search categories have pre-specified search options, e.g. gender and age categories. Other search categories are open for you to type in any word you chose. An autocomplete list will appear automatically to assist you. There are several tools to help you specify the correct search term:

- Capitalization: the search engine doesn't differentiate between uppercase and lowercase letters: Freud and freud will give the same result.
- Variations in search terms: the search engine treats your search term as a stem and automatically looks for variations on your search term with different prefix or suffix. If you type in 'pathol' you will get any results with 'pathology,' and 'pathologic,' but also 'psychopathology,' and 'psychopathologic,'... This is particularly useful if you want to do a broad search or don't want to miss out on any relevant search result. In some cases however, it might be more interesting to use a specific search term, for instance 'psychopathy'.

- Phrase searching: to search for combination of terms, you can enter any word of the phrase. For instance, if you are looking for case studies on negative therapeutic reaction, you can use the search term 'negative therapeutic reaction,' or just 'negative,' or even 'react.'
- Hyphens: searching with hyphenated words will only generate results with hyphen. For instance, 'post-traumatic' will generate case studies that contain 'post-traumatic' but not 'post traumatic,' or 'posttraumatic.' In this case, it is advised to try all different options or to use a partial search term (e.g.'traumatic', 'trauma').

4. Boolean Operators

In most situations, one search term will not be enough to specify what you are looking for. The Archive page offers the possibility to combine search fields. You can combine search fields by using the Boolean operators. There are three Boolean operators: AND, OR, NOT. Use AND to find case studies that contain both search terms. Use OR to find case studies that contain either search term. Use NOT to find case studies that contain the former but not the latter search term. For instance, the search query TOPIC 'transference' AND TOPIC 'depression' will generate case studies that contain both search terms. The search query TOPIC 'depression' OR TOPIC 'dysthymia' will generate case studies that contain either the word depression or the word dysthymia. The search query TOPIC 'psychosis' NOT TOPIC 'schizophrenia' will generate case studies on psychosis that don't contain the word schizophrenia. If you are looking for naturalistic systematic case studies on long psychoanalytic therapy, you would have to specify TYPE OF STUDY 'Naturalistic systematic case study' AND DURATION OF THERAPY' > 3 Years' AND THEORETICAL ORIENTATION 'Psychodynamic/Psychoanalytic.'

SEARCH RESULTS



SEARCH RESULTS PAGE

Once the search engine has checked the archive to find relevant case studies, you will be able to see the results found. There might be irrelevant case studies, there might be too many case studies, or there might be none at all. In those situations you should return to the first step and refine your search fields and search terms.

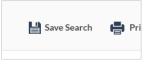
On this page, you are able to do the following:

- 1. Review your search terms
- 2. Save your search
- 3. Print your search results

- 4. View individual case studies
- 5. Start a new search

SAVING YOUR SEARCH

When you have created a new search and you are on the results page, you can save your search by clicking [Save search]. This will save your search terms so that you can easily access the results whenever necessary. You can find all your saved searches in your User Area under [Saved Searches]. For more information on how to manage your saved searches, please see page 10.



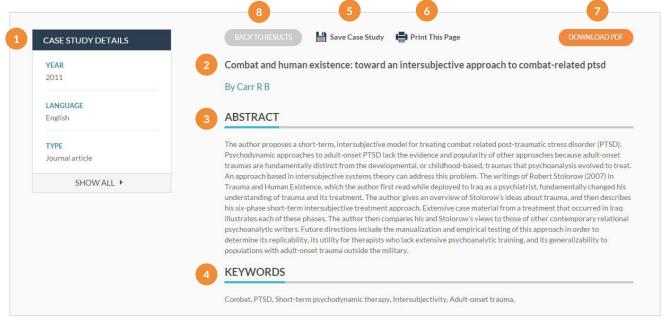
SAVE SEARCH BUTTON

VIEWING A CASE STUDY

To view a case study, click on the title of the case study or the [View] button on the search results page and this will take you to the individual case study page. On this page, you should find the following:



VIEW CASE STUDY BUTTON



CASE STUDY PAGE

1. Case study details

This is where you can see all of the case study details which are available for the chosen case study. At first, you can only see the default case study details however, if you click on the [Show all] button, this will expand to reveal all case study details.

- 2. Case study title & Authors
- 3. Abstract
- 4. Keywords
- 5. Save a case study

If you have found a case study which you would like to save, simply click on the [Save Case

Study] button and this will save the case study. You can find all your saved case studies in your User Area under [Saved Case Studies]. For more information on how to manage your saved case studies, please see page 11.

6. Print case study

7. PDF Download

If there is a PDF available, clicking the **[Download PDF]** button will start your download. If there is no PDF available, the button will be inactive.

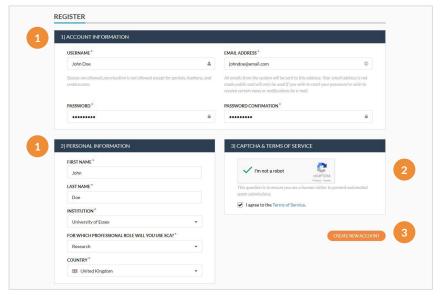
8. Back to results

This button will take you back to your search results.

USER REGISTRATION

REGISTERING AN ACCOUNT

To have full access to the website and its functionalities, you will need to register. To register, click on [Register] on the home page to start the process. This should take you to the following page:



REGISTER PAGE

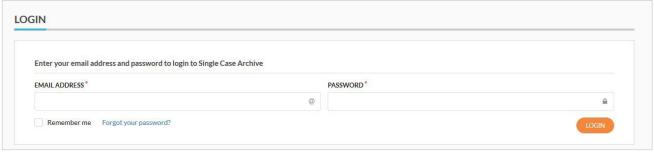
- Complete all of the Account and
 Personal information fields
- 2. Tick the reCAPTCHA to confirm this is a genuine account
- Click [Create new account] at the bottom of the page

Please note that all accounts must be approved before gaining access to the full website. You will receive an email once your account has been approved.

LOGIN

Once you have registered, you can now login to Single Case Archive by clicking the **[Login]** button at the top right of the page. This will take you to the login page below where you will be able to enter your email address and password.





LOGIN PAGE

LOGOUT

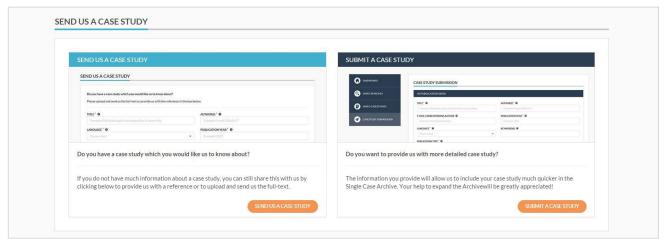
Once you are logged in, you can logout of Single Case Archive by clicking the [Logout] button in the [User Menu] drop down menu at the top right of the page. This will take you back to the home page.



LISER MENU

SEND US A CASE STUDY

This is new feature of the website and allows you to send us a case study to be added to The Archive. There are two ways in which you can do this depending on the amount of information you have on the case study. Once logged in, you should see two options; Send us a case study and Submit a case study.



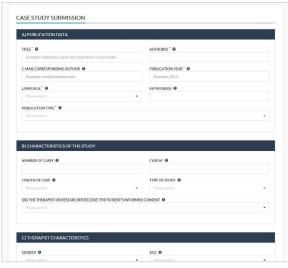
SEND US A CASE STUDY PAGE



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SEND US A CASE STUDY

This type of submission is aimed at those who do not have all the relevant information related to the case study. Once submitted, your submission will be sent to the SCA team who will then check and complete the missing information ready to be added to The Archive. If you would are looking to get a case study added to the Archive quickly, please use the Submit a case study form to ensure quicker approval.



SUBMIT CASE STUDY PAGE

SUBMIT A CASE STUDY

This type of submission is aimed at those who have all or most of the relevant information related to the case study. This submission contains much more information including Publication Data, Characteristics of the study, Therapist Characteristics, Patient Characteristics, Features of psychological treatment, Author Data, Abstract and the ability to upload multiple files. This type of submission is recommended to those who are looking to get a case study added to The Archive quickly.

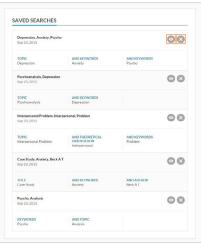
Once logged in, you can also access this page through the [User Menu] under [Case Study Submissions].

USER AREA



USER DASHBOARD MENU

EDIT DETAILS PAGE



SAVED SEARCHES PAGE

USER DASHBOARD

Once you have logged in, you will be taken to your Dashboard. Here you will be able to view your latest saved case study, latest saved search and your account details.

You also have a new navigation menu on the left where you can access all of your saved case studies, saved searches and case study submissions.

ACCOUNT DETAILS

On the Dashboard, you can also view and edit your account details by clicking on [Edit Details]. This will take you a new page where you can edit the following:

1. First name

5. Role

2. Last name

- 6. Country
- 3. Email address
- 7. Password

4. Institution

If you have made any changes to your details which you would like to save, make sure to click [Save] at the bottom of the page before navigating to another page.

MANAGING YOUR SAVED SEARCHES

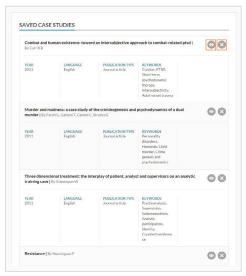
To see all of your saved searches, click on [Saved Searches] on the navigation menu on the left. This will take you to a new page where you can see all your saved searches.

Viewing the saved search results:

If you would like to see the results of your saved search terms, simply click on eye icon of the individual saved search to open the results page.

Remove saved search:

If you would like to remove a saved search, simply click on cross icon of the individual saved search to remove it.



SAVED CASE STUDIES PAGE

MANAGING YOUR SAVED CASE STUDIES

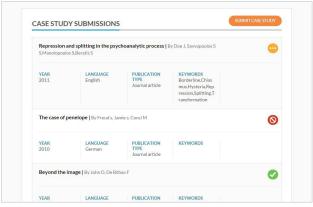
To see all your saved case studies, click on [Saved Case Studies] on the navigation menu on the left. This will take you to a new page where you can see all your saved case studies.

Viewing your saved case studies:

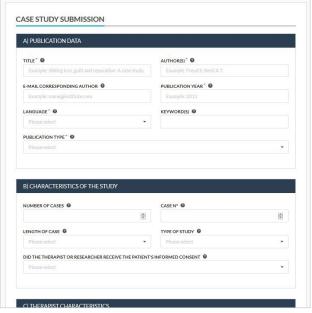
If you would like to see your saved case study, simply click on eye icon of the individual saved case study to open the case study page.

Removing a saved case study:

If you would like to remove a saved case study, simply click on cross icon of the individual saved case study to remove it.



CASE STUDY SUBMISSIONS PAGE



SUBMIT CASE STUDY PAGE

SUBMIT A CASE STUDY

If you have a case study which you would like us to know about, you can submit a case study to be added to The Archive.

To do this, go to [Case Study Submissions] on your User Dashboard or click on [Case Study Submissions] in your [User Menu].

This will take you to the Case Study Submissions overview where you will be able to see all of the case studies which you have submitted in the past. You will be able to tell the status of your submitted case studies based on the icons displayed on the right:







To submit new a case study, click on the [Submit Case Study | button on the right. This will take you to a new page where you can fill out the required details of the case study which you would like to upload. Not all fields are mandatory however, the more detailed the case, the better.

To read more about the differences between [Send us a case study] and [Submit a case study], please see page 9.



HELP AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions at all about any of the content in this guide, please contact us at **info@singlecasearchive.com** and we will be happy to assist you.

