

# SPAN 268: Contemporary Spanish Cinema

Key Resources for Library Research  
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## Dictionaries & Thesauri

- **Concise Oxford Spanish Dictionary:** [English-Spanish](#) | [Spanish-English](#)
- [Tesauro de SIGNUM](#) - finds synonyms & antonyms in Spanish
- [Diccionarios](#) - La Página del Idioma Español

## Background info

- [International Dictionary of Film and Filmmakers](#) - detailed essays, commentary, filmographies, and bibliographies for further reading.
- *Diccionario del Cine Espanol* Clapp Ref PN 1993.5 S7 D53 1998
- *Encyclopedia of European Cinema* Clapp Ref PN1993.5.E8 V56 1995
- *Oxford History of World Cinema* Clapp Ref PN1993.5.A1 O96 1996
- *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Spanish Culture* Clapp Ref DP233.5 .E63 1999

## Find Books 5 Ways

1. Search the [Wellesley Library Catalog](#) – a few tips:


- do a **subject search** on an author or historical figure for books **about** them
- In advanced search mode, use **synonyms** to find all the ways your topic is expressed (cat OR feline OR gato)
- use **truncation** to save time (islam\* for islam, islamic, islamist, etc.)
- combine multiple concepts using AND for best results
- enclose your search terms in parentheses!


*sample topic:* the role of women in Spanish film




*sample search:* (woman or women or female\* or gender or mujer\*)  
AND (span\* or spain)  
AND (cinema or movie\* or film\*)

- examine your results and click on the title of a book that looks good
- look at the subject terms in the **full record view** - follow the link to find more on that topic

 [Sex role in motion pictures](#)

 [Motion pictures – Spain](#)

 [Popular culture -- Spain -- History -- 20th century](#)

2. Click on  in our catalog to request a book quickly if our copy is out
3. Try  in our catalog if NExpress doesn't have it
4. Search WorldCat to find material we don't own, click on  and request through ILL (interlibrary loan)
5. In a hurry? Get a [BLC card](#) and borrow the book directly from a nearby library

## find articles, essays, and film reviews

**tips:** - use the same search techniques as for finding books (see above)  
 - handy table on where to find [film reviews](#) based on when your film was made

- **Film Index International on CD-ROM.** Clapp Reference CD-ROM workstations.  
 – note: it is not searchable by topic or genre.
- [Film Literature Index](#). 1973-2001 ( also in print: Clapp Ref Z5784.M9 F45).  
 articles on all aspects of film, video, and television in all languages.
- **Film Review Annual.** 1982-present. Clapp Ref PN1995 .F455 - reprints of film reviews from the popular press and film journals.
- **Film Review Index** Clapp Ref Z5784.M9 F513 1986. 2 volumes cover 1882-1985 – good for older films
- [Infotrac OneFile](#) – film reviews in popular press & scholarly articles
- [LexisNexis Academic News](#) - film reviews, articles & interviews in newspapers and some magazines
- [Project Muse](#) – some 1990's coverage, mostly from 2003-present) – great source for articles in selected scholarly film journals (*Camera Obscura*, *Film History*, *Film & History*, etc.)
- [JSTOR](#) – archive of selected scholarly film journals (*Film Quarterly*, *Cinema Journal*, etc.) written prior to about the last five years.
- [MLA Bibliography](#) 1963-present. – index to scholarly articles, books, and book chapters about films and directors in all languages.
- [New York Times Historical](#) 1851-2003 – full text film reviews, articles, and interviews.

## More Help...

- [Citing your sources](#)
- Check out our other [Research Guides by Subject](#), including [Cinema & Media Studies](#), [Art](#), [Spanish](#), etc.
- **And remember – you can always call me, email me, or drop by to talk to me if you get stuck or want more advice!**

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