<u>Using the State Library for research in S&C</u>

- 1. Go to state library main page : http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/
- 2. Click research and collections
- 3. Click 'e-resources'
 - a. Click 'choose database by subject'
 - b. Unclick 'only in the library' at the top of the page
 - c. Click 'Social Sciences'
 - d. Informit(Australiasian), Proquest, Jstor and Ebsco are really useful. Proquest you can click peer reviewed and cites the work for you.
 - e. Using 'Informit', for example, you could search 'gender roles' and click 'Full text only' before clicking search.
 - f. *** These search engines do not correct your spelling- be careful. Also they might use American English so searching 'westernisation' won't give you as many results as searching for 'westernization'.
- 4. Go back to the home page, click research and collections and then click 'e-resources' again.
 - a. Click 'Ebooks central'
 - b. This takes you to proquest to search for ebooks (online versions of books!)
 - c. To search 'gender roles' would bring up 2278 results.
 - d. You can then click on a book and...
 - e. Click 'read online' below the book cover OR
 - f. Click 'full download'
 - g. Check the longest period for the loan (after this period it won't be able to be opened, but you can go back online and 'borrow' again)
- 5. Go back to the home page, click research and collections and then click 'go to the catalogue'
 - a. After searching for your area, e.g. for 'gender roles' again, on the right of the page click 'everything' or 'articles' rather than 'everything except articles'
 - b. On the side, click 'full text only'
 - c. You can then sort using date created and type of resource (e.g. search only newspaper articles from 2010-2017)
- **6.** At the bottom of the library home page, there are links to their **social media pages** which are also very useful. They look like this:













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- a. If you click on Flickr (the two dots) they have lots of images which you can search by album;
 or search at the top of the page.
- b. Pinterest (the P) has lots of useful research guides- the "HSC: researching beyond google" is SUPER USEFUL!
- 7. If you click on 'Learning' on the Library homepage you can look at past PIPs
 - a. Click 'schools and teachers'
 - b. Click 'Society and Culture' at the top in the subject options
 - c. Click on HSC: Society and Culture Personal Interest Projects
 - d. Here are extracts from award winning PIPs 2013-2016

