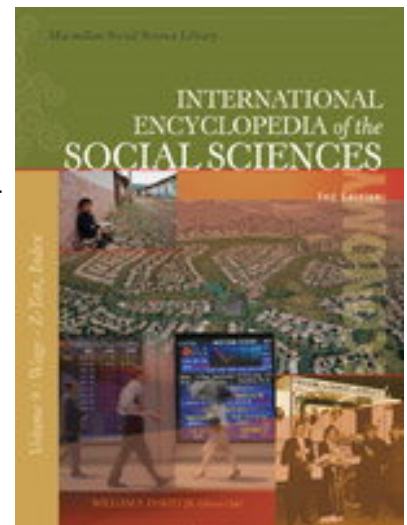




International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences (E-Book)

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3. Select "I" in the alphabetical list of databases, and choose "*International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*."
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