Identifying and Getting Resources

In addition to using the library databases (best method), another very good way to do research is to take advantage of other bibliographies. If you see that “perfect article,” and then look at the bibliography and use some of its articles/books, etc. But when you do that, how do you get the resources? For example, you see this citation in another bibliography and would like to have it for your research:


doi:10.1177/0969733011416841

Is it possible to *easily* get this article from IWU?? Yes, it is!!!

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Click on: Journal Titles (under Key Links)
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Type in the journal title—not the article title.

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