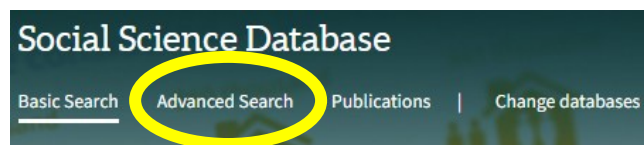# Advanced Searching in the Social Science database

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- Click on the **A-Z Databases** icon.
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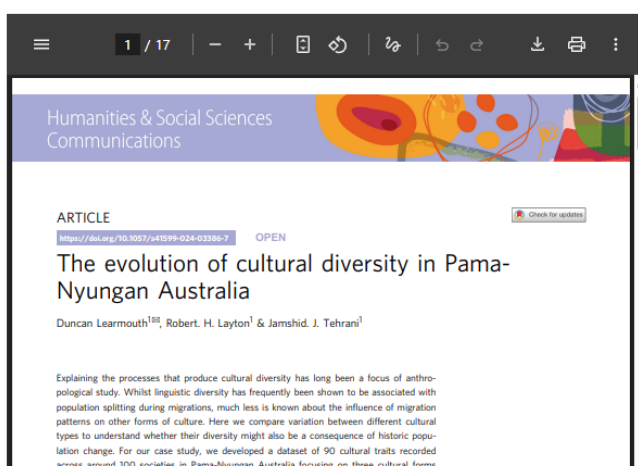‹ Back to results 1 of 241 › Full Text | Scholarly Journal
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