

International Relations Resource Guide

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This guide provides selected information resources on countries. Included are the Mildred F. Sawyer Library databases, as well as websites of the U. S. government, international organizations, and think tanks. Also, a brief list of print resources is provided. For specific book and periodical titles, check the [Suffolk University Library Catalog](#).

Periodical Indexes, CD-ROM, and Full-text Databases:

The Sawyer Library subscription periodical indexes and full-text resources are available to current students and staff of Suffolk University.

[Columbia International Affairs Online \(CIAO\)](#)

CIAO is a comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. It includes working papers, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, and proceedings from conferences. Regularly updated.

[LEXIS/NEXIS Academic](#)

Contains a massive database of worldwide general, legal, and business news. For major international news stories, select "News" tab and choose Major World Newspapers from the drop-

down menu. To access country profiles, select the "Sources" tab and choose from Walden's Country Reports or the PRS Group Political Risk Stories. For legal information, select the "Legal" tab and choose European Union or Canadian cases and/or legislation.

[Political Science Complete](#)

Political Science Complete (PSC) Provides full text for over 385 publications, and indexing for over 800 journals. Includes more than 165 full-text reference books and monographs and over 27,000 full text conference papers, including those of the International Political Science Association.

[STAT-USA](#)

A service of the U.S. Department of Commerce, this database includes the National Trade Data Bank (NTDB). Provides full-text reports and statistics, including Country Commercial Guides and market research reports. To access Country Commercial Guides, choose Globus, and scroll to Country Commercial Guides.

[Political Handbook of the World](#)

Provides quality political information on more than 200 countries, including government histories, election results, and political party information.

[Congress and the Nation](#)

"The authoritative reference on Congressional trends, actions, and controversies." Covers international affairs from 1945.

[SourceOECD](#)

This is the primary online portal for OECD statistical databases and text publications. Includes country reports. Data can be selected and downloaded.

[Academic OneFile](#) (InfoTrac)

Provides indexing, abstracting, and full-text coverage of popular and academic journals covering a variety of academic fields. Academic OneFile is Gale's major source for peer-reviewed, full-text articles.

[Academic Search Complete](#)

Provides access to a wide variety of journals and periodicals, covering all academic disciplines. Many articles are available in full-text.

[JSTOR](#)

JSTOR is a full-text collection of back issues of core scholarly journals. Search by category or within a particular journal. Includes regional studies journals, population and statistical journals and covers international topics in economics, language, science, and more.

[Cambridge Journals Online](#)

Contains over 230 peer-reviewed academic titles covering over 32 subject areas, including area

studies, cultural studies, business, and economics.

[CountryWatch](#)

Provides a concise political, economic, corporate, and environmental survey for each of the 192 countries of the world. Coverage is updated daily. Choose "Country Reviews" for country survey, "Country Wire" for country news, or "Data" for user-defined statistics.

[Country Commerce](#)

Includes operating conditions, commercial laws, and business regulations of about 200 countries. Covers business environment, trade risks, economic indicators, and trading partners. Country Profiles can be searched by title of publication, country, or keyword.

[Europa World](#)

Profiles of 250 countries cover basic information and statistics plus more detailed information, covering country economics, education, business, government, and society. The database allows the user to create charts and data comparing country population, agriculture, industry, finance, education, and trade. Provides government, business, and social directories and worldwide election results.

[EconLit with Full Text](#)

The American Economic Association's database, which provides indexing and abstracting of international economic literature. It corresponds to the print Journal of Economic Literature and covers books, journal articles, working papers, dissertations, and conference proceedings. Includes full text for more than 430 journals. Coverage is from 1969 to present.

[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)

This database includes searchable encyclopedias, such as *Cities of the World, 6th ed., 2002*, *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Nations, 11th ed., 2004*, *Worldmark Encyclopedia of National Economies, 2002*, and more.

[Mergent Online](#)

To access country information, click Country Profiles on the lower portion of the search screen. Profiles include a map, demographics, economic statistics, government information, imports, exports, and stock exchange information.

[HeinOnline](#)

This is an image-based, comprehensive, searchable database that provides all material from its inception, including the Federal Register, U.S. Statutes, U.S. treaties and agreements, Presidential Library, and World Trials.

[Springerlink](#)

This journal collection includes more than 1,200 peer-reviewed journals. Most titles include back issues to 1996. Provides abstracts and full-text articles from Kluwer journals. International topics

are covered in social science, economic, business, environmental, legal, and education journals.

[Wall Street Journal](#) (ProQuest)

Provides abstracts and full-text articles and includes backfiles prior to 1986.

Selected Websites:

U.S. Government Websites

[CIA World Factbook](#)

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

Produced by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, each country entry provides demographic statistics, economic conditions, industry, government, trade, and transnational issues.

[World Leaders](#)

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/world-leaders-1/index.html>

The CIA's online updated directory. Not all governments included are officially recognized by the U.S.

[U.S. Department of State](#)

<http://www.state.gov/>

The Department of State sees its mission as one of advancing "U.S. objectives and interests in shaping a freer, more secure, and more prosperous world through its primary role in developing and implementing the President's foreign policy." This website has a great deal of information related to the United States' official views of, and relationships with, other nations. Note the section tabs for "Countries" and "Issues and the Press."

[US Department of State Background Notes](#)

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

The *Background Notes* for each country in the world include information on geography, demography, political conditions, economy, government, foreign relations, travel, and business. In addition, this site provides links to Department of State reports and publications on a wide range of topics and international issues.

[Department of State. Foreign Relations Series](#)

http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/history/frusonline.html

Also referred to as *Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS)*, this is a collection of volumes containing primary documents of American foreign policy, edited by the Historian's Office at DOS. This webpage provides free online documents--all from the administrations of 20th century presidents. Certain earlier volumes of FRUS are also available through free online archives. Especially valuable is the University of Wisconsin's [FRUS Digital Archive](#). A "project of the

University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries in collaboration with the University of Illinois at Chicago Libraries. This is an incomplete run from 1861-1960 with missing volumes being added as they can be acquired and processed."

[Country Reports on Human Rights](#)

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/>

"The Country Reports on Human Rights Practices are submitted annually by the U.S. Department of State to the U.S. Congress. The reports cover internationally recognized individual, civil, political, and worker rights, as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights." Text of the Country Reports are available from 1999 through 2008.

[Electronic Research Collections](#)

<http://dosfan.lib.uic.edu/ERC/index.html>

The Electronic Research Collection (ERC) is a partnership between the United States Department of State and the Federal Depository Library at the Richard J. Daley Library, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). It is responsible for electronically archived information products produced by the State Department from 1990 to 1997. Links to print and audio texts.

[Hearings. Committee on Foreign Affairs. U.S. House of Representatives](#)

<http://www.internationalrelations.house.gov/schedule.asp>

"The Committee's goal is to provide access to electronic transcripts of hearings and markups as soon as possible." Covers 107th through 110th Congress. Transcripts are available in PDF and Webcast Video.

[NARA: Guide to Presidential Documents](#)

<http://www.archives.gov/presidential-libraries/research/guide.html>

The U.S. National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) provides this webpage of links to presidential materials. Many items, like the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* are available through a free electronic archive, especially for Presidents Clinton and Bush. Includes searchable Executive Orders, Proclamations, memoranda, speeches, and more.

[Country Studies Area Handbooks](#)

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

This site is a series of books online, prepared by the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress under the Country Studies/Area Handbook Program. Over 100 countries are profiled. Each book describes and analyzes the country's political, economic, social, and national security systems. Searchable across countries or within a combination of countries.

[Portals of the World](#)

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>

A Library of Congress site which provides authoritative links to detailed information about

nations and regions of the world. The links are selected by the Library's Area Specialists.

[Country Analysis Briefs](#) (Energy Information Administration)

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/>

Provides country data, forecasts, and analysis of energy supplies and its effect on the respective economy and environment. Both EIA's current and non-current publications are available in full-text.

[U.S. Census Bureau. International Data Base \(IDB\)](#)

<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/>

A computerized source of demographic and socio-economic statistics for 227 countries and areas of the world. Major types of data include population by age and sex, vital statistics, migration, ethnicity, religion, employment, and income. Data can be selectively displayed. To find data about another country FROM that country, use [Statistical Agencies \(International\)](#).

International Organization Websites

[United Nations](#)

<http://www.un.org>

The United Nations is an excellent source of global information. Some suggested links on the U. N. site are listed below:

[Infonation](#)

<http://www.cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation/info.asp>

This United Nations database allows user-defined comparisons of up-to-date statistics for member states and also provides country profiles.

[UN Cartographic Section](#)

<http://www.un.org/Depts/Cartographic/english/htmain.htm>

Colored maps by region and country are available in PDF. Includes maps of peacekeeping operations.

[UNESDOC](#)

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/ulis/>

Searchable full-text official documents. Includes Director-General Speeches since 1970, Resolutions and Discussions since 1946, General Conferences, legal instruments, and more.

[United Nations. Global Issues](#)

<http://www.un.org/issues/>

Links to documents, research, news, and education on topics such as children, climate change, refugees, women, atomic energy, AIDS, and food.

[International Monetary Fund \(IMF\)](#)

<http://www.imf.org>

The IMF is an international organization that works to promote monetary, trade, and banking cooperation. [IMF Publications](#), such as Country Reports, Working Papers, Policy Papers, pamphlets, and other publications are available in PDF. In addition, the site provides full-text staff papers, research bulletins, press releases, and much more. Suffolk University students and faculty have additional access to certain IMF databases- [International Financial Statistics](#), [Direction of Trade Statistics](#), and [Balance of Payments Statistics](#).

[OECD \(Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development\)](#)

<http://www.oecd.org/>

The OECD helps member nations tackle the economic, social, and political challenges of a global economy. Browse by topic, country, or department. [Information by Country](#) links to country reports, surveys, working papers, and more. Many of these publications are freely downloadable. The [OECD Statistics Portal](#) provides annual statistics and newsletters are available free. Topics covered include health, education, energy, trade, short-term economic statistics, and demography. Suffolk students, faculty, and staff may access [Source OECD](#) for additional statistical databases and text publications.

[World Bank Group: Countries and Regions](#)

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/0,,pagePK:180619~theSitePK:136917,00.html>

The World Bank Group gives development assistance to member nations. This site provides a snapshot of member countries' development progress, news, and key social and economic indicators. Using drop-down menus, [Key Development Data & Statistics](#) allows cross-country, user-defined comparisons.

[World Bank Group: World Development Indicators 2009](#)

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/DATASTATISTICS/0,,contentMDK:21725423~pagePK:64133150~piPK:64133175~theSitePK:239419,00.html>

The World Bank's annual compilation of data about development. Includes 800 indicators in table format, and selected tables are free for viewing. The website allows a free sample of selected tables. The [Data](#) page allows user-defined comparison tables for selected data and countries. Includes 54 timeseries indicators.

[EUROPA. European Union Gateway](#)

http://europa.eu/index_en.htm

Includes access to EU official documents and court rulings, policy statements, and news. Also includes some free statistics on the economy, population and social conditions, trade and industry, agriculture, energy, technology, and more. Access to [EUR-Lex](#) is the result of merging the EUR-Lex site with the old CELEX database on European law. It offers free access to documentary holdings on EU law. Collections include the *Official Journal of the European*

Union, treaties, international agreements, legislation in force, preparatory acts, case law, and Parliamentary questions.

[NATO e-Library](#)

<http://www.nato.int/cps/en/SID-85965CD7-2CDABAE7/natolive/publications.htm>

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) e-Library provides full-text publications, documents, speeches, articles, official texts, and news.

[Council of Europe](#)

<http://www.coe.int/>

The Council of Europe is the continent's oldest political organisation. Its aim is to promote human rights, rule of law and democracy, and strengthen security. This website offers texts of speeches and texts of documents, including statutes, conventions, declarations, rules, and reports.

[Asian Development Bank](#)

<http://www.adb.org>

Most economic research and statistical publications are freely available in PDF, including the [Asian Development Outlook](#), [Key Indicators of Developing Asian and Pacific Countries](#) and [Millennium Development Goals \(World Bank\)](#). The site also provides a Poverty Database that includes a glossary and key poverty indicators by country.

Research & Think Tanks

[World Press Review. Think Tanks and N.G.O.S](#)

<http://www.worldpress.org/library/ngo.cfm>

A large searchable index of links to international think tanks and research organizations. Hosted by Wordpress.org.

[Brookings Institution. Foreign Policy](#)

http://www.brook.edu/fp/fp_hp.htm

Brookings is an independent institution for policy analysis. This site provides links to some full-text scholarly publications, research, conference papers, policy briefs, and analysis.

[RAND International Affairs](#)

http://www.rand.org/research_areas/international_affairs/

The RAND Corporation is a nonprofit policy research organization which operates in a wide variety of fields, including health, law, science, business, and international affairs. The international affairs division covers international policy research largely focusing on countries other than the U.S. This site is particularly valuable, because it offers full-text publications and reports.

[Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#)

<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/>

"A private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States." The website provides full-text publications and policy briefs arranged by topic, region, or expert. Site is keyword searchable.

[American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research. Foreign and Defense Studies](#) (AEI)

<http://www.aei.org/default.asp?filter=foreign&type=>

AEI's Foreign and Defense Policy Studies' researchers analyze relations between the United States and its allies; security threats; the transition to democratic capitalism in developing countries; and international organizations and institutions. Provides facts and discussion on research, such as Asian studies, Russian studies, and terrorism. The reader may peruse texts of [Research Highlights](#) here.

[American Foreign Policy Council](#)

<http://www.afpc.org/>

AFPC is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing foreign policy information to United States foreign policy leaders and to assisting world leaders with building democracies and market economies. Programs covered include foreign relations with Russia, China, and Eurasia.

[National Security Archive](#)

<http://www.gwu.edu/%7Eensarchiv/>

The National Security Archive is a non-profit, research institution focusing on international affairs. It maintains a library and an archive of declassified U.S. documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. The Documents page provides full-text versions of the thousands of documents that have been collected through research and organized into Electronic Briefing Books. Located in the George Washington University's Gelman Library in Washington, D.C., "The Archive has become the world's largest non governmental library of declassified documents." It maintains large microfiche and digital collections at this location.

[Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies](#)

<http://www.apcss.org/>

The mission of the APCSS is "to provide a forum where current and future military and civilian leaders from Asia-Pacific nations gather to enhance security cooperation through programs of executive education, professional exchange, and policy-relevant research." Its membership includes military and civilian representatives of the United States and 45 Asia-Pacific nations. This website provides the fulltext of the Center's publications and offers past and present conference information. Includes the full-text of some short reports.

[Cato Institute. U.S. Security and Foreign Policy](#)

<http://www.cato.org/researcharea.php?display=13>

The Cato Institute conducts policy research, and its website provides full-text publications. U.S. Security and Foreign Policy research covers topics such as terrorism, the United Nations, intelligence, and studies by country and/or region.

[Center for International Development \(CID\)](http://www.cid.harvard.edu/) Harvard University

<http://www.cid.harvard.edu/>

The CID serves as Harvard's primary center for research on sustainable international development. Housed at the Kennedy School, the CID's website offers policy papers, special reports, and data in the area of global political economy.

[Center for International Policy](http://www.ciponline.org/)

<http://www.ciponline.org/>

Promotes a "U.S. foreign policy based on peace, international cooperation, demilitarization and respect for basic human rights." Topics covered include National Security, "Dirty Money," and Cuba.

[James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies](http://cns.miis.edu/index.htm)

<http://cns.miis.edu/index.htm>

"The world's largest non-governmental organization devoted to combating the spread of weapons of mass destruction." Publications and working papers are available in full-text format. The site is keyword searchable.

[Center for Strategic and International Studies \(CSIS\)](http://www.csis.org/)

<http://www.csis.org/>

CSIS is dedicated to providing world leaders with policy research in current global issues. Topics covered range from Defense and Preventive Diplomacy to Infectious Disease. Some reports and updates are available in full-text.

[Council on Foreign Relations](http://www.cfr.org/)

<http://www.cfr.org/>

"The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is an independent, national membership organization, nonpartisan research center, and publisher." The website provides summaries of all projects, news, and reports. It allows free downloading of some reports and articles. Publishes *Foreign Affairs*, a leading journal on global issues.

[Foreign Policy in Focus](http://www.foreignpolicy-infocus.org/)

<http://www.foreignpolicy-infocus.org/>

A "think tank without walls" that functions as an international network of policy analysts and advocates. FPIF provides analysis of U.S. foreign policy and international affairs and recommends a citizen-based foreign policy agenda. Provides full-texts of policy briefs and reports by region and/or topic.

[Hoover Institution](http://www-hoover.stanford.edu/) (Stanford University)

<http://www-hoover.stanford.edu/>

The Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, Stanford University, is a public policy research center that publishes research on political issues, foreign relations and diplomacy, economic issues, and security and defense. Full-text publications are freely available on the

website.

[International Institute for Strategic Studies](http://www.iiss.org)

<http://www.iiss.org>

The IISS is the primary source of objective information on international strategic issues. The Institute owes no allegiance to any government. It publishes Strategic Surveys focusing on trouble spots around the world. The website offers the full-text of conference speeches and newsletters, as well as numerous publications for purchase.

[International Relations and Security Network](http://www.isn.ethz.ch/) (ISN)

<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/>

The ISN is a free public service that provides products and resources to encourage the exchange of information among international relations and security professionals. ISN offers (with SIPRI) Facts on International Relations and Security Trends (FIRST), a free database on weapons, political systems, armed forces and peace-keeping activities. The website also provides full-text policy papers and news.

[Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research](http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/) (ICPSR)

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/>

Housed at the University of Michigan, ICPSR maintains and provides access to a searchable archive of social science data for research and instruction. Data includes over 5,500 titles and over 100,000 files.

[Stockholm International Peace Research Institute](http://www.sipri.org) (SIPRI)

<http://www.sipri.org>

SIPRI was established as an international independent research institute to conduct research on issues of conflict and co-operation with the goal of contributing to peaceful solutions to conflicts. Full-text policy papers, research papers, and yearbook summaries are available from the website. SIPRI provides free access to the following outstanding databases: SIPRI data on military expenditure, SIPRI data on arms transfers, database on national export controls, facts on international relations and security trends, and educational module on chemical and biological weapons (CBW) non-proliferation.

Gateways and Metasites

[WWW Virtual Library: International Affairs Resources - General Resources for all Countries](http://www.etown.edu/vl/countgen.html)

<http://www.etown.edu/vl/countgen.html>

A metasite with thousands of annotated links covering resources in government, business, economics, news, diplomacy, geography, statistics, education, and more. Compiled and maintained by Wayne A. Selcher, Professor of International Studies, Department of Political Science, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

[DISC: Data & Information Services Center. International Statistical Agencies](#)

<http://www.disc.wisc.edu/newcrossroads/links.asp?cat=International+Statistical+Agencies>

Part of Internet Crossroads in Social Science Data, the Data & Information Services Center (DISC) is the repository of data collections used by the social science research community at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. The site includes links to national and international statistical reports on specific countries and regions.

[Intute: Social Sciences. International Relations](#)

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/cgi-bin/browse.pl?id=120101>

Intute is a free online service offering access to outstanding web resources for research and education. All resources are selected and evaluated by subject specialists. User can browse resources or search by keyword.

[Foreign Affairs Online](#)

<http://www.people.virginia.edu/~7Erjb3v/rjb.html>

Maintained by Dr. Robert J. Beck, this website consists of a comprehensive set of annotated links to all aspects of foreign affairs. Includes foreign governments, law, think tanks, and geography resources.

[Political Science Resources: International Relations](#)

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/psintl.html>

The government Documents Center of the University of Michigan maintains a comprehensive set of webpages related to government issues. The page on International Relations includes links to Comprehensive Listings, in addition to sites on specific topics such as Terrorism, Intelligence, and Decolonization. Entries have short annotations.

[Paul Hensel's International Relations Data Site](#)

<http://www.paulhensel.org/data.html>

Created by Professor Hensel, of University of North Texas, this website "includes seven pages of links to on-line data resources for the serious international relations scholar." Besides general data sources, separate pages lead to statistics on specific topics, such as international conflict and cooperation, the environment, and political data.

[MSU Global Access](#)

<http://www.msuglobalaccess.net/>

Created by the International Studies and Programs at Michigan State University, MSU Global Access is a portal to information about the world and contains a database of websites and other resources, selected by MSU experts. The database is searchable by a combination of categories, as well as by a single topic. Categories include country or region, thematic area (environment, development, gender, etc.), constituency group (teachers, business, labor, etc.), or resource type (maps, news, educational programs, etc.)

[Everything International. International Organizations](#)

<http://faculty.philau.edu/russowl/organiza.html>

Developed and maintained by Lloyd C. Russow of Philadelphia University, this site offers resources for faculty, students, and professionals in the field of international business. The website, however, is helpful for anyone seeking international resources. "International Organizations" is a comprehensive, annotated set of broad organizational links.

Law and Diplomacy

[The Fletcher School Multilaterals Project](#)

<http://fletcher.tufts.edu/multilaterals.html>

The Multilaterals Project is an ongoing project at The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University which makes available texts of international multilateral conventions and other treaty instruments. Includes treaties on human rights, commerce and trade, arms control, and more.

[LII Legal Information Institute. Law by Source: Global](#)

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/world/>

The LII collections of world legal materials includes constitutions, statutes, judicial opinions, and legal material from around the world (excluding U.S. material). Includes documents covering international law.

[ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law](#)

<http://www.asil.org/erghome.cfm>

The American Society of International Law (ASIL) produces this comprehensive guide which includes not only quality links but instruction and strategy for researching international law. The Guide is divided into separate chapters which cover international environmental, economic, and criminal international law, human rights, intellectual property law, treaties, international organizations, private law, international commercial arbitration, and United Nations.

[Guide to Law Online](#)

<http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/>

Prepared by the U.S. Library of Congress, this "is an annotated guide to sources of information on government and law available online." It includes links to quality sites on country legal information.

[United Nations Documentation: Research Guide. International Law](#)

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/specil.htm>

Centralized pages which provide links and extensive annotations to international courts and legal bodies of the United Nations. A more detailed list of legal documents and publications can be found at [UNBISnet](#), the United Nations Bibliographic Information System.

[International Court of Justice](#)

<http://www.icj-cij.org/>

The International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. The Court's website includes pleadings, orders, some full-text decisions, and documents, such as rules, statutes, and the charter.

[International Criminal Court](http://www.icc-cpi.int/)

<http://www.icc-cpi.int/>

Provides texts of current court reports, portions of the *Official Journal of the International Criminal Court*, texts of public hearings before the Prosecutor, and texts of recent decisions.

[LLRX. Comparative & Foreign Law](http://www.llrx.com/category/1050)

<http://www.llrx.com/category/1050>

LLRX is a free website dedicated to providing legal, library, IT, and administrative professionals with up-to-date information on Internet research. The Comparative & Foreign Law Guides provide comprehensive annotated links to extensive legal research guides by topic.

[Electronic Information System for International Law \(EISIL\)](http://www.eisil.org/)

<http://www.eisil.org/>

Provided by the American Society of International Law, this site is "an open database of authenticated primary and other materials across the breadth of international law, which until now have been scattered in libraries, archives and specialized web sites." The user may browse from a list of 13 subjects and hundreds of subtopics or search by category or keyword.

[Globalex](http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html)

<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html>

"GloLex is an electronic legal publication dedicated to international and foreign law research, published by the Hauser Global Law School Program at NYU School of Law." Links to research guides covering specific country laws and to international courts and documents.

[U.S. Diplomatic History Resources](http://www.sarantakes.com/stuff.html)

<http://www.sarantakes.com/stuff.html>

Produced by Nicholas Sarantakes of Texas A & M, this site is a comprehensive A to Z index of websites available to historians of U.S. foreign policy.

[Avalon Project at Yale Law School](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/default.asp)

<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/default.asp>

Contains digitized U.S. documents in law, history, and diplomacy, including treaties, international agreements, trials, important Presidential papers, and more.

[Directory Diplomatic Services Online](http://diplo.diplomacy.edu/directory/)

<http://diplo.diplomacy.edu/directory/>

This site is a searchable survey of websites of ministries of foreign affairs, embassies, and other diplomatic and consular missions throughout the world. Search by country, foreign missions, or international organization.

Miscellaneous

[Country Indicators for Foreign Policy](#)

<http://www.carleton.ca/cifp/>

Originally a geopolitical database developed by the Canadian Department of National Defence in 1991, the project today gathers statistical information and conveys the key features of the political, economic, social and cultural environments of countries around the world. Creates user-defined country ranking tables, utilizing indicators, such as level of democracy, military expenditure, total population, inflation, and much more. Includes full-text risk assessment documents by country and region. Allows data queries that provide mapping.

[Economist.com Country Briefings](#)

<http://www.economist.com/countries/>

In partnership with the Economist Intelligence Unit, this website provides news and country profiles which include current economic data, political structure, and trade information. In addition, a political and economic forecast is provided for each country. Suffolk students, faculty, and staff may access [EIU Country Commerce](#) database for additional information.

[Foreign Policy](#)

<http://www.foreignpolicy.com/>

Foreign Policy calls itself "the premier, award-winning magazine of global politics, economics, and ideas." This website offers the free text of the current issue and "Breaking Global News" from various international news sources. The archived articles at the website are available only to subscribers. Current Suffolk students and faculty can access this magazine back to 1990 in [Academic Search Complete](#).

[University of Minnesota Human Rights Library](#)

<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>

This website provides an extensive collection of over 21,000 documents and materials. These include treaties and other international instruments, regional materials, United Nations documents, U.S. materials, refugee and asylum resources, and links to over 4000 other websites. Search engine allow the user to find documents on the Minnesota site or locate materials on multiple human rights websites.

[Nationmaster.com](#)

<http://www.nationmaster.com/>

Produced by Luke Metaalfe, this site allows users to create their own bar graphs, comparing nations or regions by broad category. Country profiles, maps, and flags are also available. Data is taken largely from the *CIA World Factbook* but includes other sources, as well.

[Population Reference Bureau \(PRB\)](#)

<http://www.prb.org/>

The PRB's mission is to provide current and objective information on U.S. and international population trends and their implications. The organization collaborates with other organizations and countries and relies on private donors, government agencies, and foundations for funding. The website offers the texts of reports and news by broad topic. The [The DataFinder](#) page provides access to country data on population and health for over 200 countries.

[TradePort Country Profiles](#)

<http://www.tradeport.org/countries/>

In cooperation with the World Trade Press, TradePort offers data and information on 175 countries. Profiles cover demographic information, literacy data, the economy, labor figures, geography, and much more.

[Amnesty International-Library](#)

<http://web.amnesty.org/library/engindex>

Amnesty International is an independent, non-partisan, worldwide movement of people campaigning for human rights. The AI library holds research reports, news, and actions published since 1996. Documents are arranged by country, region, sub-region, and theme and can be searched by keyword.

Treaties & Agreements

[US Dept of State Treaty Actions](#)

<http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/c3428.htm>

"This site contains a record of actions taken by states in regard to international agreements. This information is provided by the Office of Treaty Affairs."

[Thomas Treaty Status and Treaty Texts](#)

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/treaties/treaties.htm>

The Library of Congress provides the Thomas Legislative Information Service. Beginning with the 94th Congress, texts of treaties may be searched by Congress, treaty number, type of treaty, and/or date transmitted. The user may also link to lists of full-text treaties by Congress.

[Treaties in Force](#)

http://www.state.gov/www/global/legal_affairs/tifindex.html

Provided by the U.S. Department of State, this site offers a listing and corresponding PDF documents for Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States in Force as of January 1, 2000.

[UN Treaty Collection](#)

<http://untreaty.un.org/>

The Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations serves as a repository for all treaties

entered into by member states. This collection provides the full text of treaties as they appear in the United Nations Treaty Series, the text of recently deposited multilateral treaties, the status of multilateral treaties, and a search engine for locating treaties.

[WTO Legal Texts](#)

http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/legal_e.htm

This World Trade Organization (WTO) website offers the full-texts of agreements, decisions, and negotiations. Particularly prevalent are the Uruguay Round Agreements of 1994 and the GATT agreements. Documents are generally available in both PDF and MS Word.

[The Fletcher School Multilaterals Project](#)

<http://fletcher.tufts.edu/multilaterals.html>

The Multilaterals Project is an ongoing project at The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University which makes available texts of international multilateral conventions and other treaty instruments. Includes treaties on human rights, commerce and trade, arms control, and more.

[GATT Digital Library](#)

<http://gatt.stanford.edu/page/home>

Created in a partnership between the Stanford University Libraries and the World Trade Organization, this database provides "access to documents and information of and about the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), an organization that promoted international commerce and the reduction of trade barriers among member states from 1947-1994."

[Constitutions, Treaties, and Official Declarations Around the World](#)

<http://www.psr.keele.ac.uk/const.htm>

Part of [Richard Kimber's Political Science Resources](#), this page links to national constitutions and various treaties and conventions related to human rights, trade, and environmental concerns.

[EUR-Lex](#)

http://europa.eu/index_en.htm

The official European Union website. It provides access to the [Official Journal of the European Union](#) which contain legislation, decisions, and directives. Use [EUR-Lex](#) for accessing all aspects of European Union law, including treaties, legislation, preparatory acts, and international agreements.

Print

[Statesman's Year-Book](#)

REF.JA 51 .S7

Provides basic historical, political, and economic information for all countries of the world. Includes descriptions of international organizations. Annual.

[World Factbook](#)

REF. G 122 .U56a

Prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency, this volume provides basic economic, political, demographic, and geographic information on countries of the world. Annual. Also available online in [Credo Reference](#).

[World Guide 2003/2004](#)

REF DESK JF60 .G8413

Research, writing, and editing is provided by the Third World Institute and New Internationalist Publications. Includes country profiles, statistics, and other information on the environment, society, politics, and government of each country.

[Countries and Their Cultures](#) 4 Vols.

REF GN307 .C68 2001

Describes 225 countries, emphasizing cultural similarities and differences. Discussion of ethnic relations within each country is also included.

[Yearbook of the United Nations](#)

REF JX1977 .A37 Y4

A subject oriented annual that covers the activities of the United Nations. All resolutions, decisions, and major activities of the principal organs and subsidiary bodies are reproduced or summarized. Annual.

[Demographic Yearbook](#)

REF HA17 .D45

A comprehensive collection of international demographic statistics, prepared by the United Nations department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis. Annual.

[World Economic and Social Survey](#)

REF HC59 .A169

Reports trends and policies in the world economy. Published by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis. Includes statistical tables and graphs. Annual.

[Europa World Year Book](#)

REF. JN 1 .E85 2008

Provides detailed country information on political, economic, and commercial institutions. Includes statistical surveys and directory information. [Europa World Online](#) is available as a Sawyer Library database.

[Political Handbook of the World](#)

REF. JF 37 .P76

Discusses government and politics for countries of the world. Includes international organizations. Annual. Also available [online](#)

[World Directory of Parliaments](#)

REF. JF501 .W67 2009

This is a bilingual English/French reference book which provides basic information on the world's national legislatures.

[Euro Guide : Annuaire des Institutions de l'Union Européenne et des autres Organisations Européennes](#)

REF. JN26 .E84 2004

This is the annual yearbook of the institutions of the European Union. Provides detailed, informative information in English and French.

[Cities of the World. 6th Ed. 4 Vols.](#)

REF. G153.4 .C57 2002

Arranged alphabetically by country name. Chapters are divided into two sections-Major Cities and Country Profile. Each have subdivisions. Major City information may include discussion of arts, entertainment, education, and sports. Country Profiles cover geography and climate, population, government, science, art, education, commerce and industry, transportation, health, holidays, and more. Also available through [Gale Virtual Reference](#).

[Oxford Atlas of the World](#) 9th Edition.

REF. Atlas G 1021 .A7545 2004

Includes a "Gazetteer of Nations," which provides a brief sketch of each country's geography, politics, and economy. This title also includes discussion and charts on world health, trade, pollution, migration, and more.

[Nations of the World](#)

REF. JA51 .N37 2009

Provides profiles of 231 nations or territories. Each profile includes a concise overview, map, key political, economic, and demographic facts, economic indicators usually covering five years, and a business directory.

[The Penguin Dictionary of International Relations](#)

REF. JZ1161 .E94 1998

Entries cover theory, ideas, concepts, international organizations, and strategies. Articles are cross-referenced.

[International Human Rights in a Nutshell](#)

REF. K3240.4 .B84 2002

Serves as an introduction to international human rights law. Covers the United Nations, Council of Europe, Organization of American States (OAS), and more.

[Legal Systems of the World](#)

REF. K48 .L44 2002

This four-volume set provides a comprehensive discussion of countries' legal systems. Each discussion includes a basic history of the country and a bibliography. Also covers U.S. state courts structures.

[Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook](#) (International Monetary Fund)

REF. HF 1014 .B3

Contains balance of payments data for 160 countries and investment position data for 37 countries. Information is presented in regional and world tables. Annual. Data access is available online through [International Monetary Fund](#) database.

[Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook](#) (International Monetary Fund)

REF. HF 91 .I65

Presents data on imports and exports by trade partners for 182 countries. Annual. Data access is available online through [International Monetary Fund](#) database.

[Government Finance Statistics Yearbook](#) (International Monetary Fund)

REF. HJ 101 .G68

Provides world, country, and institutional tables for government operations. Data includes revenues, expenditures, and debt.

[International Financial Statistics Yearbook](#) (International Monetary Fund)

REF. HG 61 .I57

Excellent source for statistics on all aspects of international and domestic finance. Annual. Access is available online through [International Monetary Fund](#) database.

[Worldmark Encyclopedia of National Economies](#) 4 Vols.

REF. HC15.W67 2002

Provides "comprehensive overviews of the economic structure and current climate of 198 countries and territories." Each entry includes key data and analysis of a country's economic condition and its relationship to social and political trends. Uses various sources for data, including *World Factbook 2000* and *2001*, the World Bank's *World Development Indicators*, the U.N.'s *Human Development Report*, and the IMF's *International Financial Statistics Yearbook*. Available through [Gale Virtual Reference](#).

[Statistical Abstract of Latin America](#)

REF. HA 935 .S79

Includes demographic, trade, industry, labor, health, housing, and transportation data. Arranged by topic.

[Statistical Abstract of the World](#)

REF. DESK HA 154 .S73 1997

Provides profiles on 185 United Nation countries. Includes data on industry, employment, education, government, health, and more. Arranged by topic.

[World Development Report](#)

REF. HC 59.7 .W659

A yearly report produced by the World Bank. Each issue involves a specific topic and discusses national and regional policies and trends.

[World Economic Outlook](#) (International Monetary Fund.)

REF HC10 .W7979

Analysis and projections of economic policies and developments in IMF member countries. Annual.

[World Economic Factbook 2008](#) (Euromonitor)

REF. DESK HC59.15 .W675

A compilation of political and economic information on 204 world countries. Countries are represented in two-page sections. The first page is a textual summary, and the second page contains data for 2003 to 2006. Includes a section devoted to comparative world rankings. Annual.

[Doing Business in ... \(country name\)](#) Two series:

Ernst & Young REF. HG 4538 .D65

Price Waterhouse REF. HG 4538 .D64

Both publishers discuss business, commercial, and legal climates in specific countries. Not up-to-date.

[Handbook of Country Risk](#)

REF. DESK HG4538 .R57 2008-2009

The publisher, Coface, provides a one page trading risk assessment for 144 countries based on political factors, currency shortage, banking sectors, devaluation risk, and more. Annual.

[NAFTA and Free Trade in the Americas in a Nutshell](#)

REF. KDZ944 .F653 1999

Covers the legal basics of NAFTA, including history, regulations, tariffs, regulations, dispute settlement, labor, and much more. Also covers the Central American Free Trade Agreement, MERCOSUR and numerous bilateral FTAs in the Americas, notably NAFTA-Plus agreements.