

## Latin American and Caribbean Studies Resource Guide

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This guide provides selected information resources for Latin American and Caribbean Studies as broadly defined: Mexico, Central America, South America, and the islands of the Caribbean, although different sources may cover different countries in these regions. Included are the Mildred F. Sawyer Library databases, web resources, and print and electronic reference resources. For specific book and periodical titles, check the [Suffolk University Library Catalog](#).

The Sawyer Library subscription reference resources, periodical indexes, and full-text databases are available to Suffolk University students, faculty, and staff, both on campus and [off campus](#).

See also other Library Guides: [French, German, & Spanish Studies Resource Guide](#) and [Country Resource Guide](#).

### Periodical Indexes and Full-text Databases

#### [Academic Search Premier](#)

The "largest scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database" from EBSCO, Academic Search Premier provides full-text for about 4600 titles, including 3,600 peer-reviewed titles, and indexing and abstracts for over 8200 journals. Coverage generally goes back to about 1990. Full-

text titles on Latin America and the Caribbean include: *NACLA Report on the Americas*, *Hemisphere: A Magazine of the Americas*, *Mexican Studies*, and *Small Axe: A Caribbean Journal of Criticism*.

### [Business Source Premier](#)

EBSCO's business database covers over 8800 titles in management, economics, international business, finance, and accounting with full-text for almost 5000 publications. Scholarly and business periodical backfiles go back to 1975 or further. Full-text titles include Business Monitor International's *Forecast Reports* and *Latin America Monitors* for Brazil, Mexico, Andean Group, Caribbean, Central America, and Southern Cone. The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) *Country Reports* include Latin American and Caribbean countries.

### [Expanded Academic ASAP](#)

Expanded Academic ASAP from Thomson Gale (Infotrac) is another general database, covering social sciences, arts, humanities, and science. Approximately 3,000 magazines and journals are indexed as far back as the 1980's, and full-text is provided for over 2,000 titles, generally beginning in the 1990's. Titles include: *Journal of Latin American Studies*.

### [LexisNexis Academic](#)

The major database for worldwide general, business, and legal news from the 1980s on. In addition to full-text coverage of U.S. and international English language newspapers, LexisNexis Academic also includes non-English language news sources for Spanish, Portuguese, and other Latin American and Caribbean languages. To find Latin American and Caribbean sources, do a "Guided News Search", select "World News", then "North/South America News Sources." Sources in the Business section's *Country Analysis* form include *Business Monitor International News* and *Business News America*. *Company Profiles* in the Business section include International Company Reports.

### [JSTOR](#)

JSTOR contains full-text backfiles of over 400 scholarly journals, many of which date as far back as the 19th century. Coverage generally extends up to, but not including, the most recent three to five years of any given journal. JSTOR has 10 journals specifically relating to Latin American Studies including *Hispania* and *Latin American Politics and Society*.

### [Project Muse](#)

Project Muse provides full-text to over 300 scholarly journals from about 60 academic or scholarly society publishers in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, including several specifically in Latin American Studies. Titles include *Journal of Latin American Geography*, *Latin American Research Review*, and *Latin American Politics and Society*.

### [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)

Gale Virtual Reference Library is a collection of reference books published by Thomson Gale

available electronically. Titles that contain information relevant to Latin America and the Caribbean include: *Countries and Their Cultures*, 4v, 2001, also available in Sawyer Reference under call no. GN307.C68, and *Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations*, 11th ed., 6v, 2004.

## **Selected Websites**

### [Latin American Network Information Center \(LANIC\)](#)

<http://www.lanic.utexas.edu/>

Sponsored by the Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas, LANIC is the most comprehensive internet-based resource for information on Latin America including the Caribbean and Mexico, and a "best" place to start. LANIC provides over 12,000 "editorially reviewed" links accessed through an extensive list of subject categories such as government, statistics, business, maps, news, and recreation, or by individual countries. LANIC also has its own search engine for keyword searching.

### [Internet Resources for Latin America](#)

<http://lib.nmsu.edu/subject/bord/laguia>

IRLA is another major university based internet resource for Latin American studies. Compiled by Molly Molloy, New Mexico State University Library, this guide provides links for news, Latin American web directories, databases, etc. Other resources from Molly include: [Andanzas al web Latino--compendium of Latino/US-Mexico Border Resources](#).

### [The WWW Internet Resources on Latin America](#)

<http://lal.tulane.edu/internet.html>

This Tulane University site, created by librarian Paul Bary, provides extensive links for general reference, anthropology, geography, government, economics, statistics, history, language, literature, and film, etc.

### [Latin American Collection at Yale University Selected Internet Resources](#)

<http://www.library.yale.edu/Internet/latinamerica.html>

Provides links to economic and political organizations, history and literature resources, statistical data and online dictionaries.

### [WWW Virtual Library: International Affairs Resources](#)

<http://www.etown.edu/v1/latamer.html>

The Latin American section of the WWW Virtual Library's International Affairs Resources provides extensive links to search engines and sites by country, region, and topics. Created and maintained by Prof. Wayne Selcher, Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania. Note that the Virtual Library's Regional Studies section on Latin America is actually the University of Texas LANIC site.

### [Latin American & Caribbean Government Documents Project](#)

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/colldev/ladocshome1.html>

This site from David Block of Cornell University's Olin Library indexes links to official Latin American and Caribbean government documents on the web. Includes statistics and executive, legislative, and judicial documents. Be aware that some links to "inactive" sources or documents may not be available.

### [Political Database of the Americas](#)

<http://www.georgetown.edu/pdba/>

This database is a "non-governmental Internet-based project that provides reference materials, primary documents, comparative studies and statistical data for countries in the Western Hemisphere." It is a joint venture between Georgetown University's Center for Latin American Studies and the Organization of American States.

### [Virtual Institute of Caribbean Studies \(VICS\)](#)

<http://pw1.netcom.com/~hhenke>

VICS is an "Internet-based Institution for the Development and Study of the Caribbean Region and Its Peoples" based in New Jersey and directed by Holger Henke, Caribbean Research Center, Medgar Evers College, CUNY. It includes links to resources in such topics as political economy, culture, and ethnicity.

### [Society for Caribbean Studies \(UK\)](#)

<http://www.scsonline.freemove.co.uk/carib.htm>

"The aims of the Society are to encourage education and research about the Caribbean and to provide some opportunity for mutual contact among those concerned with the region and its diasporas." Includes links to universities in the UK and elsewhere and to newspapers and online radio stations in the Caribbean.

### [Library of Congress Hispanic Reading Room](#)

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/hispanic/>

This website of the Library of Congress (LOC) provides links to its sponsored online materials including the Reading Room's [Selected Links to Resources](#) and [Online Collections](#), and LOC's [Portals to the World: Iberia, the Caribbean, and Latin America](#). LOC's Federal Research Division also has some useful sites: [Country Studies Home Page](#) which has Area Handbooks for individual countries as well as the [Handbook of Latin American Studies](#).

### [U.S. Department of State. Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.](#)

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

The Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs is the main U.S. government agency covering North America, South America, and the Caribbean. Its "Related Links" to information for individual countries includes its [Country Information](#), the State Department's [Background Notes](#), the CIA's World Factbook, and the U.S. Agency for International Development's Latin America and the Caribbean sites.

### [Organization of American States](#)

<http://www.oas.org>

The OAS is the major regional "American" agency covering North America, South America, and the Caribbean. Its site includes links to resources on current issues, *Americas Magazine*, a digital library, and the Art Museum of the Americas.

### [United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean \(ECLAC\)](#)

<http://www.eclac.cl>

ECLAC, one of five UN regional commissions, is headquartered in Santiago, Chile, and was founded to promote the economic and social development of the region. Its website includes links to other UN, international, and regional organizations.

### [Inter-American Development Bank](#)

<http://www.iadb.org>

"The IDB Group is the main source of multilateral financing for economic, social and institutional development in Latin America." This site covers agriculture, economics, and labor statistics as well as country and regional data reports. The Research Department contains links to its own networks and to other "worldwide links" for economics, news, universities, and organizations.

### [Latin American Trade Council of Oregon](#)

<http://www.latco.org>

This non-profit organization provides many "useful sites for international trade with Latin America" in its "Tools of the Trade" section, including online news sources and magazines and business and trade links by country.

### [Recursos Noticieros en Español](#)

<http://www.kidon.com/media-link/espanol.shtml>

This extensive site from Kidon Media-link provides connections to news sources in Latin America and the Caribbean in all media and in multiple languages including Spanish, English, Portuguese, Dutch, and French.

## **Selected Electronic Reference Resources**

### [Collins Portuguese Dictionary](#)

Xrefplus 1998

An English-Portuguese, Portuguese-English dictionary.

### [Contemporary Latin America](#)

ebruary 2004

Part of Palgrave Macmillan's *Contemporary States and Societies* series. Covers economic, social, environmental, and political conditions in the republics of South and Central America as well as Mexico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. Written by Ronaldo Munck, University of Liverpool.

### [Culture and Customs of Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

ebrary 1999+

Each volume in this Greenwood Press series covers a specific country such as Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. Sections include historical overviews, chronologies, and chapters on religion, media, and the arts.

### [Economic Growth in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

ebrary 2005

This World Bank publication contains economic information including "stylized facts, explanations, and forecasts," as well as gross domestic products, for countries in these regions.

### [International Business Etiquette. Latin America](#)

NetLibrary 2000

Author Ann Marie Sabath lets you know how to "conduct business abroad with charm and savvy" by discussing 'national characteristics' and 'intercultural communication.' Also available in Sawyer Reference under call no. HF5389.3.L3 S22.

### [Statistical Yearbook for Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean 2001+

Sawyer Library Reference has 1993 only, call no. HA751.U52

Now available online from ECLAC, this annual yearbook contains two parts: one on social and economic indicators and the other on historical statistical tables organized by topics.

## **Selected Print Reference Resources**

### [Atlas of Ancient America](#)

REF E61 .C66 1986

An archaeological guide to pre-Columbian civilizations including Mesoamerica and South America. Heavily illustrated with maps and photographs. Written by Michael Coe, Dean Snow, and Elizabeth Benson for Facts on File.

### [Business Portuguese Glossary](#)

REF PC5333 .B897 1998

This is a useful "pocket glossary for business people" or travellers that includes "Brazilian Portuguese translations."

### [Dictionary of Afro-Latin American Civilization](#)

REF F1408.3 .N86 1980

Written by Benjamin Nunez "with the assistance of the African Bibliographic Center," this title covers African influences in Latin America and the Caribbean. Contains over 4500 entries with 14 glossaries and dictionaries.

### [Encyclopedia of Latin American Literature](#)

REF PQ7081 .A1 E56 1997

This encyclopedia includes major and minor Latin American and Caribbean authors and their works. Provides bio-bibliographies of authors and essays on themes as well as "country descriptions."

### [Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics](#)

REF F1410 .E56 2002

Edited by Diana Kapiszewski and Alexander Kazan of the Center for Latin American Studies, Georgetown University, this title covers Central and South America, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean, mainly in the 19th and 20th centuries. It is organized by country, focusing on economic, political, and social history, and includes an historical overview for the whole region.

### [Global Etiquette Guide to Mexico and Latin America](#)

REF HF5389 .F673 2002

This guide, written by Dean Foster, offers "everything you need to know for business and travel success" on social life and customs in these areas, including several Caribbean countries.

### [Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide. Central and South America](#)

REF HQ1115 .G74 C46 2003

### [Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide. North America and the Caribbean.](#)

REF HQ1115 .G74 N67 2003

Part of a 6-volume set on "contemporary women's issues" throughout the world including inequality, health, gender roles, and violence. These topics are covered in chapters focusing on specific countries.

### [Handbook of Mesoamerican Mythology](#)

REF F1219.3 .R38 R42 2000

Compiled by mother and son team Kay Almere Read and Jason J. Gonzalez, this is part of ABC-CIO's *Handbooks of World Mythology* series. Covers Indian mythology in Mexico and Central America with articles on gods, themes, and concepts in a well-illustrated dictionary format.

[International Historical Statistics: the Americas 1750-1988](#) 2nd ed.

REF HA175 .M52 1993

Compiled by B.R. Mitchell, covers Latin America and South America, as well as U.S. and Canada. Provides historical data over long periods of time for population, vital statistics, industry, trade, and other categories. Useful for time series analysis.

[Latin American Political Dictionary](#)

REF F1406 .R67 1980

Compiled by Ernest E. Rossi and Jack C. Plano of Western Michigan University as part of the *Clio Dictionaries in Political Science* series. Although somewhat dated, provides a basic introduction to important concepts in Latin American history. Entries include assessments of the "significance" of various terms while the "Guide to Countries" lists topics relating to specific states.

[Literary Cultures of Latin America: a comparative history](#)

REF PQ7081 .A1 L525 2004

This 3 volume Oxford University Press set covers the "configurations of literary culture" and "institutional modes and cultural modalities" of Latin American literature.

[Oxford Encyclopedia of Mesoamerican Cultures](#)

REF F1218.6 .O95 2001

This 3 volume set edited by David Carrasco, Princeton University, covers the Indian cultures of Mexico and Central America from around 1200 B.C.E. through modern times. Includes articles on people, places, and groups as well as an "outline of contents" by categories and lengthy essays on broad topics such as anthropology.

[Random House Latin-American Spanish Dictionary 2nd ed.](#)

REF PC4822 .G65 2000

This dictionary contains Spanish "words and meanings unique to Central America, South America, and the Caribbean," including regional variations and dialects.

[South America, Central America and the Caribbean](#)

REF F1406.5 .S68 1986+

This title is part of Europa Publications' *Regional Surveys of the World* series and covers 48 countries in these areas. There are three main sections: Part One is the "Background to the Region," which covers important developments in the whole region, Part Two consists of "Country Surveys" of individual countries, including history, economy, and statistics, and Part Three is "Regional Information," including international and regional organizations, data on major commodities, and bibliographies.

### [South America Handbook](#)

REF HC165 .S63 2002

Edited by Patrick Heenan and Monique Lamontagne, this title is part of the *Regional Handbooks of Economic Development* series. It includes information on economic policies and conditions in the 12 states of continental South America and factors affecting the economy such as population, labor, and trade. Coverage includes the colonial period through 2001, with an emphasis on the period from the mid-20th century on.

### [Statistical Abstract of South America](#)

REF HA935 .S79 1981+

This statistical series from the Latin American Center, University of California at Los Angeles, covers social, economic, and political data.

### [Wars of the Americas](#)

REF E18.75 .M374 1998

Written by David Marley, a Canadian historian, this is an illustrated, day by day chronology "of armed conflict in the New World" (South and North America) from 1492 to 1998.