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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW RESEARCH

This guide will provide you with a brief overview of how to do research on International Human Rights at this library. Research in international law can be daunting, since only selected materials can be found in the Westlaw and Lexis databases that often form the starting point for legal research. Research in International Human Rights law is often even more of a challenge, since key materials often are not classified as “legal” materials at all but rather as belonging to the fields of international relations, foreign politics, economics, social science, education, health, ethics, and so on. This document maps out where you can go to find key materials. It is not a complete list, but it should point you in the right direction.

TREATIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS:

United Nations Treaty Series KZ 172 .T74 (V.1, 1946-V. 699, 1969 Storage; v. 701, 1969-V.2107, 2000 5th Floor) or Microfilm collection (vol. 1 to 700) in #41 cabinet.

European Treaty Series, KZ625.3.C68, Vol. 119--193, 1st Floor.

United States Treaties and Other International Agreements, KZ235.3 .U55. 1950—1983/84, 1st floor.

Online access

United Nations Treaty Collection can be accessed from “Research Databases” at the Library Home Page. United Nations Treaty Series is a full-text database, which can be searched on campus or access it at home with your student ID. Another section of the database called Recently Deposited Multilateral Treaties contains treaties deposited with the Secretary-General that have not yet been published in the United Nations Treaty Series.

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights http://www.unhchr.ch/hchr_un.htm

It lists all major human rights treaties, and gives information of reporting status and status of ratification.

European Treaty Series <http://conventions.coe.int>

In addition to human rights treaties, the site contains treaties related to social matters, penal, public and international law and other subject areas. Signature and ratification information is also available.

[United States Treaties and Other International Agreements](#), Commercial Database under Library “Research Databases.”

It provides access to the full-text of treaties and agreements where the U.S. is a party.

Hein Online’s [Treaties and Agreements Library](#) also provides access to some treatise and international agreements.

The [Human Rights Treaties and Other Instruments](#) maintained by the [University of Minnesota Human Rights Library](#).

Status of Human Rights Instruments

Multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General, United Nation. KX171. M86. 1981-82, 1984-

Online Access from Library “Research Databases” [United Nations Treaty Index](#)

<http://untreaty.un.org/English/access.asp>

It contains the detailed status of over 470 multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General.

CASES AND DECISIONS

Publications of the European Court of Human Rights.

Series A, Judgements and decisions, KJC5132 .A52E88

Series B, Pleadings, oral arguments and documents, KJC5121.A52 E882

Reports of Cases before the Court. Luxembourg: Court of Justice of the European Communities. Micro Cabinet 21 1954-89

European Human Rights Reports, KJC5132.A52 E9

Judgements of the Court, selected reports and decisions of the European Commission, settlements and resolutions of the Committee of Ministers relating to human rights.

Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights, KJC5138 .A3 B47

Summaries of cases

International Human Rights Reports, K3236.2.I56

International Legal Materials, KZ64.I58

Selective decisions

Online Access:

European Court of Human Rights <http://www.echr.coe.int/>

International Court of Justice <http://www.icj-cij.org/>

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

<http://www.un.org/icty/index.html>

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda <http://www.ictt.org>

Organization of American States <http://www.oas.org>

- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights <http://www.cidh.oas.org/DefaultE.htm>
- Inter-American Court of Human Rights <http://www.corteidh.or.cr>

Commonwealth Human Rights Database:

<http://www.interights.org/searchdatabases.php?dir=databases> (provides summaries of recent human rights decisions from national courts in Commonwealth jurisdictions free of charge through a browse facility and a search engine.)

Westlaw: Human Rights Case Law Locator (UK), International Court of Justice, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Human Rights Law Reports, Human Rights Legislation Locator and Human Rights Quarterly...

Lexis: Human Rights Brief, European Court of Justice and European Court of Human Rights Cases...

GENERAL TREATISES, CASEBOOKS, TEXTS AND JOURNALS ON HUMAN RIGHTS:

To find general treatises, texts and casebooks at our library, start with Library Online Catalog at <http://uconl.law.uconn.edu/>

Examples:

Word search: human rights and China

Title search: universal human rights

Subject search: women's rights, human rights--Ireland

If you can't find what you need in our library, or you just want to broaden your search, try

WorldCat: **Online access** from "Research Databases" at the Library Home Page.

It's an international bibliographic database of holdings from the world's libraries. This database allows you to find books that are not owned by our library on the subjects you are looking for. Books can be borrowed through interlibrary loan.

Another particularly useful resource in finding human rights publications is

Monthly Bibliography Geneva: United Nations Library, JZ4935 .M66 1978-

Part I (Books, Official Documents, and Serials) is a separately bound volume which lists publications received by the UN library in Geneva. Part II (Selected Articles) lists articles from about 700 periodicals indexed at the UN library in Geneva and the Dag Hammarskjöld (UN) Library in New York. Materials are classified by subject, which simplifies locating materials on topics such as human rights (generally), or women, education, or health. Both parts contain author, title and subject indexes.

Selected Treatises in our library

Buergenthal, T. International Human Rights in a Nutshell. St Paul, MN: West Pub. Co., 2002 K3240 .4.B84

Sieghart, P. The International Law of Human Rights. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1983. K 3240 4.S49

Selected Casebooks in our library

Berger, V. Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights. JKC 5183 .A3B47, 1989
Buergethal, T. et al. Protecting Human Rights in the Americas: Selected Problems. K3240.4.P7 1990
Henkin, L. Human Rights. K3240.H847 2001
Janis, Mark W, Kay, Richard S and Bradley, Anthony W. European Human Rights Law: Text and Materials. KJC 5132.J36
Lillich, R. International Human Rights: Problems of Law, Policy, and Practice. K3240 .3 .I57
Newman, F., and D. Weissbrodt. International Human Rights: Law, Policy and Process. K3240.4.N39 1990
Steiner, H. and D. Vagts. Transnational Legal Problems. K7040.S8 1994

Selected Texts in our library

Canadian Human Rights Yearbook, KE7722.C5 C3
Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspectives: Aquest for Consensus, K3240.6.H876
Human Rights. International Instruments. Chart of Ratifications as at 31 December 1994, U.N. K3240 .4.H86
Human Rights Sourcebook, K 3238.H86 1987
Human Rights: Status of International Instruments, K3238.H863
Human Rights, the Helsinki Accords and the United States, K3240.H86
Human Rights Watch World Report JC 571 H 785
Inter-American Yearbook on Human Rights, K3239.4.A5
International Human Rights: Law, Policy and Process, K3240.4.N39
Israel Yearbook on Human Rights, JC571.A1Z85
The United Nations and Human Rights: A Critical Appraisal, K3240.4.H844
Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice, JC571 .D75 2003
Yearbook/International Court of Justice, JX1971.6.A25
Yearbook of the European Convention on Human Rights, KJ Y43
Yearbook on Human Rights, JC571 .U4

Selected Journals and Law Review in our library

American Journal of International Law, K1. M47
Amnesty International JC571 .A44a
Columbia Human Rights Law Review, Periodical
European Human Rights Law Review, KJC5132.A13 E97
Harvard Human Rights Journal, Periodical
Human Rights Internet Reporter JC571 .H7696
Human Rights Law Journal, Periodical
Human Rights Newsletters, K3236.2.H86
Human Rights Quarterly, JC571.U64
Human Rights Tribune JC599 .H82
International Journal on Minority and Group Rights, K3242.A13I58
International Journal of Discrimination and the Law, K3236.2.I57
International Journal of Refugee Law, K3230.R45A15
International Journal on Minority and Group Rights, K3242.A13 I58
New York Law School Journal of Human Rights, Periodical

INDEXES

Index to Legal Periodicals (ILP). New York: H.W. Wilson Co., 1908 to date, REF K33 .I56
Index to articles from over 615 legal periodicals published in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand. Good for historical search.

Online Access from 1981 to the present. 1) “Legal Periodical Indexes” from the Library Home Page; or 2) Westlaw and Lexis

Legal Resource Index (Legaltrac). A paper version of LRI, the Current Law Index. Los Altos, CA: Information Access Corporation, REF. K33 .C87

Index to 900 legal publications, including law reviews, journals, and newspapers, from 1980 to present.

Online Access :1) “Legal Periodical Indexes” from the Library Home Page; 2) Westlaw and Lexis.

Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals. Chicago: American Association of Law Libraries, 1960- REF K 33 .I54

Provides access to articles in non-English languages, non-U.S. legal journals, and collections of legal essays. It also indexes a considerable number of English-language law journals, in particular all the important U.S. law journals devoted to comparative, international and non-U.S. law.

Online Access from 1985 to the present through RLG’s Euroka.

Legal Journals Index. Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire: Legal Information Resources Ltd., 1986-99. REF KD59.L43

European Legal Journals Index. Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire: Legal Information Resources, 1993-99. REF KJC6.5.E87

Online Access: Legal Journals Index from Westlaw, 1986 to the present. It indexes articles from legal journals published in the United Kingdom and Europe and journals covering topics pertaining to the laws of the European Community and of its Member States.

PAIS International in Print. New York: Public Affairs Information Service, REF JA 1 .P84 1991-

PAIS Bulletin. New York: Public Affairs Information Service, REF JA1 .P84 1986-90

PAIS, Ref JA1 .P82 1968-86

PAIS International, **Online access** from “Research Databases” of the Library Home Page (1972 to date), covers the three publications above.

Provides bibliographic access to public and social policy materials of use to legislators, government officials, the business and financial community, policy researchers, and students. By subject and author index.

UNDoc Current Index, JX1977 .A2U523 1983-1996

Access document by subject matter or by the country involved.

Index to United Nations Documents and Publications, CD-ROM, 1956-2000. Microfiche Room.

Library has a subscription and back file for a selected portion of the U.U. Document Collection in microfiche format. Please check with a reference librarian if you are unsure of what the library has.

- Human Rights, UN documents and publications. Micro cabinet 23. 1946-55, 1976-

AccessUN, 1998-. **Online access** from “Research Databases.” The premier index to United Nations

documents including Official Records, masthead documents, draft resolutions, meeting records, UN Sales Publications, and the UN Treaty Series citations. Also included is the **full-text** of several thousand UN documents.

***Lots of other online indexes can be searched under “Research Databases” from the Library web site. Please check with a reference librarian for help.

FULL TEXT ONLINE

Westlaw: Law review articles, International and worldwide materials...

Lexis: Law reviews and Journals, International treaty and agreements...

Hein Online: Search from “Research Databases” of the Library Home Page. It provides full-text online access to legal journals, rare and out-of-print collections and converts all back issues of indexed legal journals into a searchable electronic format.

Social Sciences Full Text, produced by The H. W. Wilson Company, is a bibliographic database that indexes and abstracts articles of at least one column in length from English-language periodicals published in the United States and elsewhere plus the full text of selected periodicals.

Full text e-journal on University of Connecticut Libraries website at <http://tk8nj5xn8a.search.serialssolutions.com/>

USEFUL WEB SITES:

Special Court for Sierra Leone <http://www.globalpolicy.org/intljustice/sierraindx.htm>

Special Tribunal for Lebanon <http://www.globalpolicy.org/intljustice/lebanindx.htm>

Special Tribunal for Cambodia <http://www.globalpolicy.org/intljustice/camindx.htm>

Ad-Hoc Court for East Timor <http://www.globalpolicy.org/intljustice/etimorindx.htm>

The Iraq Tribunal: Toward a Trial for Saddam Hussein and Other Top Baath Leaders <http://www.globalpolicy.org/intljustice/iraqindex.htm>

Inter-Governmental or Governmental Organizations:

Asian Human Rights Commission <http://www.ahrchk.net>

Council of Europe <http://www.coe.int>

European Union http://europa.eu.int/index_en.htm

International Labour Organization <http://www.ilo.org>

Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE) <http://www.osce.org>

Organization of African Unity (OAU) <http://www.un.org/popin/oau/oauhome.htm>

Organization of American States (OAS) <http://www.oas.org>

- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights <http://www.cidh.oas.org/DefaultE.htm>
- Inter-American Court of Human Rights <http://www.corteidh.or.cr>

South African Human Rights Commission http://www.sahrc.org.za/main_frameset.htm

United Nations <http://www.un.org/english>

- Commission on Human Rights <http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/2/chr.htm>

- High Commissioner for Refugees <http://www.unhcr.org/>
- International Criminal Court <http://www.un.org/law/icc/index.html> (United Nations' official ICC web page)
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights <http://www.unhchr.ch/html/intlnst.htm>
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) <http://www.unesco.org>

U.S. State Department on Human Rights <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/hr/>

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Amnesty International Online <http://www.amnesty.org>
 Coalition for an International Criminal Court (CICC) <http://www.igc.org/icc/>
 Coalition for International Justice <http://www.cij.org/>
 Human Rights Watch <http://www.hrw.org>
 Human Rights Internet <http://www.hri.ca>
 Lawyers Committee for Human Rights <http://www.lchr.org/home.htm>
 Physicians for Human Rights <http://www.phrusa.org>
 The International Commission of Jurists <http://www.icj.org/>

Human Rights Links:

Project Diana Online Human Rights Archive <http://diana.law.yale.edu>
 Diana International Human Rights <http://www.law.uc.edu/Diana>
 University of Minnesota Human rights Library <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts>
 Bibliography, University of Minnesota <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/bibliog/BIBLIO.htm>
 Human Rights Internet (HRI) <http://www.hri.ca/welcome.cfm>
 The American Society of International Law (ASIL) <http://www.asil.org/resource/humrts1.htm>
 Women's Human Rights Resources <http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/Diana>
 NYU Law Library Human Rights http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/foreign_intl/human.html
 International Human Rights Resources by Lyonette Louis-Jacques
<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/forintl.html#humanrights>
 International Human Rights Research Guide by Grace M Mills
http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Human_Rights.htm

Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at University of Connecticut Storrs campus has collections on Human Rights: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/speclib/ASC/dodda2z/subjectarea.cfm?Area=8>

- African National Congress Collection
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/speclib/ASC/findaids/ANC/MSS19990022.html>
- Holocaust and Human Rights:
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/DoddCenter/ASC/Nuremberg/introduction.htm>

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