FOREIGN / COMPARATIVE & INTERNATIONAL LAW RESOURCES:

READY REFERENCE

RESEARCH GUIDES:

Introductory chapter includes discussion on definitions of international, transnational and comparative law, treaties, structure of civil law systems, and research.

- Middle chapters cover subjects such as arbitration, banking, commercial law, immigration, intellectual property, and telecommunications
- Later chapter cover European jurisdictions
- Supplemented regularly

Marci Hoffman, Mary Rumsey, International and Foreign Legal Research: A Course book, K85 .H64 2008: Designed as a course book, it is also very useful as a reference tool for sources and research.


- Chapters cover search strategies, LC classification scheme for foreign, comparative and international law, bibliography of sources and some electronic resource descriptions

GlobaLex: http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/ Collection of comprehensive research guides on specific topics within international/comparative law and many countries. Adds new country research guides on a regular basis. Each guide provides:

- Introduction and overview of subject/topic of the research guide
- Review of legal sources and links to online sources
- Bibliographies and additional research tools


- Collection of research guides. May browse within the following subcategories or search the site.
- Subcategories include: Cultural Property; Human Rights; Immigration Law; International Legal Research; Islamic Law; Parliamentary Procedure; Refugees; Terrorism Treaties & Agreements
SELECTED DATABASES & WEBLINKS

Deane Law Library: General

Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO): publishes a wide range of scholarship in theory and research from 1991 onward that includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, proceedings from conferences, books, journals and policy briefs: Deane Law Library - Online Resources – Foreign/Comparative Law.

Cornell’s Legal Information Institute – Global Sources: The LII collection of world legal materials gathers, country by country, continent by continent, the Internet-accessible sources of the constitutions, statutes, judicial opinions, and related legal material from around the globe (excluding the U.S. material held in the LII's other collections). It also holds resources and document collections of International law: http://www.law.cornell.edu/world.

EISIL: Electronic Information System for International Law; the highest quality primary materials, authoritative web sites and helpful research guides to international law: http://www.eisil.org/


Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals: A multi-lingual index to legal articles and book reviews published worldwide. Also indexes the contents of legal essays, Festschrifts and Congressional Reports. Topical coverage includes international (public and private), comparative and municipal law of countries other than the U.S.: Deane Law Library – Online Resources – Foreign/Comparative Law.

JuriGlobe: Contains general information relating to the different legal systems in the world, to the different official languages and to some of the most important international commercial conventions, as well as other multilateral commercial tools: http://www.juriglobe.ca/eng/index.php

LexisNexis: Find Laws by Country or Region; or Area of Law by Topic – International Law; or Transactional Advisor - International Business Transactions & Dispute Resolution Practice Center.

Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law: An updated, comprehensive work covering the central and essential topics in international law: Deane Law Library - Online Resources - International Law.
Westlaw: International/Worldwide Materials: or Topical Practice Areas – International Law; or Practice Tab – International Law.

World Legal Information Institute: is a free, independent and non-profit global legal research facility developed collaboratively by Legal Information Institutes and other organizations: http://www.worldlii.org/

Deane Law Library: Foreign Law

Doing Business: provides objective measures of business regulations and their enforcement across 183 economies and selected cities at the sub-national and regional level: http://www.doingbusiness.org/

Foreign Law Guide: Identifies current sources of law for over 180 jurisdictions. Includes an introduction to the legal system of each country in addition to listing sources of codes and laws. Provides references to available English language translations and secondary sources: Deane Law Library – Online Resources – Foreign/Comparative Law.

Global Legal Information Network: A public database of official texts of laws, regulations, judicial decisions, and other complementary legal sources contributed by governmental agencies and international organizations: http://www.glin.gov/search.action

Justis: Comprehensive source for European Union, UK and Irish law dating from 1163 to the present. Deane Law Library – Online Resources – Foreign/Comparative Law.

Kluwer Arbitration: Comprehensive resource for international commercial arbitration, includes conventions, foreign legislation, foreign decisions, and more: Deane Law Library – Online Resources – International Law.

Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia: An introduction to the major legal systems in the world, with coverage ranging from legal education and the way of professional practice, to the form of government and substantive law: Law Classified (K530 .M62).

Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts: A case reporting service that provides the opinions on the most important international law issues being decided in domestic courts around the world. Translates non-English decisions: Deane Law Library – Online Resources – International and Foreign Law – Court Decisions.

World Constitutions Illustrated: Current constitution of every country in the world in the original language and an English translation. There are also amending texts, consolidated texts, important related texts, and links to scholarly articles and commentary: Deane Law Library – Hein Online.
**Deane Law Library: International Organizations**

**Access UN:** 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: Deane Law Library – Online Resources – International Organizations.

**Comprehensive List of IGO’s:** Maintained by Northwestern University Library, the intent is for the list to include all IGO’s (International Governmental Organization) that has a web presence. [http://www.library.northwestern.edu/libraries-collections/evanston-campus/government-information/international-documents/list-igos](http://www.library.northwestern.edu/libraries-collections/evanston-campus/government-information/international-documents/list-igos)

**Council of Europe:** Portal to the Council of Europe which seeks to develop throughout Europe common and democratic principles based on the European Convention on Human Rights and other reference texts on the protection of individuals; [http://www.coe.int/](http://www.coe.int/)

**European Union:** The portal site of the European Union. It provides up-to-date coverage of European Union affairs and essential information on European integration. Users can also consult all legislation currently in force or under discussion, access the websites of each of the EU institutions and find out about the policies administered by the European Union under the powers devolved to it by the Treaties: [http://europa.eu/index_en.htm](http://europa.eu/index_en.htm)

**Fletcher Multilateral Treaties Project:** Is an ongoing project to make available the texts of international multilateral conventions and other instruments: [http://fletcher.tufts.edu/multilaterals/](http://fletcher.tufts.edu/multilaterals/)


**United Nations:** Portal site of the United Nations. It provides up-to-date coverage of UN affairs; access to the websites of UN organs; documentation; and more: [http://www.un.org/en/](http://www.un.org/en/)

**United Nations Law Collection:** Presents exact reproductions of major United Nations legal collections, including the complete collection of the UN Treaty Series: Deane Law Library – Hein Online.

**Deane Law Library: Treaties**

For Treaty Research Guides:

- Researching U.S. Treaties and Agreements by Marci Hoffman:  

- Researching Non-U.S. Treaties and Agreements by Stefanie Weigman  
  [http://www.llrx.com/features/non_ustreaty.htm](http://www.llrx.com/features/non_ustreaty.htm)

**HeinOnline – Treaties & Agreements Library:** The Treaties and Agreements Library contains ALL of the U.S. treaties, whether currently in force, expired, or not yet officially published. This library is the world's largest and most complete online collection of U.S. treaties and agreements. It includes such prominent collections as the United States Treaties and Other International Agreements set ("The Blue Set"), as well as famous sets from Bevans, Miller, Malloy and others: Deane Law Library – Hein Online.

**Thomas:** This database covers treaty information from the 94th Congress to the present. Treaty information is also available from the 90th to the 94th. Information is available for just a few treaties from the 81st through the 89th Congresses. Does not include the full text of treaties:  
[http://thomas.loc.gov/home/treaties/treaties.html](http://thomas.loc.gov/home/treaties/treaties.html)

**United Nations Treaties Series:** A collection of treaties and international agreements registered or filed and recorded with and published by the Secretariat since 1946, pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter. The UNTS includes the texts of treaties in their authentic language(s), along with translations into English and French, as appropriate. Information on the status of over 500 major multilateral instruments deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Collection of treaties and subsequent treaty actions registered with and published by the Secretariat of the League of Nations pursuant to Article 18 of its Covenant:  

**SELECTED RESOURCES BY SUBJECT:**

**Human Rights Library (University of Minnesota):** Houses one of the largest collections of more than sixty thousand core human rights documents, including several hundred human rights treaties and other primary international human rights instruments. The site also provides access to more than four thousands links and a unique search device for multiple human rights sites:  
[http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/](http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/)

**Institute of International Commercial Law – CISG database:** He CISG is the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, the uniform international sales law
of countries that account for three-quarters of all world trade. The CISG database includes: treaty text and legislative history, cases, yearbooks, scholarly materials, and more: http://www.cisg.law.pace.edu/

Lex Mercatoria: Is dedicated to the provision of information on international commercial law with subsidiary interests in commerce and (mostly open standard) Net and information technologies: http://www.jus.uio.no/lm/


SELECTED AXINN LIBRARY DATABASES:

Academic Search Premier: A scholarly multi-discipline database, this is a good place to start research in other disciplines. Deane Law Library – Online Resources – Article Finding or Axinn Library – Research Databases.

Country Watch: Is an information provider for corporations, government agencies, universities, schools, libraries and individuals needing up-to-date news and information on each of the recognized countries of the world: Axinn Library – Research Databases.

PAIS: Contains citations to journal articles, books, government documents, statistical directories, grey literature, research reports, conference reports, publications of international agencies, microfiche, Internet material, and more. Newspapers and newsletters are not indexed. PAIS International includes publications from over 120 countries throughout the world: Axinn Library – Research Databases.


Worldwide Political Science Abstracts: Provides citations, abstracts, and indexing of the international serials literature in political science and its complementary fields, including international relations, law, and public administration / policy: Axinn Library – Research Databases.

For a comprehensive list of subscription databases and more selected links go to Deane Law Library – Online Resources – Foreign/Comparative Law or International Law or International Organizations.

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