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Affirmative Action – International and Foreign Law Research Resources

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We Will Discuss:

- **General Overview**

- Secondary Resources

1. Research Guides etc
2. Monographs and Treatises
3. Journal and Law Review Articles
4. News Articles and Statistical Resources

- Primary Sources of Law

1. International Law: Treaties and International Documents
2. Foreign Law: Cases and Legislation

Major Secondary Resources

- Start with Secondary Resources: Background information; Perspectives/Ideas; Footnote/Endnote Chasing

1. Research Guides:

- International Law: (Research Guide by ASIL)
<http://www.asil.org/erghome.cfm>
- Foreign Law: Foreign Law Guide:
<http://umil.iii.com/record=b1000310~S0>
- Lists of Research Guides for Individual Countries– Handout

2. Monographs and Treatises:

- Library Catalog Search: <http://umil.iii.com/> (Law Library, Mirlyn, Kresge and WorldCat); - Suggested Subject Headings-- Handout
- Book Lists: <http://umil.iii.com/screens/booklists.html>
- Law Library E-Resources: <http://umil.iii.com/search/m?E-Books>
- Google Books/Hathi-Trust: <http://books.google.com/bkshp?hl=en&tab=wp>

Major Secondary Resources

- Start with Secondary Resources
 3. **Law Review and Journal Articles**
 - UM Law Library Catalog Search: By Journal Title; By Subject (Journal Run)
 - E-Resources Databases:
 - 1) Law Library Major E-Resources List: (Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals etc) <http://umil.iii.com/search/y>
 - 2) Mirlyn Search Tools (non-legal journal databases: Proquest, Jstor; Sociological Abstracts etc):
<http://searchtools.lib.umich.edu/V?RN=463074154>
 - 3) Article Linker:
http://ck9ys4qn5a.search.serialssolutions.com/?SS_Page=refiner&SS_RefinerEditable=yes
 - SSRN and BePress

Major Secondary Resources

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4. Newspaper Articles :

- Online: Search Tools (Limited to “News and Current Event”)
 - 1) Access World News:
<http://mirlyn.lib.umich.edu/Record/005067362>
 - 2) LexisNexis Academic:
<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000221~S0>
- In Paper or Microform: Title Search in Catalogs

5. Statistical Resources

- Law Library E-resources: Statistics
- LexisNexis Statistical: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000225~S0>
- List of Statistical Resources– Handouts

International Law Resources

- International Law Resources:

- International Law: EISIL:

<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000101~S0>

- International Law Source: Treaty

1. Find Treaty by Organization

2. Find Treaty by Country:

- WorldLii: <http://www.worldlii.org/int/special/treaties>

- Official Government Gazettes:

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~graceyor/doctemp/gazettes/index.htm>

- Search Library Catalog: by Subject (Gazettes – [country]; [country] foreign relations – treaties)

3. Find Treaty by Subject:

<http://umil.iii.com/search/m?Treaties>

International Law Resources

- Find Treaty by Organization

Frequently Cited Treaties and Other International Instruments:
<http://library.law.umn.edu/researchguides/most-cited.html>

Documents of International Organizations

- Documents of International Organizations
 - Organizations' websites (full text or not; publication info.)
 - List of Inter-governmental organizations:
<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/resource/internat/igo.html>
 - Non-Governmental Organizations:
<http://guides.lib.umich.edu/content.php?pid=26817&sid=193936>
 - Yearbook of International Organizations: in paper
<http://umil.iii.com/record=b1008441~S0>
 - Directory of National Human Rights Institutions:
<http://www.nhri.net/default.asp?PID=237&DID=0>
 - Consult Bluebook/Research Guides for titles and then search Library Catalog by Title
 - Search Library Catalogs by Author (Organization/Committee etc) and limited by subject

Documents of International Organizations

Official Documents of Some Major International Organizations:

Title of Official Documents of IOs	Date of Coverage	Format	Note
United Nations Documents [Microform]: http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/record=b1009556~S0	1946-2005; 2005-	Microform Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use Access UN Index first• For 2005- Rely on Graduate Library Government Document Center• Also available on UN Official Document System 1993- http://documents.un.org/
Official Journal of European Union (O.J.): http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/record=b1007438~S0 ; http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/record=b1007440~S0	1973-	Microform Paper Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Document System of EU: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm
International Labor Organization: Official Document System http://labordoc.ilo.org/	1919-	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Guide: http://library.lawschool.cornell.edu/WhatWeDo/ResearchGuides/ILO.cfm

General Foreign Legal Research Strategies

- Locating Foreign Law in Paper:
 - Research Guides: e.g. *Foreign Law Guide*:

<http://umil.iii.com/record=b1000310~S0>

General Introduction Titles of
Major Publications

1. Cases: Law Reports/Case Reporters
2. Legislation: Statutes/Session Laws

English translations

Catalog Search: by title or by subject (Law - [country name];
Session Law - [Country name]; or Law Reports - [Country
Name])

Foreign Law Resources

- Locating Full text of Foreign Legal Sources Using Online Resources:
 - Legislature and Judicial Websites: Codes, Laws, Cases etc
 - Nations of the World: <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/nations.php>
 - Law Library E-Resources Page: <http://umil.iii.com/search/y> -e.g.
 1. Hein's World Constitutions Illustrated:
<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000699~S0>
 2. Lexis and Westlaw: UK
 3. Westlaw China; ChinaLawInfo; ISinoLaw
 4. Global Legal Information Network (GLIN) –Brazil
<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000141~S0>
 - List of online resources for primary laws of individual countries – Handout

Final Tips

- Research Guides
 - Foreign Law Guide: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000132~S0>
 - EISIL: <http://www.eisil.org/>
 - MLaw Library Research Guides: <http://www.law.umich.edu/library/students/research/Pages/default.aspx>
 - NYU Globalex: <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html>
 - Georgetown Law Library: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/research/>
 - Duke, Harvard, Columbia Law Library etc.
- Reference Desk:
 - In Person: 9am to midnight, 7 days a week, except major holidays
 - By Phone: 764-9324
 - Email: AskaLawLibrarian@umich.edu
 - Chat: <http://www.law.umich.edu/library/students/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Research Consultation (by Appt.)

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Start with Secondary Resources:

Background Information; Perspectives/Ideas; Footnotes and Endnotes Tracing

Research Guides:

Guides on Foreign and International Law Research in General:

<http://www.law.umich.edu/library/students/research/Pages/researchguides.aspx>; International Law Research: <http://www.eisil.org/>; <http://www.asil.org/erghome.cfm>; Foreign Law Research: Foreign Law Guide: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000132~S0>

Individual Country Research Guides: Northwestern International Team Project; Research Guides from other Law Libraries (NYU, Columbia, Harvard, Georgetown etc)

Brazil:

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/library/research/foreignandcomparative/countryregion/brazil/>;
<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Brazil1.htm>

China:

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/library/research/foreignandcomparative/countryregion/china/> ;
http://docs.law.gwu.edu/facweb/dclarke/public/Research_Guides.html

Germany: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/germanlegalresearch.cfm>

India:

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/library/research/foreignandcomparative/countryregion/india/> ;
http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/India_Legal_Research1.htm

South Africa:

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/library/research/foreignandcomparative/countryregion/southafrica/> ; <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/southafricanlegalresearch.cfm>

Sweden: <http://www.llrx.com/features/scanda.htm#sweden>

UK: http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/United_kingdom.htm#caselaw

¹ This list is neither exclusive nor comprehensive. This is a list that is primarily designed to help you get started with your research. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at zxm@umich.edu or askalawlibrarian@umich.edu.

Books and Treaties:

Library Catalogs Search:<http://umil.iii.com/> (Law Library, Mirlyn, Kresge and WorldCat – Inter-Library Loan Request)

Suggested Subject Headings: Affirmative Action programs – [Country Name]; Affirmative Action; Race and Law; Racial Discrimination; Class and Law; Equality of Opportunity; Gender; Discrimination – [Country Name]; Discrimination in Education; Discrimination in Employment; Minorities -- Employment etc.

Law Review and Journal Articles

Suggested Subject Headings: Affirmative Action Programs – [country name]—**Periodicals**; Discrimination in employment – [country name] – **Periodicals** etc.

List of Major Journal Databases: Law Library Journal Databases:

<http://umil.iii.com/search/y>

Mirlyn Search Tools: <http://searchtools.lib.umich.edu/V?RN=297738213>

Westlaw and Lexis: US and UK Journals

HeinOnline: Kluwer Law International Journal Library

<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000448~S0>; Law Journal Library; International and Foreign Law Resources Library; European Center for Minority Issues Library.

Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals:<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000168~S0>

Legal Trac:<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000215~S0>

Jstor:<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000201~S0>

Proquest:<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000286~S0>

Sociological Abstracts: <http://mirlyn.lib.umich.edu/Record/000521358>

Social Science Citation Index: <http://mirlyn.lib.umich.edu/Record/003194246>

Newspaper Databases:

Access World News: (NewsBank) <http://mirlyn.lib.umich.edu/Record/005067362>

Library PressDisplay:

<http://searchtools.lib.umich.edu/V/QCSSED6GX78ENMSJJB34CSD6GSUIB7GMYU8NTJSGJFNDEJ81KG-16395?func=find-db-1->

[title&mode=titles&azlist=N&scan_utf=&scan_start=library+press+display%3F&search_type=contains&restricted=all](#)

LexisNexis Academic: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000221~S0>

Proquest Historical NewsPapers (-2006):

<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000426~S0>

Statistical Resources

LexisNexis Statistical: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000225~S0>

EuroStat: <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/statistics/themes>

UN Stat: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/databases.htm>

Europa World Plus: <http://www.europaworld.com/welcome>

Human Rights Development Statistics: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/statistics/>

International Labor Organization: <http://laborsta.ilo.org/>

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

Minority at Risk Project: <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/mar/resources.asp>

China Data Center: <http://mirlyn.lib.umich.edu/Record/004352891>

UK National Statistics: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/hub/index.html>

India Central Statistics Office: http://mospi.nic.in/cso_test1.htm

Country Reports:

United Nations Human Rights OHCHR: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/WelcomePage.aspx>

Council of Europa Commissioner for Human Rights:

http://www.coe.int/t/commissioner/Default_en.asp

OAS Inter-American Human Rights Commission: <http://www.cidh.oas.org/DefaultE.htm>

Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/index.htm> (Human Right Reports);

Country Profile (<http://www.state.gov/p/>)

WorldBank Country Reports:

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

MinorityRights Group: <http://www.minorityrights.org/3/home/mrg-directory-homepage.html>

Human Rights Watch: www.hrw.org

Congressional –Executive Commission on China: <http://www.cecc.gov/index.php>

Locate Primary Sources of Law

International Treaties Resources:

United Nations Treaties Series: <http://umil.iii.com/record=b1010448~S0>; Hein's Treaties and International Agreements Library; Council of Europe Treaty Series:

<http://umil.iii.com/record=b1078861~S0>; OAS Treaty Series:

<http://umil.iii.com/record=b1008686~S0>

Suggested Subject Headings: [Country Name] -- Foreign relations – Treaties; Gazette- [Country Name]

Most Frequently Cited Treaties Library:

<http://library.law.umn.edu/researchguides/most-cited.html>

International Documents:

UN Documents: Access UN: Index to UN documents

<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000011~S0>; UN documents in microfiche: -2004

(after 2004- rely on Grad. Library Government Document Center);

<http://umil.iii.com/record=b1010419~S0>; Official Document System:

<http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000011~S0>;

UN Major International Human Rights Instruments:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/law/index.htm#core>

EU Documents: Europa: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000109~S0>; Eur-Lex/Document System: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000107~S0>

International Labor Organization: <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/support/lib/dblist.htm>;

<http://labordoc.ilo.org/>;

Foreign Law: Online Foreign Law Resources In general:

Foreign Law Guide: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000132~S0>²

Hein's World Constitutions Illustrated: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000699~S0> Foreign Primary

Law on the Web: <http://www.law.uh.edu/libraries/fi/foreignlaw.html> Global Courts: _

<http://www.globalcourts.com/> Law of the Nations: _

<http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/nations.php>

Individual Country Law Resources Online:

Brazil:

Global Legal Information Network: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000141~S0>;

Session Laws 1808-: <http://www2.camara.gov.br/>

Brazilian Legal and Legislative Information Portal:

<http://projeto.lexml.gov.br/documentacao/resumo-em-ingles>

Brazil Legal Information Database: <http://www.interlegis.gov.br/>

China:

Westlaw China: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000604~S0>;

ChinaLawInfo: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000746~S0>;

ISinoLaw: <http://umil.iii.com/record=b1357298~S0>

India:

World Legal Information Institute: <http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/221.html>

Indian Laws and Judgments: <http://www.indiankanoon.org/>

Legislation: <http://www.indiacode.nic.in/>

Judgment Information System: <http://www.judis.nic.in/>

Germany:

German Law Archive: <http://www.iuscomp.org/gla/>

German Constitutional Law Court Decisions:

<http://www.bundesverfassungsgericht.de/en/decisions.html>

² Great Starting point for Foreign Legal Research!

German Ministry of Justice:

http://www.bmj.bund.de/enid/429e163839126297bbe0ebb8f25d68b0,0/BMJ_EN/Topics_zl.html

Center for German Legal Information <http://www.cgerli.org/>

South Africa:

South African Legal Information Institute: <http://www.saflii.org/content/south-africa-index>

South African Government Information:

<http://www.info.gov.za/view/DynamicAction?pageid=528>

Acts online South Africa: <http://www.acts.co.za/>

German-South Africa Lawyers Association:

<http://www.dsjv.org/design/index.icom?id=13&lang=en>

Sweden:

Sweden Legislation: <http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/2854>

Sweden Statutes in English: <http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/3288>

Swedish Government Office Legal Database: <http://62.95.69.15/>

Swedish Supreme Court Decisions: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000732~S0>

UK (including Northern Ireland)

UK Resources: <http://www.kent.ac.uk/lawlinks/ukresources.html>

UK Statute Law Database: <http://www.statutelaw.gov.uk/>

British and Irish Legal Information Institute: <http://umil.iii.com/record=e1000045~S0>