



MJIL: International Law Electronic Resources

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We will discuss:

- Sources and methods for conducting international law research, including how to find:
 - Documents of International Organizations
 - International Agreements/Treaties;
 - International Arbitration Agreements;
 - Opinions of the ICJ;among other topics, such as Foreign Law.

MJIL

- Using the Library as a journal Editor is different...
 - Focus is finding right source
 - Authors don't always give correct cites!!
 - Detective work!

International Law Resources

- **Law Library's Electronic Resources List/International Law Resources-**

<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?International+Law>

- **International Law Subjects/Categories:**

- Int'l Courts & tribunals

- ICJ

- International Criminal Court



International Law Resources

- Human Rights
 - OAS
- United Nations
 - ODS – UN Official Document System
 - Clout – UNCITRAL Case Law
- Treaties
 - Access UN
 - UN Treaty Collection (UNTS)
 - Treaties & Agreements Library/HeinOnline (UST, TIAS, KAV)
 - US Dept of State International Agreements Collection



International Law Resources

- International Trade
 - WTO
- Others



Documents of International Organizations

- E.g., United Nations, WTO, EU, etc.
- Typically the best place to start is the organization's website

Documents of International Organizations

- UM Library Documents Center -
<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/>
 - Inter-governmental Organizations (IGOs)
(<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/intl.html#IGOs>)
 - EU – Europa (portal server) Eur-lex (Legislation, Case Law, Treaties, etc)
 - UN – Official Document System (ODS)
 - Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs)
(<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/intl.html#listsNGOs>)
 - Statistics (<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html>)

United Nations Documents

■ ODS – Official Document System

- Electronic Resource List

(<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?United+Nations>) : Subjects: United Nations

- Includes Official Records of the major bodies of the UN, such as resolutions, reports, meeting records, decisions, speeches, etc.
 - E.g, Speech given by Bush to the General Assembly on 11/10/01 discussing “outrageous conspiracy theories.”
 - Full-text search retrieved PDF version of speech (A/56/PV.44)

United Nations Documents

■ Access UN/Readex Microfiche

□ Electronic Resource List

(<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?United+Nations>) : Subjects: United Nations

□ Access UN does not provide much full-text documents, but citations to Readex Microfiche set

- Law Library holds Readex fiche from 1946-2005
- Document Center/Grad Library is an UN



United Nations Documents

- Depository Library and holds fiche from 1946-present.
- Readex fiche is not complete set of all UN documents

WTO/GATT Documents

- WTO – Online (Linked from E-Resources ,
Subjects: International Trade -
<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?International+Trade>)
 - *WTO Documents, 1995*
 - *WTO Dispute Settlement Cases*
 - *WorldTradeLaw.net – Dispute Settlement Commentaries*

WTO/GATT Documents

■ WTO - Paper/Fiche

- *Basic Instruments & Selected Documents (WTO BISD)*, 1995- [LC Coll K4610 .W662 2003x]
- *WTO Documents* [fiche], 1995-96 [Micro-10 S495]
- *Dispute Settlement Reports (WTO)*, 1996- [JX9 UN.90 W9275 D613]
- *WTO Dispute Settlement Decisions*, 1996- [JX9 UN.90 C71 W9278 D61]

WTO/GATT Documents

- GATT – Online (Linked from E-Resources, Subjects: International Trade - <http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?International+Trade>)
 - *GATT Documents*, 1946-2000
- GATT – Paper/Fiche
 - *Basic Instruments & Selected Documents (GATT BISD)*, 1952-1995 [JX9 UN.90 C7 B31]
 - *GATT Documents* [fiche], 1947-1994 [Micro-10 S206]

OAS

■ Online

- OAS Documents (Linked from E-Resources, Subjects: Human Rights)
<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?Human+Rights>
- Paper/Fiche
- Doc Center holds some fiche, 1965-77[MICRO-FX207]
- Law Library holds some pre-1985 *OAS Official Records* documents in paper under the general call number JX9.OAS
- *OAS Official Records* (Fiche), 1985- [MICRO-10 S430]

European Union

■ Law Library's E-Resources, Subjects: European Union

<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?European+Union>

- Eur-Lex(<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>): Free database of full-text & mostly PDF of EU legislation, case law, treaties, international agreements, Official Journal, etc.

European Union

- ESIL - <http://www.eisil.org/>
 - Online database that allows searchers to “easily locate the highest quality primary materials, authoritative web sites and helpful research guides to international law on the Internet.”
 - Contains treaties and other primary law documents, arranged topically (i.e., International Environmental Law, etc.)

European Union

- UM Law Library's research guide on researching EU law

<http://www.law.umich.edu/library/students/research/Pages/researchguides.aspx>

Treaty Law Resources

- **Law Library's E-Resources, Categories:**
Treaties International Law Resources-
<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?Treaties>
- **Treaties**
 - **Treaties & Agreements Library/HeinOnline (UST, TIAS, KAV)**
 - **UN Treaty Collection (UNTS)**
 - **US Dept of State International Agreements Collection**

Treaties

- To locate the text of a treaty...
 - Use a finding aid...
 - To find a citation to the text...
 - Which is published in one or more reporters in paper, microfiche, and/or online
- Use different sources depending on nature of the international agreement
- Many different ways and places to find the same thing

Treaties

- Key questions to locating a treaty:
 - Is it bilateral or multilateral?
 - Is the U.S. a party?
 - What is the date?
- *See: Accidental Tourist* table, Ch. 6; pgs. 133-134. [Online in Lexcalibur (title search) and paper in Ref Coll Bibliog Accident]

Treaties

- US a party?

- Start with *US Treaties in Force*

- <http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/treaties/> (Treaty Affairs of US State Dept) or

- <http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=ustreaties> (HeinOnline/Treaties Library)

- UST
 - TIAS
 - UNTS

Treaties

- United States Treaties (UST)

- Online: *Treaties and Agreements Library/HeinOnline*, 1950-1984, PDF documents

<http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=ustreaties>

- Paper: 1950 – [JX8 9 U58.3 A]
 - ~20+ time lag in publication

Treaties

- TIAS – Like a slip opinion

- Online/PDF 1996 : <http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/tias/>
&
<http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=ustreaties> (HeinOnline/Treaties)
- Paper through 1996 [JX8 9 U58.3 A] – Click on link to “Latest Received” to see current TIAS receipts
 - ~10 yr time lag in publication

Treaties

- Kavass (KAV): *United States Treaty Index & Hein Microfiche Series* [Ref Coll Indexes US treat]
 - Master Guide (Numerical) & various indexes
 - Subject
 - Country
 - Geographical Subject
 - Chronological
 - Current Treaty Index Service - updating

Treaties

- Online: *Treaties and Agreements Library/HeinOnline*, PDF documents
<http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=ustreaties>
- KAV 0001-7503 (1987-2007)

Treaties

- UN Treaties – UNTS

- Multilateral and bilateral, to which US may or may not be a party

- Paper: *United Nations Treaty Series* (UNTS), 1946- [JX9 UN.8 V.1]

- *League of Nations Treaty Series* (LNTS), 1929-1946 [Micro-10 LLMC 79-454]

Treaties

- UN Treaty Collection - Electronic Resource List (Mostly PDF documents)
(<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search~S0?/mTreaties/mtreaties/1%2C2%2C19%2CB/exact&FF=mtreaties&1%2C18%2C>) Categories:
Treaties
 - *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General* (paper (Ref Coll Indexes Multilat) & Online).
 - *UNTS* 1946- [JX9 UN.8 V.1] & Online

International Arbitral Agreements

■ Permanent Court of Arbitration

- PCA administers arbitration, conciliation and fact finding in disputes involving various combinations of states, private parties and intergovernmental organizations.
- PCA uses its own modern rules of procedure, which are based upon the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

International Arbitral Agreements

- Summaries of Awards, Settlement Agreements and Reports. 1999 (JX6 2.6 1999) & http://www.pca-cpa.org/showpage.asp?pag_id=1029 (Cases)
- Basic Documents. 1998 (JX6 2.3 P4512 B311 D63 1998) & http://www.pca-cpa.org/showpage.asp?pag_id=1030

International Arbitral Agreements

- Reports of International Arbitral Awards 1948- (JX9 UN.8 V L49r).
 - Published in English or French
 - Include mediation and conciliation agreements and arbitral awards rendered by a tribunal or an individual selected by the parties

International Arbitral Agreements

- CLOUT – Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts
 - Electronic Resource List (<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?International+Law>) Subjects: United Nations
 - Abstracts of court decisions and arbitral awards relating to the Conventions and Model Laws that result from the work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

International Arbitral Agreements

- For more information, see *ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law/International Commercial Arbitration* – <http://www.asil.org/resource/arb1.htm>.
 - Other International Arbitral Institutions, such as International Court of Arbitration (ICA) and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

Finding Cases from the International Court of Justice (ICJ)

- ICJ website – <http://www.icj-cij.org/homepage/index.php?lang=en>
- Electronic Resource List
(<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?International+Courts>) :
Subjects: International Courts
- Browse or search cases – html & not PDF

Finding Cases from the International Court of Justice (ICJ)

- Official reporter for the ICJ is *Report of Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders*, 1947 - , JX6 4.4 R3
- Another useful reporter is *Pleadings, Oral Arguments and Documents*, 1947-, JX6 4.4 P7, which is similar to records & briefs of the American appellate courts

Foreign Law

- Law of jurisdictions outside of the U.S.
 - 200+ non-US jurisdictions
- General sources:
 - *Reynolds & Flores*
 - Best starting place for foreign law
 - Multi-volume set; also online at E-Resources list
 - *Introduction to Foreign Legal Research*
 - UM Law Library Research Guide:
<http://www.law.umich.edu/library/students/research/Pages/researchguides.aspx>

Foreign Law

- Foreign legal citations can look weird
 - **1995 (1) SACR 45 (CC)**
 - South African Criminal Reports, Constitutional Court
 - **§191 Nr. 5 ZPO**
 - Zivilprozeßordnung (civil procedure code of Germany)
 - **Clunet 122 no. 3:585-597 '95**
 - Journal du Droit International (France)
 - **13 Gr.B. 408 (1901)**
 - The Green Bag

Foreign Law

- Sources to help you identify weird cites
 - *World Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations*
 - *Noble's International Guide to the Law Reports*
 - *Bieber's*
 - *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* (Online at Electronic Resources List)
 - *BlueBook*

Foreign Law

- Locating sources of foreign primary law:
 - *Reynolds & Flores*
 - Paper [Ref Coll Bibliog Reynolds] – NO longer being updated
 - Online – E-Resources(***Foreign Law Guide***)
 - Lexcalibur/UM Law Library Catalog
 - Online sources
 - Compiled Foreign Law links – E-Resources,
Categories: Foreign & Comparative Law
<http://lexcalibur.lib.law.umich.edu/search/m?Foreign+Law>

Foreign Law

- *Foreign Primary Law on the Web* (U. of Houston)
<http://www.law.uh.edu/libraries/fi/foreignlaw.html>
- *Compilation of Foreign Laws by Country* (Harvard)
http://www.law.harvard.edu/library/services/research/guides/international/web_resources/foreignA.php

Final Tips

- For more details, see UM Law Library's International Law Research Guide:
<http://www.law.umich.edu/library/students/research/Pages/researchguides.aspx>
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