

Researching Terrorism and International Law

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- Link to this presentation:
<http://www.law.umich.edu/library/students/research/Pages/workshopmaterials.aspx>
- Link to our page with research guides on foreign and international law:
<http://www.law.umich.edu/library/students/research/Pages/researchguides.aspx>

Library Website, Students Tab

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- Ask a Law Librarian (email reference, askalawlibrarian@umich.edu)
- Research: Guides and Info
 - Workshop materials (librarian presentations)
 - Research guides
- E-Resources Link (Categories, International Law)
- ****Book Move Info****

Secondary Sources First



Why Start with Secondary Sources?

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- Save time—avoid “reinventing the wheel”
- Learn the basics of your topic by reading introductory materials about it
- Find citations to important primary sources collected in one place
- Benefit from the insights of scholars (and find out what has already been done)

Catalogs

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- Use library catalogs to find **books** (information at the journal article level is not in library catalogs)
 - [UMich Law Library Catalog](#) (Law Library)
 - [Mirlyn](#) (University Library System)
 - [WorldCat](#) (International Union Catalog)
- All of these are under the “Catalogs” tab on our website (In the “Research” box, click “Search other Catalogs” for the complete list)

Catalogs – Basic Searching

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- Same techniques work in all online catalogs
- Use **Keyword searching** first
 - ▣ Ex: preemption terrorism
- Find **Subject Headings** in records for books close to your topic
 - ▣ Ex: Preemptive attack (Military science)
- Use **Subject searching** to find more books on the same topic
 - ▣ Use multiple different Subject Headings
 - ▣ Remove subcategories of Subject Headings to broaden search
 - Ex: Terrorism -- European Union countries -- Prevention -- International cooperation
- **Limit/Sort**, and use **Advanced Search**

Catalogs – WorldCat Example Search

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- Search = **Subject: terrorism** and **Title: women** (“women” appears anywhere in title field), and limit by date to **2000-2009**
- Result # 6: Nothing Sacred...
- View Subject Headings of this item
 - Women and Religion
 - Terrorism – Religious Aspects
- Click on subject to find more titles on the same topic
- Note green “Other UM Libraries” tag – available on campus

Catalogs – WorldCat Example Search Continued

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- What do you do when you find a book in WorldCat that you want?
 1. Search in the UM Law Library Catalog
 2. Search in Mirlyn
 3. If it is not available on campus, submit an ILL request (through the Law Library Catalog)

Finding Articles – Indexes

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- Not usually full text of articles—citations and maybe abstracts only
- Legaltrac (about 1980-present)
- Index to Legal Periodicals (1908-present)
- Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (1985-present)
 - IFLP is also available in paper (1959-present in paper)
- International Index to Periodicals, only in paper (1907-1965)
- Other Indexes on our [E-Resources List](#)

Finding Articles

- I've found a citation in an index for a relevant article. How do I get the full text?
 1. Search for the **journal title** (i.e. Harvard Law Review) in the UM Law Library Catalog—you will find a link to any e-version, and info about paper
 2. Search in Mirlyn
 3. If not in Law Library Catalog or Mirlyn, try WorldCat, then submit ILL via Law Library Catalog

Finding Articles Online

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- Databases for finding articles using full text keyword searching:
 - Lexis and Westlaw
 - Try the Westlaw LJI database for coverage of UK journals
 - HeinOnline
 - JSTOR (includes non-law sources)
 - Other resources under [“Categories > Full Text Journals”](#) on our E-Resources Page
 - [University Libraries’ “Search Tools”](#) (search across multiple databases at one time; includes non-law sources)

International Legal Research



International Legal Research Guide

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- For detailed information on finding international materials, see ***Introduction to Sources of International Law in the University of Michigan Law Library***
 - you have this as a handout
 - also on our website under Research Guides

Treaties – Basic Sources

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- Online: [Hein Online Treaties and Agreements Library](#)
- Online: [UN Treaty Collection](#) (UNTS online)
- UN Treaty Series (UNTS) and League of Nations Treaty Series in print (**JX9 UN.8 V.1**)
- Consolidated Treaty Series in print (pre-League of Nations, 1648 to 1919) (**JX8 3 C65 1969**)
- See Research Guide for more sources

UN Documents (1)

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1. Search Official Document System (ODS) online (1993+, but also includes some older docs)
2. Search [Access UN](#)
 - online counterpart of Readex fiche set, but the full text is not complete—useful as an index to the fiche
3. If you do not get the full text, find the Readex Number in the Access UN result
4. Submit a Microfiche request form at the circulation desk with the Readex Number
 - Law Library has UN Documents from 1946 to present on microfiche (Readex Microfiche Collection, **MICRO-10 UN**)

UN Documents (2)

- For UN Documents not found in ODS, AccessUN, or Readex Microfiche:
 1. Is there a website for the particular body/agency (such as International Labour Organization)?
 2. Hatcher Graduate Library Document Center is an official UN depository—they can offer assistance if the above steps do not work

International Court Decisions

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- **Example:** European Court of Human Rights
 - ▣ Online: [Human Rights Case Digest](#)
 - ▣ In Print:
 - Publications, Series A--Judgments and Decisions. 1961- 1996 (**JX9 CE.55 H95pa**)
 - Publications, Series B--Pleadings, Oral Arguments and Documents. 1960-1995 (**JX9 CE.55 H95pb**)
 - Reports of Judgments and Decisions. 1996-1998 (**JX9 CE.55 H95re**)
 - Reports of Judgments and Decisions. 1999- (**JX9 CE.55 H95rep**).
 - Human Rights Case Digest. 1994- (**JX9 CE.6 H918 R57 C33**) (1990-)
- For the details about other International Courts and Arbitration, see your Research Guide handout

Selected Resources on Terrorism and International Law

Web Resources

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- [UN Treaty Collection Conventions on Terrorism](#)
- [UN's Latest Press Releases on Terrorism](#)
- [UN Action to Counter Terrorism](#)
- [International Terrorism: A Compilation of Major Laws, Treaties, Agreements, and Executive Documents](#), 106th Congress (Comm. Print 2000) via GPO Access
 - ▣ 1758 pages, prepared by the Congressional Research Service

Research Guides and Bibliographies

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- [GlobaLex Research Guide on Terrorism, 2006](#)
- [Library of Congress Guide to Law Online: Terrorism](#)
- [Harvard Law Library Terrorism Research Guide](#)
- [University of Pennsylvania Research Guide on Conflict and Terrorism](#)
- [Bibliography of Law Review Articles on Terrorism, University of Washington Law Library, 2004](#)
- [LLRX Bibliography on Terrorism, 2001](#)

Print Resources (1)

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- International terrorism : multilateral conventions, 1937-2001 (**K5256.A35 I584 2001**)
- Battling terrorism : legal perspectives on the use of force and the war on terror / Jackson Nyamuya Maogoto (**KZ6374 .M36 2005**)
- Before the next attack : preserving civil liberties in an age of terrorism / Bruce Ackerman (**KF9430 .A932 2006**)
- Law in the war on international terrorism / edited by Ved P. Nanda (**KZ6795.T47 L38 2005x**)

Print Resources (2)

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- War on terrorism and the rule of law / Richard M. Pious, **(Shapiro Undergraduate KF 9430 .P56 2006)**
- Issues in international law and military operations / Richard B. Jaques **(JX3 U581 N8in v. 80 2006)**
- Conduct of hostilities under the law of international armed conflict / Yoram Dinstein **(KZ6385 .D56 2004)**
- From "9-11" to the "Iraq War 2003" : international law in an age of complexity / Dominic McGoldrick **(KZ6795.I73 M34 2004x)**

Library Services



Inter-library Loan

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- Be sure the item is not available on campus
- Verify your citation info before you request an ILL
 - Use WorldCat to check that the title is correct
 - Include the ISBN or ISSN in the notes field of the form
- [ILL Forms](#)

Reference Assistance

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- Come to the reference desk in person, staffed 9AM to midnight 7 days a week
- [Ask a Law Librarian](mailto:askalawlibrarian@umich.edu) – Email Reference (askalawlibrarian@umich.edu)
- Call the reference desk: 734-764-9324
- Schedule an **individual research consultation** with a professional librarian (email askalawlibrarian@umich.edu to schedule)

Questions?