

This is a list of selected research tools that address issues of international human rights law and related topics. All the sources are located in the USC Library system and the Law School Library. To search for books, conference proceedings, and other monographs associated with human rights issues, search HOMER, the online library catalog [<http://library.usc.edu>]. For journal articles concerning this topic, consult the section in this guide entitled, "Indexes and Abstracts." A number of library research guides on specific issues, such as the *International Relations* handout, are also available and should be used when appropriate to your topic. Please consult a reference librarian if you need further research assistance.

## GUIDES

Ball, Olivia and Paul Gready. *The No-Nonsense Guide to Human Rights*. Oxford: New Internationalist, 2006.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] JC571 .B35 2006

The *No-Nonsense Guide to Human Rights* looks at the theories of rights and universalism. Written by experienced practitioners and human rights educators, this handbook of history, philosophy, politics, law and more explores the difficult task of trying to protect human rights in war, the advances in international law that have led to some rights abusers facing justice, and the conflicts that can occur when rights collide with culture. Using vivid case studies from around the world, the authors illustrate how the concept of rights changes according to geography and culture. They examine the gap between rights legislation and rights implementation, and provide constructive examples of situations in which rights implementation has been successful. From the material rights of citizenship to the more abstract rights of the imagination, this work present a clear overview of current human rights debates, and prompt discussion about alternative models for the future.

Buergenthal, Thomas. *International Human Rights in a Nutshell*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. St. Paul, MN : West Group, 2002.

Law Library [Bookstacks] K3240.4 .B84 2002

A reliable source on international human rights law for students, practitioners, and professors. Provides an overview of the international, regional and domestic human rights systems. It includes developments at the ad hoc Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda in the context of applicable principles of international humanitarian law. Discover the history behind international human rights, including the institutional context from which they evolved. Features expert review of human rights norms and identifies new developments in this area.

Carlson, Scott N. and Gregory Gisvold. *Practical Guide to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*. Ardsley, NY: Transnational Publishers, 2003.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] K3238.31966 .C37 2003

Writing for practicing professionals, the authors (attorney's associated with the Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative of the Section of International Law and Practice, American Bar Association) offer an explanation of "one of the most widely-accepted documents setting forth international human rights standards." Keeping the focus on field operations and training material, they describe the principles and mechanisms of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Guide condenses the guidance of the Human Rights Committee and accompanying legal scholarship into an easily accessible reference handbook for understanding the nature and scope of rights set forth in the ICCPR. Though geared to legal professionals and academics, the Guide's aim is to inform and educate a variety of audiences including international organizations, non-governmental organizations, human rights advocates and defenders, and governments of signatory states.

Fischlin, Daniel and Martha Nandorfy. *The Concise Guide to Global Human Rights*. New York: Black Rose Books, 2007.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] JC571 .F58 2007

This comprehensive and accessible book examines the current situation on human rights world wide. It highlights the fast developing international law on the subject. Its also covers contemporary scholarship that explains and defines today's complex reality while drawing from ancient holistic values. Woven into the narrative are many illustrations of people from cultural traditions finding ways to deal with pressing live issues according to the values of those traditions. The wide spanning view adopted in the volume shows how economic, political, and environmental problems facing humanity are related and intertwined, developmentalism and global structural violence, the disproportionate power of transnational corporations, and unprecedented militarization, to the increasing power of the corporate owned media. The authors contend that creative alternatives are possible. They point to the persistence and innovative strategies, including the use of advanced communications technology, of those working to fill the gap between the theory and practice of human rights. Lays the groundwork for understanding issues relating to global rights across a wide range of topics.

Fitzpatrick, Joan, ed. *Human Rights Protection for Refugees, Asylum-Seekers, and Internally Displaced Persons: A Guide to International Mechanisms and Procedures*. Ardsley, NY: Transnational Publishers, 2002.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] K3230 .R45H865 2002

This volume provides a detailed and concrete analysis of how human rights complaints mechanisms can be accessed by refugees, asylum-seekers, and internally displaced persons. The Guide offers a thorough explanation of the United Nations human rights treaty bodies, with a focus upon the four committees authorized to receive communications from individuals. Detailed information is provided concerning procedural requirements, while the treaties are analyzed for their relevance to the forcibly displaced. United Nations mechanisms are also examined, with an emphasis on the thematic and country special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights. The regional systems of Africa, Europe, and Latin America are thoroughly analyzed with special attention to the particular substantive relevance of the regional human rights treaties to the situation of refugees, asylum-seekers, and the internally displaced is presented in detail. Because refugees and displaced persons are frequently the victims of war crimes and crimes against humanity, this book also includes a chapter on the provisions for victims and witnesses before international criminal tribunals. The trend toward the establishment of mixed national and international bodies in post-conflict societies is examined in the concluding chapter, using the human rights institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina as a model.

Gomien, Donna. *Short Guide to the European Convention on Human Rights*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Strasbourg: Council of Europe Pub., 2005.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] KJC5132 .G665 2005

This book provides a concise overview of the basic rights guaranteed by the Council of Europe's Convention on Human Rights, and the case-law relating to these rights, the procedures followed by the European Court of Human Rights when handling applications under the Convention, and the role of the Committee of Ministers as a supervisory organ in giving force to the judgments of the Court. This third edition of the Short Guide, which covers developments to the end of 2003, is an excellent guide for those who are trying to know and understand the European Convention on Human Rights.

Kabasakal Arat, Zehra F. *Human Rights Worldwide: A Reference Handbook*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2006.

VKC Library [Bookstacks]; Leavey Library [Information Commons] JC571 .K23 2006

This work offers an insightful guide to the global struggle for human rights, the problems and shortcomings of the international human rights regime, and the resources essential to human rights studies. Chapters offer full articles analyzing the foundational concerns of civil rights efforts around the world, offer biographical sketches of world leaders' efforts, and discuss labor and human rights, accountability, and issues of debate. The texts of selected human rights legal documents are also included along with a chronology of major events (1919-2005), a glossary of terms, and a directory with descriptions of ninety-four intergovernmental, non-governmental and professional research centers focused on human rights issues.

Kahl, Chad M. *International Relations, International Security, and Comparative Politics: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2008.

VKC Library [Reference] Z6461 .K34 2008

Understanding world politics has never been easy, but the more closely we approach the ideal of the global village, the more complex its socioeconomic and legal entanglements become. From the rise of China's growth in trade status, to ever growing tensions in the Middle East, ripple effects impact both country and community. Focusing on both print and Internet resources published between 1990 and 2006, the author covers such timely topics as human rights, public opinion and polling, arms control, treaties, and terrorism. Over 900 annotated entries cover the major sources, as well as harder-to-find specialized items. For academic and research library collections, as well as faculty members in political science and the diplomatic arts. The research guide includes a chapter devoted to women in politics.

Symonides, Janusz and Vladimir Volodin, eds. *A Guide to Human Rights: Institutions, Standards, Procedures*. Paris: UNESCO, 2003.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] JC571 .G85 2003

This work is an attempt to provide a concise and comprehensive overview of human rights institutions, standards and procedures, presented in a single publication. It includes more than 500 entries and presents data on major human rights instruments, human rights monitoring bodies and other mechanisms and procedures for human rights protection, on international organizations dealing with human rights, international days, years and decades, major conferences, key notions, etc. This volume is a contribution to the implementation of the Plan of Action for the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education which demands the elaboration of educational and information materials on human rights.

## DICTIONARIES

Bouchet-Saulnier, Françoise. *The Practical Guide to Humanitarian Law*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2007.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] KZ6471 .B6813 2007

Now in a thoroughly revised and updated edition, the Guide provides precise meaning and content for terms such as terrorism, refugee, genocide, and intervention, concepts that the media have introduced into everyday conversation, yet whose legal and political meanings are often obscure. The Practical Guide to Humanitarian Law explains the terms, concepts, and rules of humanitarian law in accessible and reader-friendly alphabetical entries. Written from the perspective of victims and those who bring them assistance, the Guide outlines the dangers, spells out the law, and points the way toward dealing with violators and violations of the law. It also contains entries on sanctions and redress mechanisms addressing international crimes, including torture, war crime, crimes against humanity, and genocide as incorporated by the International Criminal Court and national tribunals, as well as institutions and agencies relevant to humanitarian law. Entries in the Guide are complemented by detailed bibliographic references, addresses, phone numbers, and internet addresses of the organizations presented; a thematic index; and an up-to-date list of the status of ratification of the more than twenty international conventions and treaties concerning humanitarian law, human rights, refugees, and international criminal law.

Condé, H. Victor. *A Handbook on International Human Rights Terminology*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 2004.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] K3239.6 .C66 2004

This newly revised, greatly expanded, and updated edition is the essential tool for navigating the language of international human rights related to law, jurisprudence, politics, diplomacy, and philosophy. Broadening the scope and enhancing our understanding of international human rights, the second edition of the Handbook contains over four hundred new commonly used key terms and acronyms as well as corrections to terms that have taken on new meaning since the publication of the original. It also includes new treaty instruments and citations of important human rights instruments. Designed to be accessible to persons from different systems and regions of the world, this handbook fills an important void in the burgeoning discourse of international human rights and will become a vital reference work for specialists, students, and newcomers to this field.

Gibson, John S. *Dictionary of International Human Rights Law*. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 1996.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] K 3239.3.G53 1996

A ready reference covering the issues and context of rights including the universality of rights, the hierarchy of rights, and conflicts between rights. The author discusses the issues and context of rights including the universality of rights, the hierarchy of rights, and conflicts between rights, a discussion that creates the framework for further research. The Dictionary entries on the sixty-six rights in international treaties and declarations are divided into five categories: civil and political rights; legal rights; economic, social, and cultural rights; collective rights; and declaratory rights. After a detailed overview of the issues and contexts of the field, entries contain treaty definitions, other sources and treaties, expanded definitions, historical landmarks in development of the right, and cross references. The work includes an extensive bibliography.

Gorman, Robert F. and Edward S. Mihalkanin. *Historical Dictionary of Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2007.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] JC571 .G655 2007

The second edition of the *Historical Dictionary of Human Rights and Humanitarian Organizations* thoroughly revises the first edition, following major new developments in the arena of human rights since its publication, including the emergence of terrorism and international responses to it; the establishment of an international criminal court; the evolution of regional human rights bodies in Africa, Europe, and Latin America; and the proliferation of new non-governmental organizations and foundations dedicated to the promotion of human rights. This is accomplished through a chronology, an introduction, appendixes, photographs, a bibliography, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries covering many of the key treaties, agreements, and definitions of human rights concepts; important humanitarian organizations, whether private, governmental, national, or international; and significant persons and events. A unique one-stop source for vital information on the background and history of human rights theory and practice in the international arena.

Robertson, David. *A Dictionary of Human Rights*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: Europa, 2004.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] K3239.3 .R67 2004

Provides explanations of the terminology, issues, organizations, and laws, this reference work develops the key aspects of human rights in over 200 clear and concise A-Z entries. The work explains terms connected such as Asylum, Equal Opportunities, Freedom of Speech, Representation, and Civil Liberties, covers organizations concerned with human rights such as Amnesty International, The European Court of Human Rights, and The American Civil Liberties Union, outlines the significance of eminent thinkers such as Locke, Cardozo, and Nozick, places key terms in their legal and constitutional context, with examples and explanations of their implications, and defines broad legal terms such as Injunction, Probable Cause, Clear and Present Danger, and Stop and Search. Includes an appendix containing texts and extracts of leading documents, such as "The Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen" and "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights." Coverage of international organizations is limited to the international legal aspects of human rights implementation.

## ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Horvitz, Leslie Alan and Christopher Catherwood. *Encyclopedia of War Crimes and Genocide*. New York : Facts on File, 2006.

VKC Library [Reference] HV6322.7 .H67 2006

This A-to-Z encyclopedia examines the entire history of crimes against humanity, during both wartime and peacetime with a heavy emphasis on the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. With more than 450 entries, the encyclopedia covers a wide range of relevant topics: human rights, war criminals, trials of war crimes, examples of genocide, international organizations and international law concerning war crimes, and much more. Also included is a primary resources section with documents that are vital to understanding this subject. A useful index concludes the volume.

Langley, Winston. *Encyclopedia of Human Rights Issues since 1945*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1999.

VKC Library [Bookstacks]; Leavey Library [Information Commons] JC571.L2747 1999

This comprehensive encyclopedia on human rights issues since 1945 features more than 400 alphabetically arranged entries of an average length of approximately one page cover governmental and non-governmental

human rights organizations, concepts and issues, legal instruments, historical events, profiles of countries with a record of human rights violations, as well as activists and political figures. Each entry is followed by “see also” references indicating related entries and supplemented by suggestions for “Further Reading,” which include references to journal and newspaper articles, monographs and collections of international treaties. Terms used in the text of the entry, which cross-reference entry headings, appear in bold type. Prefatory materials include an interesting introduction that surveys the human rights movement. Besides a list of abbreviations and a time line of “Significant Dates in the Field of Human Rights,” there is also a “User’s Guide” which clarifies the meaning of citations at the end of individual entries. The appendices include a list of selected non-governmental human rights organizations, a chart detailing “The United Nations and Human Rights,” the full text of the International Bill of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a glossary of human rights terms, and a detailed index.

Lewis, James R. and Carl Skutsch, eds. *The Human Rights Encyclopedia*. 3 vols. Armonk, NY: Sharpe Reference, 2001

VKC Library [Bookstacks]; Leavey Library [Information Commons] JC571 .L523 2001

This comprehensive encyclopedia offers A-Z coverage of the subject. Divided into two sections, the first covering human rights issues on a country-by-country basis, the second examining issues and individuals involved in human rights independent of nation, this three-volume set offers an overview of human rights and abuses thereof. Part one provides outlines of the history, society, and political make-up of 177 countries followed by details of the human rights problems there. Part two explore more thoroughly the issues of human rights, covering topics such as marriage and family, Native Americans, privacy, World Court, aging, anti-Semitism, and debt bondage. Appendices include texts of a variety of human rights documents and contact information for dozens of human rights organizations. It also includes detailed examinations of such crucial topics as torture, slavery, asylum, genocide, hostages, indigenous peoples, freedom of the press, and the right to education. Illustrated with 175 maps and 200 photographs.

## BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Carrington, Authur V., ed. *Human Rights: A Bibliography*. Huntington, NY: Nova Science Publishers, 2000.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] Z7164 .L6H837 2000

To the consternation of the haves, some humans continue to insist that they are entitled to live as humans. While it is perhaps a question of philosophy what constitutes a human right, it is more clear what constitutes an abuse of human rights. The world has never been short on abusers and is surely not now. Only the names and faces have changed over time. The powerful tend to be the abusers and the weak the abused. Being aware of the abuses can at least focus light on them and perhaps serve as a proactive response. This bibliography presents hundreds of citations of human right violations under the categories: Basic Human Rights; North America; Latin America; Europe; Asia; Middle East and Africa. Access is provided via Title, Author and Subject Indexes.

Friedman, Julian and Marc I. Sherman, eds. *Human Rights: An International and Comparative Law Bibliography*. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1985.

VKC Library [Reference] K3236 .H86 1985

This multilingual list of sources of information on human rights is arranged in three parts. Part 1 has nearly 2,000 entries for 37 rights listed in alphabetical order. A second sequence is headed “Institutions” and also has close to 2,000 entries. It includes the names of procedures, doctrines, and practices. Part 3 lists the

principal sources used in the preparation of the main compilation and gives full bibliographic information for each. There is an author index and a secondary subject index that brings together citations falling into two or more categories in the main body. The work as a whole concentrates on providing information about three key concepts and their interrelationships—human rights, international law, and comparative law. Covers books, journal articles, as well as documentary sources in twenty languages published before 1981.

***Human Rights Bibliography: United Nations Documents and Publications, 1980-1990.*** 5 vols. New York: United Nations, 1993.

VKC Library [Reference] Z7164 .L6H43 1993

This bibliography is an essential reference for those involved in the analysis and study of the various dimensions of human rights. It covers the years 1980-1989 with over 9000 entries of publications issued by the United Nations. Issued as a five-volume set, volume one gives a list by category, volume two, the author index, and volumes three, four, and five, the alphabetical subject index. Annual supplements are planned. Entries are arranged by topic and the set includes detailed author, agency and subject indexes.

Walters, Gregory J. ***Human Rights in Theory and Practice.*** (Magill Bibliographies). Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow Press, Inc. and Salem Press, 1995.

VKC Library [Reference] Z7164 .L6W35 1995

The author provides an historical overview of human rights in the Western tradition and delineates the global context of human rights in the twentieth century. The scope of English language works included ranges from 1982 to 1994, and the bibliography avoids using specific rights as the main organizational principle. Instead, Chapter One begins with key encyclopedia resources and entries, dictionaries, anthologies, readers, and textbooks useful for teaching at the college or university level. Remaining chapters include: the Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights; Cultural Relativism and Cross-Cultural Perspectives; Human Rights and Religious Traditions; Basic Human Needs, Development, and Security; Human Rights and Foreign Policy; International Law, Organization, and Human Rights; Group Rights and Individual Rights; Women and Human Rights; Emerging Human Rights issues ; Teaching Human Rights and Genocide; and Researching Human Rights. Author, subject, and geographical indexes provide the researcher with ready access to articles published in collections, to specific rights, to human rights ideas and institutions, and continent and country-specific human rights concerns and analyses. Appendixes include texts of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities for the Electronic Community of Learners.

Weissbrodt, David. ***Selected International Human Rights Instruments and Bibliography for Research on International Human Rights Law.*** 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Cincinnati, OH : Anderson Pub. Co., 2001.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] K3240 .S45 2001

This comprehensive work provides an introduction to human rights law, policy, and process. It begins with an overview, then discusses treaties, procedures for monitoring compliance and responding to gross violations, use of adjudicative remedies, refugee and international labor law, and causes of human rights violations. The third edition addresses these significant developments in the human rights arena, including emergence of criminal law as a potential response to crimes against humanity; increased attention to remedies for victims whose rights have been violated; emergence of the United Nations Security Council; increased acceptance of treaties; unleashing of ethnic hatred; and the establishment of non-government human rights organizations. The work is also accompanied by a comprehensive documentary supplement.

Zinnos, Albert A., ed. *Human Rights: A Bibliography with Indexes*. New York: Nova Science, 2007.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] JC571 .H76845 2007

Human rights refers to the concept of human beings as having universal rights, or status, regardless of legal jurisdiction, and likewise other localizing factors, such as ethnicity and nationality. For many, the concept of "human rights" is based in religious principles. However, because a formal concept of human rights has not been universally accepted, the term has some degree of variance between its use in different local jurisdictions—difference in both meaningful substance as well as in protocols for and styles of application. Ultimately the most general meaning of the term is one which can only apply universally, and hence the term "human rights" is often itself an appeal to such transcended principle, without basing such on existing legal concepts. The term "humanism" refers to the developing doctrine of such universally applicable values, and it is on the basic concept that human beings have innate rights, that more specific local legal concepts are often based. Within particular societies, "human rights" refers to standards of behavior as accepted within their respective legal systems regarding 1) the well being of individuals, 2) the freedom and autonomy of individuals, and 3) the representation of the human interest in government. These rights commonly include the right to life, the right to an adequate standard of living, the prohibition of genocide, freedom from torture and other mistreatment, freedom of expression, freedom of movement, the right to self-determination, the right to education, and the right to participation in cultural and political life. These norms are based on the legal and political traditions of United Nations member states and are incorporated into international human rights instruments. This new book brings together the latest book literature centered on this crucial topic.

## DIRECTORIES

*Encyclopedia of Associations*. Detroit, MI: Gale Group, Inc. Annual.

Doheny Library [Reference] HS17 .G3362

*Encyclopedia of Associations: International Organizations*. Detroit, MI: Gale Group, Inc. Annual.

Doheny Library [Reference] HS17 .G3364

*Encyclopedia of Associations: Regional, State and Local Organizations*. Detroit, MI: Gale Group, Inc. Annual.

Doheny Library [Reference] HS17.G3363

The most comprehensive source for detailed information on more than 22,000 nonprofit American membership organizations of national scope. Every entry offers a wealth of valuable data, typically including the organization's complete name, address and phone number together with the primary official's name and title; fax number, when available; founding date, purpose, activities and dues; national and international conferences; and more. Also featured is an alphabetical name and keyword index so you can quickly locate the name and address of the organization you need to contact without ever having to consult the main entry. *Encyclopedia of Associations* has two companion volumes: Volume 2, Geographic and Executive Indexes and Volume 3, Supplement, which updates contact information from the previous edition and provide coverage of new or newly identified associations and projects. The *Regional, State and Local Organizations* volume provide detailed information on U.S. nonprofit membership organizations with interstate, state, intrastate, city or local scope and interest. The *International Organizations* volume covers multinational and national membership organizations from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, including U.S.-based organizations with a binational or multinational membership.

## COUNTRY INFORMATION

***Amnesty International Report.*** London: Amnesty International Publications, 1975/76-. Annual.  
VKC Library [Reference; previous volumes in Bookstacks] JC571 .A44a

Each annual report documents human rights abuses approximately 150 countries around the world. It highlights the need for governments, the international community, armed groups and others in positions of power or influence to take responsibility. It also reflects the vitality of human rights activists globally, whether in local initiatives, international summits or mass demonstrations. A narrative description of human rights events in the past year, including Amnesty International's response, is provided for each individual country. An appendix provides the statute of Amnesty International, AI's visits during the year, and list of regional offices. Also available electronically at: <http://www.amnesty.org/ailib/aireport/index.html>.

***Country Reports on Human Rights Practices.*** Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1979-. Annual

VKC Library [Reference; previous volumes in Bookstacks] JC571 .C667

The *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* are submitted annually by the U.S. Department of State to the U.S. Congress in compliance with sections 116(d) and 502B(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA), as amended, and section 504 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. The law provides that the Secretary of State shall transmit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, by February 25 "a full and complete report regarding the status of internationally recognized human rights, within the meaning of subsection (A) in countries that receive assistance under this part, and (B) in all other foreign countries which are members of the United Nations and which are not otherwise the subject of a human rights report under this Act." Reports on several countries are included that do not fall into the categories established by these statutes and that thus are not covered by the congressional requirement. The reports cover internationally recognized individual, civil, political, and worker rights, as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Also available electronically at: <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/>.

***EIU Country Reports.*** New York: The Economist Intelligence Unit, 1986-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

[http://www.usc.edu/e\\_resources/isd/gateways/1004.php](http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/1004.php)

This set of reports cover approximately 100 countries providing essential background information on economic and political developments as well as analyzing long term trends for economic growth and stability. Each report covers the country's economic outlook, a review of the political atmosphere, charts and graphs of key economic indicators, and individual articles on important industries, such as mining and energy. This is one of the best sources for current economic information on a country and the influence of political actions upon the economy.

***Europa World Yearbook.*** 2 vols. London: Europa, 1959-. Annual.

VKC Library [Reference] JN1 .E85

This annual guide provides detailed surveys of over 250 countries and territories. The essays outline recent history, government, economic affairs, education, social welfare, etc. Also included with each profile is a directory of essential names and addresses and other information covering such areas as the constitution, government, legislature, political organizations, diplomatic representation, religion, the media, finance, trade, industry, transportation, and tourism. Each volume also includes the following: a comprehensive list of over 1,650 international organizations with contact information, organizational activities, and principle

officials and publications; tables to the latest statistics; and an up-to-date overview of world affairs. This resource offers an excellent starting point for country information.

***Freedom in the World: The Annual Survey of Political Rights and Civil Liberties.*** New York: Freedom House, 1978-. Annual.

VKC Library [Reference; previous volumes in Bookstacks] JC571 .G336

Consisting of profiles of approximately 200 states and disputed or occupied territories, each annual volume comparatively examines levels of political and civil liberties around the world. Countries are rated on a scale consisting of "free," "partly free," and "not free." Each entry offers brief overview of recent historical developments and an examination of the state of liberties. Generally conforming to definitions of freedom promoted by capitalist democracies and ignoring economic rights or disparities in access to resources, the annual evaluates the state of political rights and civil liberties generally in the world, also by region and then by individual country. In the country reviews, describes the happenings and conditions during the year. Also rates each nation as to political rights and civil liberties. Includes tables of comparative ratings and statistics.

***Human Rights Watch World Report.*** New York: Human Rights Watch, 1991-. Annual

VKC Library [Reference; previous volumes in Bookstacks] JC571 .H785

Human Rights Watch is increasingly recognized as the world's leader in building a stronger human rights culture, and their annual World Report--the most probing annual review of human rights developments available anywhere. For most nations of the world, summarizes the human rights developments within the year, rights monitoring conditions, role of the international community, U.S. policy and the work of the regional Watch. The backbone of the report consists of a series of concise overviews of the most pressing human rights issues in countries from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, with particular focus on the role--positive or negative--played in each country by key domestic and international actors. The reports are written in straightforward, nontechnical language and prioritizes events in the most affected countries during the year. Annual summaries of special Human Rights Watch project developments.

Humana, Charles. ***World Human Rights Guide.*** 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 1992.

VKC Library [Reference] JC571 .H788 1992

Drawing on sources as diverse as leading world human rights organizations, official bodies and unofficial monitors, and individuals who have suffered or witnessed abuses firsthand, the World Human Rights Guide assesses the performance of every major country according to guidelines set in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and various United Nations treaties. The survey is presented in the form of forty questions and answers covering both traditional human rights--such as democratic elections, freedom of speech and learning, association, and travel--and the broader area of state power--including the censorship of media, telephone tapings, summary executions and torture, independence of courts, and freedom in private affairs. The results are reprinted in their entirety, and assessed by the Humana Method to give a Human Rights Rating. Basic facts about each nation are also provided--such as population size, political system, per capita income, and infant mortality rate--as well as a brief summary of factors that affect human rights. The guide also includes a Progress Report--the first of its kind--which compares the 1986 ratings with those for 1991 with heartening results; and an incisive introduction and full notes, explaining the meaning of the data collected, help place the report in a clear, even-handed perspective. Nowhere else is so much vital information brought together in a single, accessible volume. In 1992, despite the progress of the last two or three years, over half the world's population live under regimes which deny the most basic human freedoms: the appearance of his authoritative study not only informs readers, but offers the clearest indictment yet of the human rights crimes being perpetrated by oppressive governments.

## INDEXES/ABSTRACTS

***AccessUN***. Chester, VT: Readex, 1997-.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/166.php>

This online index provides access to current and retrospective United Nations documents and publications. Articles appearing in UN periodicals are individually indexed. Indexing of the bilateral and multilateral treaties in the UN Treaty Series is another unique feature of the Index. Documents from the six main bodies of the United Nations - General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Trusteeship Council, Secretariat and International Court of Justice - are indexed. Masthead documents (formerly referred to as mimeographed documents), Official Records, sales publications, limited and restricted documents, and documents emanating from sessional and standing committees, functional commissions, conferences and regional bodies are the basis of the Index. Full-text resolutions from the General Assembly, Security Council and the Economic and Social Council are appended to their respective bibliographic citations. The Index supports access to the microfiche and paper formats of your library's United Nations holdings. Readex provides libraries with a comprehensive microfiche collection of non-copyrighted United Nations documents and publications. The "Readex Year" field readily identifies documents included in the Readex microfiche collection. Period covered is from 1996 to the present. Use this database for finding materials about East Asian affairs from the United Nations and its various sub-organizations.

***Alternative Press Index***. Baltimore, MD: Alternative Press Center, 1969-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/3119.php>

Indexes approximately 200 alternative, radical, and liberal journals and newspapers published in North America and a select number from other nations. Citation are arranged by subject and title of article. All areas of social change and public policy are covered, including issues related to social justice and conflict resolution.

***Anthropology Plus***. Dublin, OH: OCLC, 1993-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

[http://www.usc.edu/e\\_resources/isd/gateways/8.php](http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/8.php)

This database brings together into one resource the highly respected *Anthropological Literature* from Harvard University and *Anthropological Index*, Royal Anthropological Institute from the UK. It offers worldwide indexing of all core periodicals, in addition to lesser known journals, from the late 19th century to today and provides extensive worldwide indexing of journal articles, reports, commentaries, edited works and obituaries in the fields of social, cultural, physical, biological and linguistic anthropology, ethnology, archaeology, folklore, material culture and interdisciplinary studies. This database is useful for exploring the cultural aspects of rhetoric and national discourse.

***Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO)***. New York: Columbia University Press, 1991-.

Electronic Resources Web Page

[http://www.usc.edu/e\\_resources/isd/gateways/42.php](http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/42.php)

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countries, links to other useful web sites, and a schedule of coming events. In addition it indexes a limited number of journals. The content may be accessed in a number of ways: through the home pages, which allow the user to see what is contained in a category; through alphabetical indices (author, subject, title, and institution); and, through the search engine which allows users to search for files by fields (author, subject, title, date, and content area) and/or by keywords. The schedule of events is broken down by month, and the links and resources are organized by region and by area of interest (e.g. media). In addition to linking to over 160 related sites from this section, you can also access the home pages of each of the contributing institutions from within the section where its papers appear.

***Communication and Mass Media Complete.*** Ipswich, MA: EBSCO Industries, Inc., 2006-.  
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<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/10726.php>

Provides comprehensive access to scholarly research in areas related to communication and mass media. The database incorporates the content of CommSearch and Mass Media Articles Index along with numerous other journals in communication, mass media, and other closely-related fields of study to create a research and reference resource of significant scope and depth encompassing the breadth of the communication discipline. It offers cover-to-cover indexing and abstracts for over 370 journals, and selected coverage of over 230 more, for a combined coverage of over 600 titles. Furthermore, this database includes full-text for more than 240 journals. Many major journals have indexing, abstracts, PDFs and searchable cited references from their first issues to the present (dating as far back as 1915). The database contains a sophisticated Communication Thesaurus and comprehensive reference browsing (i.e. searchable cited references for peer-reviewed journals covered as "core"). In addition, CMMC features over 3,000 Author Profiles, providing biographical data and bibliographic information, and covering the most prolific, most cited, and most frequently searched for authors in the database.

***EconLit.*** Nashville, TN: American Economic Association, 1969-. Monthly.  
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<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/188.php>

*EconLit* is the fundamental research tool in economics, providing bibliographic citations, with selected abstracts, to the international literature on economics since 1969. The database covers a broad range of document types published world-wide, including journal articles, books, and dissertations, as well as articles in collective works, such as conference proceedings and collected essay volumes. The database also includes Abstracts of Working Papers in Economics from the Cambridge University Press database and the full text of the *Journal of Economic Literature* book reviews. Topics covered include economic development, forecasting, and history; fiscal theory; monetary theory and financial institutions; business finance; public finance; and international, labor, health care, managerial, demographic, regional, agricultural, and urban economics; country studies, and government regulations. Searches may be limited by one or more document type(s). Specify "Journal Article", "Book", "Collective Volume Article", "Dissertation", "Working Paper", or "Book Review" for more particular results. Book records in *EconLit* are identified by the word "Book" in the Document Type Field. A search specifying the word "Book" in the Document Type Field will locate records of both books and full-text book reviews, if available.

***Ethnic NewsWatch.*** Stamford, CT: Softline Information, Inc., 1985-. Monthly.  
Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/1032.php>

*Ethnic NewsWatch* is a comprehensive full-text collection of the newspapers, magazines and journals of the ethnic, minority and native press. A rich collection of articles, editorials, columns, reviews, etc. provide a broad diversity of perspectives and viewpoints. With over 500,000 articles from more than 200 publications, the titles in *Ethnic NewsWatch* represent the diversity of the American population in ways that are not seen in the mainstream media. Topics addressed include the arts, business, education, the

environment, history, journalism, political science, and sociology. Period covered if from 1985 to the present. This is a good source of news and opinions about Middle Eastern affairs from groups in the United States. Note: Access to this database is limited to 5 simultaneous users. If you experience access problems, it is likely that all 5 users are using the database. Please try again later.

***HeinOnline***. Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein.

Web: <http://law.usc.edu/library/resources/heinonline.cfm>

*HeinOnline* has a wide variety of online materials, but it is best known for its extensive collection of law reviews and journals. The Law Journal Library includes the complete contents, including articles, essays, book reviews, notices, advertisements and all other materials that appeared in its original print version. Many of these are available from the first issue up to the present day. It is the best place to go for electronic copies of law reviews published prior to 1980. Searching is by author, title, full text. You can also retrieve an article by its legal citation (volume, journal abbreviation, first page) in the citation navigator located on the upper right hand corner. *HeinOnline* also provides access to digitized copies of a wide variety of other legal materials including the Federal Register, the Statutes at Large, U.S. Attorney General Opinions, a selection of major treaties and agreements, opinions of U. S. Supreme Court, and many other resources. Because new materials are continually being added, consult the Directory of Titles for a complete list.

***Historical Abstracts***. Santa Barbara, CA: American Bibliographical Center-Clio Press, 1954-.  
Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/937.php>

Covers world history literature from 1450 to the present, excluding the U.S. and Canada. Indexes key history journals from major countries, as well as relevant selected journals from the social sciences and humanities. All abstracts are in English. The index also includes book reviews and dissertations. Please note: Access to this database is limited to 6 simultaneous users. If you experience access problems, it is likely that all 6 users are using the database. Please try again later.

***Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals***. London: Published by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, 1964-. Quarterly.

Law Library [Index Table]

Web: <http://lawweb.usc.edu/library/resources/journals.html> [click on link on left-hand column]

The *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* is a multilingual index to articles and book reviews appearing in approximately 520 legal journals published worldwide. It provides in-depth coverage of public and private international law, comparative and foreign law, and the law of all jurisdictions other than the United States, the U.K., Canada, and Australia. IFLP also analyzes the contents of approximately eighty individually published collections of legal essays, Festschriften, Mélanges, and congress reports each year. The Index is published quarterly with an annual bound-volume cumulation. Each single issue consists of approximately 2,600 articles and 300 book reviews. In addition to the hard bound volume, the Index is also available electronically from 1993 to the present.

***International Political Science Abstracts***. Oxford, UK: Basil Blackwell; Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1951-. Bimonthly.

VKC Library [Reference] JA26 .I5

This resource indexes and abstracts articles published in major scholarly political science journals from around the world. It contains both English and foreign languages materials and is arranged by broad subject areas with a detailed subject index. To use this work, search the detailed subject index in the back of the

volume, get the abstract number(s) for (a) useful article(s), then refer to the numbered abstract for the article citation and summary.

***LEXIS-NEXIS Academic Universe.*** Dayton, OH: Reed Elsevier, Inc., 1995-. Daily.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/110.php>

Searchable full text resource of major, regional, and foreign newspaper articles, magazine articles, governmental news, as well as medical and legal journal articles. Also includes U.S. state and foreign country profiles, state legal materials, U.S. code, federal case law, and biographical information. In addition, there is corporate news and profiles. An excellent source, especially for very current materials and to obtain a regional perspective on a topic.

***LEXIS/NEXIS Congressional Universe.*** Bethesda, MD; Congressional Information Service, 1970-. Daily.

Electronic Resources Web Page

[http://www.usc.edu/e\\_resources/isd/gateways/40.php](http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/40.php)

This service is the best place to look for information published by and about Congress from 1970 to the present. With *Congressional Universe*, researchers can: pinpoint expert testimony on the leading issues of the day; tap authoritative sources of statistics, projections, and analyses; discover a law's intent by tracing its legislative history; gauge congressional attitudes toward current topics; find out how members of Congress voted on legislation; investigate the finances of members of Congress; monitor legislation and public policy on almost any topic; review the federal regulations that implement legislation; and learn the makeup and mission of congressional committees. The service provides a seamless link to the full range of legislative and public policy resources, including hearing transcripts and submitted testimony from 1988 forward; committee reports from 1989 forward; bills—all versions of legislation introduced from 1989 forward; bill tracking reports from 1989 forward; selected committee prints from 1995 forward; congressional documents from 1995 forward; the *Congressional Record* from 1985 forward; and the *Federal Register* from 1980 forward. The vast range of subject matter on *CIS Congressional Universe* encompasses topics in public policy, history, sociology, political science, technology and society, and more. With links to related web sites, this system also enhances the user's ability to explore the legislative scene even further. The system is thoroughly cross-referenced with controlled vocabulary that lets users find information from virtually any starting point. Researchers can find information by subject, source committee, bill number, session of Congress, government document number, publication number, title, witness name and affiliation, public law number (for legislative histories), and date.

***PAIS: Public Affairs Information Service.*** New York: Public Affairs Information Service, 1915-. Monthly with annual cumulations.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/415.php>

A selective list of the latest books, periodical articles, government documents, pamphlets, microfiche, and reports of public and private agencies relating to business, economics and social conditions, public policy and administration, and international relations. The system provides selective subjects and bibliographic access to periodicals, books, hearings, reports, gray literature, government publications, Internet resources, and other publications from 120 countries. Materials are in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish with English language abstracts and subject headings. Contains more than 480,000 records, each with bibliographic information and brief, descriptive abstracts. Use *PAIS Archive*, a retrospective database chronicling global public policy and social issues from 1915 through 1976 at [http://www.usc.edu/e\\_resources/isd/gateways/7078.php](http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/7078.php).

***Peace Research Abstracts Journal***. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc., 1964-. Bimonthly.  
VKC Library [Reference] JX 1901.P38

Web: <http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/1840.php>

Presents descriptive summaries of the most vital literature published world-wide on conflict and its resolution. It is the foremost international abstracting journal in the field of peace and conflict studies. The table of contents lists major topics and sub-topics with page numbers for instant access to a particular research interest. Keywords and descriptors are in bold so that the subject can be identified instantly, subject headings are in large bold letters for easy location, and author abstracts are arranged alphabetically. Abstract numbers are in bold and are comprised of concise summaries of the original article's contents. Article or book titles complete the relevant bibliographical data. Each issue comprehensively abstracts literature in more than a dozen relevant subject areas, including: Conflict: Causes and Correlates; Conflict and Tension: Case Studies; International Law and Conventions; International Relations: General Issues; Nations and National Policies; Military Organization and Policy; Political and Social Movements; Theory, Research and Application; International Organizations; Political Issues; Conflict: Consequences; War: Case Studies; Conflict Resolution · Social Issues; Arms Control; Diplomacy; and Economics.

***Sociological Abstracts***. San Diego, CA: Sociological Abstracts, Inc., 1957-. Six times per year.  
Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/183.php>

International in scope, *Sociological Abstracts* indexes the international literature in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences such as the most comprehensive index to the literature of sociology and related disciplines such as economics, community development, political science and public policy. The database provides annotations for books, selected book chapters, journal articles, and selected papers presented at professional conferences as well as citations to book reviews drawn from over 1,700 serials publications. Records added after 1974 contain in-depth and non-evaluative abstracts of journal articles. Many records from key journals in sociology, published since 2001, also include the references cited in the bibliography of the source article. Each individual reference may also have links to an abstract and/or to other papers that cite that reference; these links increase the possibility of finding more potentially relevant articles. Also indexed are relevant dissertations. Includes an author index and subject index.

***Web of Science Citation Indexing Service***. Philadelphia, PA: Institute for Scientific Information, 1987-. Daily.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/732.php>

The *Web of Science* ISI Citation Databases are multi-disciplinary databases of bibliographic information indexed so that you can search for specific articles by subject, author, journal, and/or author address. U.S.C. has access to three citation databases. The *Science Citation Index* is a multi-disciplinary database, with searchable author abstracts, covering the journal literature of the sciences. It indexes 5,300 major journals across 164 scientific disciplines, covering approximately 2,000 more journals than its SCI print and CD-ROM counterparts, with all cited references captured. The *Social Sciences Citation Index* is a multi-disciplinary database, with searchable author abstracts, covering the journal literature of the social sciences. It indexes 1,700 journals spanning 50 disciplines, as well as covering individually selected, relevant items from over 3,300 of the world's leading scientific and technical journals. *Arts & Humanities Citation Index* is a multi-disciplinary database covering the journal literature of the arts and humanities. It indexes 1,100 of the world's leading arts and humanities journals, as well as covering individually selected, relevant items from over 6,800 major science and social science journals.

***Women Studies International.*** Baltimore, MD: National Information Services Corporation, 1972-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/935.php>

*Women's Studies International* covers the core disciplines in women's studies to the latest scholarship in feminist research. The resource supports curriculum development in the areas of sociology, history, political science & economy, public policy, international relations, arts & humanities, business and education. Nearly 800 essential sources include: journals, newspapers, newsletters, bulletins, books, book chapters, proceedings, reports, theses, dissertations, NGO studies, important websites & web documents, and grey literature. Over 2,000 periodical sources are represented. Note: Access to this database is limited to 5 simultaneous users. If you experience access problems, it is likely that all 5 users are using the database. Please try again later.

## TRANSLATED NEWS SERVICES

***Foreign Broadcast Information Service.*** Naples, FL: NewsBank, Inc., 1975-1996.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/1876.php>

An index to the FBIS Daily Reports issued by the U.S. government. The Daily Reports consist of translations of broadcasts, news agency transmissions, newspapers, periodicals and government statements from nations around the world. Regional categories covered include: Central Eurasia, Soviet Union, China, East Asia, Near East & South Asia, East Europe, West Europe, Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. Does not include material originating from the United States. The focus is on political, international, economic and military issues, but does include significant material on scientific and cultural matters.

***Global NewsBank.*** Naples, FL: NewsBank, Inc., 1996-.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/2405.php>

*Global NewsBank* is a full-text database that offers varying perspectives on international issues and events. Covering Africa, Asia, Europe, the former Soviet Union, Pacific Rim, Central and South America and the Middle East, it is ideal for researching a wide variety of international developments related to politics, economics, science and technology, culture and business. This collection contains comprehensive coverage of news summaries, broadcasts and transcripts from over 1,000 translated broadcasts, news agency transmissions, wire services, newspapers, magazines and government documents. All articles are in English.

***World News Connection.*** Washington, DC: National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce. Current Two Years.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/2693.php>

World News Connection (WNC) is an online news service that offers an extensive array of translated and English-language news and information from around the world. Compiled from thousands of non-U.S. media sources by the U.S. government, the information in WNC covers significant socioeconomic, political, international, scientific, technical, and environmental issues and events. Regional categories covered include: Central Eurasia, China, East Asia, Near East & South Asia, East Europe, West Europe,

Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa. New information is entered into WNC every government business day. Generally, new information is available within 48-72 hours from the time of original publication or broadcast. For a list of media sources monitored and translated go to <http://wnc.fedworld.gov/sources.html>. Formerly published as FBIS Daily Reports or *Foreign Broadcast Information Service*, this service covers current two years only.

## COLLECTIONS OF DOCUMENTS

Angle, Stephen C. and Marina Svensson, eds. *The Chinese Human Rights Reader: Documents and Commentary, 1900-2000*. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2001.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] JC599 .C6C485 2001

This reader contains translations of approximately sixty selections from China's twentieth-century human rights discourse. The documents are arranged chronologically and are presented in full wherever possible. Each selection is preceded by a brief introduction dealing with the author and the immediate context. The book includes a substantive introduction by the editors and a glossary in which translations of key terms are linked to their Chinese equivalents. The translations, done largely by the editors, are rendered into fluid and non-technical English with care and precision. The entire approach of this book, from the thoughtful selections to the skillful translations to the concise and useful annotation, was conceived from the start to be student-friendly and useful to scholars. A glossary links translations of key terms to their Chinese equivalents.

Brownlie, Ian, and Guy S. Goodwin-Gill, eds. *Basic Documents on Human Rights*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Oxford: Clarendon, 2006.

VKC Library [Reference]

This new edition of the established text *Basic Documents on Human Rights* provides an extensive collection of key documents covering all elements of the subject, accompanied by authoritative commentary and annotation. The result is a clear and accurate account of the most important human rights instruments adopted by the United Nations and its agencies, by regional organizations and other actors in the field. Updated to include key new developments in human rights law such as Protocol 14 to the European Convention on Human Rights, amending the control system of the Convention; the optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (2002); Protocol to the African Charter on Human & People's Rights on Women in African States (2003). The fifth edition is also accompanied by a web site which will feature annotated links to relevant sites and documents, updates to statute, updates to case law and table of ratifications providing instant access to new developments and ensuring the book remains abreast of the current law.

Cartwright, Rita Cantos and H. Victor Condé. *Human Rights in the United States: A Dictionary and Documents*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2000.

VKC Library [Reference] KF4747.5 .C37 2000

This two volume set offers easy to grasp explanations of the basic concepts, laws, and case law in the field, with emphasis on human rights in the historical, political, and legal experience of the United States. The work offers clear explanations of the basic concepts, laws, and case law in the field, with emphasis on human rights in the historical, political, and legal experience of the United States. It surveys the legal protection of human dignity in the United States, examines the sources of human rights norms, cites key legal cases, explains the role of international governmental and non-governmental organizations, and charts global, regional, and U.N. human rights measures. The book also provides a documents section containing

59 conventions, treaties, and protocols related to the most up to date international action on ethnic cleansing, freedom of expression and religion, violence against women, and other topics; lists of treaties the U.S. has signed and ratified; and, gives details on selected U.S. legislation regarding human rights as well as coverage of ten court decisions in precedent-setting human rights. A bibliography, extensive glossary, and comprehensive index round out this volume.

de Varennes, Fernand, ed. *Asia-Pacific Human Rights Documents and Resources*. 2 vols. Cambridge, MA: Kluwer Law International, 1998-.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] KM572 .A35A84 1998

Many publications dealing with human rights contain a wealth of materials from the United Nations, Europe, and even the Inter-American and African regional human rights systems, but none cover the geographical region which encompasses Asian and Pacific states. The collection of documents contained in this volume is an attempt to rectify this situation. Volume 1 contains various inter-governmental and non-governmental documents and a section on human rights organizations and resources. Volume 2 goes one step further, presenting the human rights provisions in the constitutions of Asian and Pacific states, as well as information on states which are parties to the principal international treaties dealing with human rights, as well as the full text of any declaration or reservation entered by these states. Both volumes constitute unique reference tools to those with an interest in human rights in Asia and the Pacific.

*Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: A Compilation of Essential Documents*. Geneva, Switzerland: International Commission of Jurists, 1997.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] K3238 .E28 1997

Published by the International Commission of Jurists [<http://www.icj.org/sommaire.php3?lang=en>], this work reproduces the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights together with States' reservations and dates of accession, the current draft optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, the Limburg Principles on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, the Maastricht Guidelines on Violations of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, and the Bangalore Declaration and Plan of Action.

Ghandhi, P. R., ed. *Blackstone's Statutes International Human Rights Documents*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004.

VKC Library [Reference] K3238 .B58 2004

This edition has been fully revised and updated to include all recent developments in International Human Rights Law, including two new protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child 2000, the European Convention on Human Rights 2000, and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights 2000. It contains comprehensive coverage of all the most important international human rights treaties concluded under the auspices of the United Nations, as well as treaties, conventions and protocols from a variety of regional human rights organizations in Europe, America, Africa, Arab states, and the Commonwealth of Independent States. It also includes documents on the UN Procedure for handling human rights complaints, documents of the world conferences on human rights, and the full text of the Human Rights Act 1998. This book brings together in an easily accessible format a range of materials central to the international protection of human rights.

***Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments.*** 2 vols in 4 parts. New York: United Nations, 1994-1995.

VKC Library [Reference] K3238 .H85 1994

Volume 1 contains the texts of conventions, treaties, declarations and recommendations on human rights adopted by the United Nations before March 31, 1993. Arranged by subject categories with a chronological list. For information on the status of these treaties see *Human Rights: International Instruments, Chart of Ramifications*; information on reservations, declarations, observations and notifications relating to the same treaties is contained in *Human Rights: Status of International Instruments*. Volume 2 contains a selection of conventions, treaties, declarations, etc. which have been adopted within the framework of regional inter-governmental organizations. Arranged by organizations and then in chronological order. Up-to-date information on ratifications and the status of the United Nations treaties contained in the first volume of the Compilation is to be found at the Office of the High Commissioner's web site ([www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org)).

***Human Rights: The Inter-American System.*** 5 vols. Dobbs Ferry, NY: Oceana, 1982-. Looseleaf.

VKC Library [Reference] K 3240.H85

A comprehensive set of human rights documents, treaties, declarations, conventions, and case law relating to the Inter-American System. Includes the legislative history of the American Convention on Human Rights. Texts of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' case decisions, resolutions, and reports as well as selected findings on country reports are also included. Contains a select bibliography.

Lewis, Jon E., ed. ***A Documentary History of Human Rights: A Record of the Events, Documents and Speeches that Shaped our World.*** New York: Carroll and Graf, 2003.

VKC Library [Reference] JC571 .D62 2003

Drawn from great speeches, constitutional documents, philosophy, private letters and diaries, religious works, and histories, the 300 extracts in this collection mark defining moments in the progress of humankind through four millennia on its path to political, religious, and intellectual freedom. This volume affirms human achievement on every page. Among its many and diverse voices are Anne Frank, Plato, Lillian Hellman, William Wordsworth, John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, Tom Paine, Sir Walter Raleigh, Demosthenes, Florence Nightingale, Winston Churchill, St. Francis, and Jesus. Arranged chronologically, the documents present centuries of truths that have set men and women free. Among the anthology's highlights are the last speech of Socrates, on his condemnation to death in 399 B.C; Nelson Mandela's 1964 speech from the dock; Emile Zola's "J'accuse," Peter Millar on the tearing down of the Berlin Wall; Thomas Paine's "The Rights of Man"; Mary Wollstonecraft's "Vindication of the Rights of Women"; former slave Frederick Douglass's open letter to his former master; Lion Feuchtwanger's letter to X, on the Nazi confiscation of his house; and Abelard writing to Heloise on eternal love.

Mares, Radu, ed. ***Business and Human Rights: A Compilation of Documents.*** Boston, MA: Brill Academic Publishers, 2004.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] HD2755.5 .B878 2004

This unique collection gathers together important instruments dealing with the relationship between business and a range of topics such as labor rights, security issues, environmental protection, anti-corruption, good governance, poverty alleviation and development, which all have important human rights dimensions. The premise for the collection is that business has both the responsibility and the opportunity to respect and support human rights. Selected instruments cover various stages of business involvement with human rights issues, spanning codes of conduct, monitoring, reporting, certification, labels and partnerships for development. Initiatives of institutional investors, social index providers, insurers, and banks are also covered. Web sites for each instrument and its issuer are provided in order to

facilitate updates and further inquiry into the issuer's activities. The introduction seeks to offer a perspective for examining voluntary initiatives and corporate social responsibility.

Murray, Rachel and Malcolm Evans, eds. *Documents of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights*. Portland, OR: Hart Publications, 2001.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] KQC573 .A34A38 2001

Fourteen years since its establishment, the work of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights has not received the attention that should have been paid to its important contributions towards the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa. The aim of this publication is to provide not only the basic documents, but also the less well known material related to the jurisprudence emanating from the consideration of communications. This volume therefore includes, amongst other material, the twelve activity reports adopted by the Commission, resolutions, and final communiqués from the sessions. This is the first attempt to reproduce comprehensively the many documents of the Commission adopted since its inception in 1987. It will be an essential reference for academics, students, and practitioners. The publication is produced in collaboration with the African Society for International and Comparative Law, the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria and Interights in London.

Sinha, Manoj Kumar, compiler. *Basic Documents on International Human Rights and Refugee Laws*. New Delhi: Manak Publications, 2000.

VKC Library [Reference] K3238 .B37 2000

In the past fifty years, the community of nations has produced a number of international human rights instruments both at the universal and the regional levels, which are designed to secure the promotion and perfection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. The book contains all important human rights and refugee instruments available at regional and universal levels. At the national level, statute of three commissions, namely, national human rights commission, national commission for women and national commission for minorities are included. This book will be helpful to students dealing with international human rights and refugee laws. A fairly comprehensive bibliography on human rights and refugee laws are also part of his book.

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS--ACTIVITIES AND CASES

### African Instruments

*African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights*. Banjul, The Gambia: The Commission, 2007-.

Web: [http://www.achpr.org/english/\\_info/news\\_en.html](http://www.achpr.org/english/_info/news_en.html)

The Commission has three broad areas of responsibility: promoting human and peoples' rights; protecting human and peoples' rights; and, interpreting the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. In pursuit of these goals, the Commission is mandated to "collect documents, undertake studies and researches on African problems in the field of human and peoples, rights, organize seminars, symposia and conferences, disseminate information, encourage national and local institutions concerned with human and peoples' rights and, should the case arise, give its views or make recommendations to governments" (Charter, Art. 45). Within the framework of its role of interpreting the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, the Commission is charged with interpreting all provisions of the present Charter at the request of a State Party, an institution of the Organization of African Unity or an African Organization recognized by the Organization of African Unity now the African Union. With the creation of the African Court on Human

and Peoples' Rights (under a protocol to the Charter which was adopted in 1998 and entered into force in January 2004), the Commission will have the additional task of preparing cases for submission to the Court's jurisdiction. In a July 2004 decision, the AU Assembly resolved that the future Court on Human and Peoples' Rights would be integrated with the African Court of Justice [yet to be formed].

### European Instruments

***HUDOC: European Court of Human Rights Portal.*** France: European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe, 1959-.

Web: <http://cmiskp.echr.coe.int/tkp197/default.htm>

The European Court of Human Rights website incorporates HUDOC, a database of the Court's judgments since 1959. HUDOC (Human Rights Documents) is a powerful user-friendly information system which provides access to the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, the European Commission of Human Rights and the Committee of Ministers. The judgments, decisions, resolutions and reports of these bodies are held in a database and can be consulted via a sophisticated search mechanism. To ensure the most efficient use of the database as a research tool, HUDOC is updated regularly.

***Publications of the European Court of Human Rights. Series A: Judgments and Decisions.*** 338 vols. Strasbourg: Greffe de la Cour, Conseil de l'Europe, 1961-1996. VKC Library [International Documents Room] JC 571.E82 Series A.

***Publications of the European Court of Human Rights. Series B, Pleadings, Oral Arguments, and Documents.*** Strasbourg: Greffe de la Cour, Conseil de l'Europe, 1961-. Irregular.

VKC Library [International Documents Room] JC 571.E82 Series B.

Publications of the European Court of Human Rights were issued in two series from 1960 to 1996: *Series A, Judgments and Decisions*, which summarizes the history and proceedings of cases before the Court as well as texts of judgements, decisions and/or opinions, and *Series B: Pleadings, Oral Arguments and Documents*, which contains the texts of the pleadings, oral arguments and documents for cases before the Court. In both series, each volume is normally devoted to one or two cases. In 1996 these were replaced by a single series: *Reports of Judgments and Decisions*. Text is in both English and French.

***Yearbook of the European Convention on Human Rights.*** Dordrecht, Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff, 1960-. Annual.

VKC Library [Reference] KJC5132 .A52D63

The yearbook gathers together the legal materials relevant to the European Convention on Human Rights. It publishes any changes in the basic texts, as well as signatures, ratifications, reservations, and declarations by states. A section covering the European Court of Human Rights and the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe lists court proceedings, describes the subject matter of Court judgments, summarizes judgments of the Grand Chamber, and presents resolutions and texts adopted by the Committee of Ministers. Also presented are replies of the Committee of Ministers to Parliamentary Assembly recommendations and written questions; recommendations, resolutions, and opinions of the Parliamentary Assembly; and descriptions of relevant activities of the Directorate General of Human Rights. Reports on individual countries contain information on legislative acts and other official acts of member states related to the Convention, along with decisions of domestic courts concerning guaranteed rights of the Convention. The material is presented in English and French on facing pages, with the exception of the country reports, which are presented in the language in which they were originally submitted by member states. Two appendices provide a selective bibliography of publications concerning the Convention and biographical notices of judges elected to the European Court of Human Rights.

## American Instruments

***Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.*** Washington, DC: The Commission, 2007-.

Web: <http://www.cidh.oas.org/DefaultE.htm>

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) is one of two bodies in the inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights. The other human rights body is the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, which is located in San José, Costa Rica. The IACHR has the principal function of promoting the observance and the defense of human rights. Among the duties of the Commission related to human rights is to submit cases to the Inter-American Court and appears before the Court in the litigation of cases and requests advisory opinions from the Inter-American Court regarding questions of interpretation of the American Convention. The Commission also carries out and publishes studies on specific subjects, such as measures to be taken to ensure greater independence of the judiciary; the activities of irregular armed groups; the human rights situation of minors and women; and, the human rights of indigenous peoples. The web site provides full-text access to many of these reports as well as basic documents pertaining to human rights in the inter-American system.

***Inter-American Court of Human Rights.*** San José, Costa Rica: The Court, 2007-.

Web: <http://www.corteidh.or.cr/index.cfm>

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights is an autonomous judicial institution of the Organization of American States established in 1979 and whose objective is the application and interpretation of the American Convention on Human Rights and other treaties concerning this same matter. Its two main functions are adjudicatory and advisory. Under the former, it hears and rules on the specific cases of human rights violations referred to it. Under the latter, it issues opinions on matters of legal interpretation brought to the Court's attention by other OAS bodies or member states. The web site the search system provides access to the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

***Inter-American Yearbook on Human Rights.*** Dordrecht, Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff, 1968-1994.

Grand Library [Bookstacks] JC 571.A58

The Yearbook aims to contribute to a greater awareness of the functions and activities of the organs of the Inter-American system for the protection of human rights. It contains information concerning the activities of the Organization of American States in the promotion and protection of human rights as well as documents prepared. Includes the history and legal basis of the OAS bodies in addition to bibliographical notes on members. Each volume also contains reports on individual court cases and descriptions of human rights situations in certain member states. Texts of press releases, annual report of the Court of Human Rights and OAS General Assembly resolutions on human rights are included. Available online from 1991 to the present at <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/cases/commissn.htm>.

## United Nations Instruments

***International Court of Justice.*** The Hague, The Netherlands: The Court, 2007-.

Web: <http://www.icj-cij.org/>

The Court is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter, signed in 1945 at San Francisco, and began work in 1946 in the Peace Palace, The Hague (Netherlands). The Court, which is composed of 15 judges, has a dual role: in accordance with international law, settling legal disputes between States submitted to it by them and giving advisory opinions on legal matters referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and specialized agencies.

***United Nations Commission of Human Rights.*** Geneva, Switzerland: The Commission, 2007-.

Web: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/chr/index.htm>

The Commission was established in 1946 to weave the international legal fabric that protects our fundamental rights and freedoms. Composed of 53 States members, its brief expanded over time to allow it to respond to the whole range of human rights problems and it set standards to govern the conduct of States. It also acted as a forum where countries large and small, non-governmental groups and human rights defenders from around the world voiced their concerns. During its regular annual session in Geneva, for which over 3,000 delegates from member and observer States and from non-governmental organizations participated, the Commission adopted about a hundred resolutions, decisions and Chairperson's statements on matters of relevance to individuals in all regions and circumstances. It was assisted in this work by the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, a number of working groups and a network of individual experts, representatives and rapporteurs mandated to report to it on specific issues.

## INTERNET DIRECTORIES

There numerous sites related to human rights legal research. Because the Internet is constantly evolving, documenting a list of all of these sites would rapidly become obsolete. Therefore, the sites listed below are comprehensive and up-to-date directories that researchers can use to find scholarly human rights resources on the web.

***Derechos Human Rights.*** San Leandro, CA

Web: <http://www.derechos.net/links/>

*Derechos Human Rights* is an international organization working for the respect and promotion of human rights all over the world. Our work consists on educating the public about human rights and human rights violations; on investigating human rights abuses, including their causes, development and consequences; on contributing to the development of international and national human rights law and the rule of law; on preserving the memory of the victims of human rights violations and fighting against the impunity of human rights violators; and on carrying out hands-on projects of assistance to human rights NGOs, activists and victims of human rights or humanitarian law violations. *Derechos* works with national and international human rights organizations and activists all over the world, though our current focus is Latin America. *Derechos* was born as an internet-based organization, with members in the United States, Latin America and Europe. The organization maintains a comprehensive directory of links on all aspects of human rights and social justice.

***Human Rights Library.*** Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota,

Web: <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>

The Human Rights Library houses one of the largest collections of more than ten thousand core human rights documents, including several hundred human rights treaties and other primary international human rights instruments. The site also provides access to thousands of links and a unique search device for multiple human rights sites. Documents are available in five languages - Arabic, English, French, Russian, and Spanish and supplied Documents in the University of Minnesota Human Rights Library are supplied in one or more of three formats: HTML, plain text, and/or PDF.

***HuriSearch.*** Geneva: Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems, International, 1982-.

Web: <http://www.hurisearch.org/>

HuriSearch is the only comprehensive search engine specialized in human rights information. Its specific objectives are to provide human rights professionals with a powerful web research tool, to increase the visibility of information published by human rights organizations, in particular small local organizations with first-hand information, and to encourage webmasters to use metadata systematically, thus making human rights information searching much more reliable and efficient. The database provides direct access to the content of over 4,400 human rights web sites with more than 3,200,000 pages indexed.

***Women's Human Rights Resources Database.*** Toronto, CA: Bora Laskin Law Library, 2004-.

Web: <http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/diana/whrr/>

This database lists hundreds of resources, such as articles, documents, and links, related to international women's rights law. Annotations describe the content of each resource. Users can search by keyword and author as well as browse by women's rights topic. Full-text documents are provided where available. Phrase searching occurs automatically when two or more search terms are used. Use Boolean operators "and," "or," "not". To combine a keyword and subject search use the subject drop down menu. Subjects covered related to women's human rights include armed conflict, economic globalization, indigenous women, marriage, migration, property law and housing rights, reproductive rights, and violence against women.