

The purpose of this guide is to list and describe selected reference tools that should be consulted when conducting research on the Middle East as it relates to issues of politics, religious ideology, public policy, international relations, and economics. All the sources are located in the USC Library system. To search for books, conference proceedings, and other monographs associated with social justice issues, search HOMER, the online library catalog [<http://library.usc.edu/>]. For periodical 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 *Human Rights*, *International Relations*, and *International Law*, are also available and should be consulted when appropriate to your topic. Please consult a reference librarian if you need further research assistance.

GUIDES

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.

Mannes, Aaron. *Profiles in Terror: The Guide to Middle East Terrorist Organizations*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2004.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] HV6433 .M5M35 2004

This reference book profiles twenty terrorist organizations operating in the Middle East and the regional groups that are affiliated with them, from Al-Qaeda, Abu Nidal, Hamas, and Hizbullah to the Kurdistan Workers' Party, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the Palestine Liberation Organization, along with more than a dozen affiliated organizations. Each profile includes detailed descriptions of the group's ideology and objectives, historical background, leadership, organization, external relations and financial support, areas of operations, targets and tactics, chronology of major events and attacks, and additional resources and references. Serving both the novice and the expert, Profiles in Terror is both clear and easy to understand, yet simultaneously highly detailed and informative.

Nanji, Azim A., ed. *The Muslim Almanac: A Reference Work on the History, Faith, Culture, and Peoples of Islam*. Detroit, MI: Gale Research, 1996.

Doheny Library [Reference]; Leavey Library [Lower Commons] BP40 .M83 1996

The Almanac provides comprehensive coverage of the religion, lifestyles, politics, culture, and history of Islamic societies from the birth of Muhammad to the present. Subject chapters offer insight into a broad range of topics, including beliefs and practices, branches of Islam, holy lands and shrines, spiritual life, literature, art and many others. The work is illustrated with approximately 350 photographs, maps, charts, and tables.

Reich, Bernard, ed. *Handbook of Political Science Research on the Middle East and North Africa*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1998.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] JQ1758 .A58

Facilitating research on Middle Eastern and North African politics, this volume contains chapters describing the post-World War II research on the politics of the states and of the Palestinians of the region. The literature on international relations of the region is reviewed and the approach to political economy is discussed. Written by experts on their respective subjects, the chapters also identify the gaps in the literature and fruitful areas for future research. The chapter references constitute a strong bibliography for those seeking to study the politics of the region. Annotations enable the reader to better select works for further research. This volume provides a complete analysis of the state of the field, an agenda for future research, and a detailed, annotated bibliography of the best research published. Written by experts, each chapter reads like a bibliographic essay. History, politics, demographics, and more are often treated in detail and fully explained.

DICTIONARIES

Gresh, Alain and Dominique Vidal. *The New A-Z of the Middle East*. New York : I. B. Tauris, 2004.

VKC Library [Reference] DS43 .G742 2004x

An indispensable guide to political conflict in today's Middle East--revised to include the recent developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Packed with facts, figures and brilliantly informed background analysis, this is an essential, highly readable guide to the political struggles in today's Middle East. Written by two experts on the region, this up-to-date and much-needed handbook provides the vital keys required in understanding the various social, religious and economic trends, political events and personalities that have shaped its destiny. Covering all the principal issues that have affected the region since the break-up of the Ottoman Empire, the book takes into account recent developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict, as well as the current crisis in Iraq, reformist movements in Iran, and the status of political Islam throughout the region.

Hiro, Dilip. *The Essential Middle East: A Comprehensive Guide*. New York: Carroll and Graf, 2003.

VKC Library [Bookstacks]; Leavey Library [Bookstacks] DS43 .H57 2003

Completely revised, updated, and expanded to reflect change in the Middle East since the first edition was published in 1996, this dictionary brings one of the most tumultuous regions of the world to our fingertips with this easy-to-read authoritative book. This dictionary includes definitions of terms related to: Arab-Israeli Wars, Biographies, Christianity and Christian Sects, Civil Wars, Country Profiles, Ethnic Groups, Government, Gulf Wars, Historical Places, History, Hostages, International Agreements and Treaties, Islam and Islamic Sects, Judaism and Jewish Sects, Languages, Literary Personalities, Military

and Military Leaders, Nonconventional and Nuclear Weapons, Oil and Gas, Peace Process, Politics, Regional Conflicts, Religion, Terrorism, Tourist Destinations, United Nations, and more.

Historical Dictionary Series. Metachun, NJ: Scarecrow Press.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] call numbers vary

Listed below alphabetically under the country name, region, or concept, these dictionaries provide an excellent starting point for learning about the historical development of a nation, its key leaders, cultural concepts, politics, the economy, and social, cultural, and religious aspects of nationhood. An extensive bibliography to more specialized sources is provided in each volume. Note that volumes in this series are located in the Public Reference section of the VKC Library and the Leavey Library bookstacks or Lower Commons, unless otherwise noted. Only the most recent editions of each title are provided.

The A to Z of the Persian Gulf War, 1990-1991. Clayton R. Newell. 2007.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DS79.72.N48 2007

Historical Dictionary of Afghanistan. 3rd ed. Ludwig S. Adamec, 2003.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DS356 .A27 2003

Historical Dictionary of Algeria. 3rd ed. Phillip Chiviges Naylor and Alf Andrew Heggoy, 2006.

Doheny Library [Bookstacks] DT283.7 .N39 2006

Historical Dictionary of Egypt. 3rd ed. Arthur Goldschmidt. 2003.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DT75 .G65

Historical Dictionary of the Gulf States. Malcolm C. Peck. 1997.

VKC Library [Bookstacks]; Leavey Library [Lower Commons] DS247 .A15P43

Historical Dictionary of Islamic Fundamentalist Movements in the Arab World: Iran and Turkey. Ahmad Moussalli. 1999.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] BP60 .M36

Historical Dictionary of Iran. John H. Lorentz. 2007.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DS270 .L67

Historical Dictionary of Islam. Ludwig W. Adamec. 2001.

Doheny Library [Bookstacks]; Leavey Library [Lower Commons] BP50 .A33

Historical Dictionary of Israel. Bernard Reich. 1992.

VKC Library [Bookstacks]; Leavey Library [Bookstacks] DS126.5 .R38

Historical Dictionary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. P. Gubser. 1991.

VKC Library [Bookstacks]; Grand Library [Bookstacks] DS154 .G83

Historical Dictionary of Lebanon. As'ad AbuKhalil. 1998.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DS80.9 .A28

Historical Dictionary of Libya. 4th ed. Ronald Bruce St. John, 2006.

Doheny Library [Bookstacks] DT223.3 .S7

Historical Dictionary of Morocco. 2nd ed. Thomas K. Park, 2006.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DT313.7 .P37

Historical Dictionary of Palestine. Nafez Y. Nazzal and Laila A. Nazzal. 1997.

VKC Library [Bookstacks]; Grand Library [Bookstacks] DS102.8 .N397

Historical Dictionary of Saudi Arabia. 2nd ed. J.E. Peterson. 2003.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DS221 .P48

Historical Dictionary of the Sudan. 3rd ed. Carol Fluehr-Lobban, Richard A. Lobban, and John Obert Voll. 2002.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DT155.3 .V64

Historical Dictionary of Syria. 2nd ed. David Commins, 2004.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DS94.9 .C66

Historical Dictionary of Tunisia. 2nd ed. Kenneth J. Perkins, 1997.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DT244 .P47

Historical Dictionary of Turkey. 2nd ed. Metin Heper, 2002.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DR436 .H47

Historical Dictionary of Yemen. Robert D. Burrowes. 1995.
VKC Library [Bookstacks]; Leavey Library [Lower Commons] DS247 .Y45B87

Historical Dictionary of Zionism. Rafael Medoff and Chaim I. Waxman, 2000.
Doheny Library [Bookstacks] DS149 .M375

Reich, Bernard and David H. Goldberg. ***Political Dictionary of Israel.*** Metachun, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 2000.

VKC Library [Bookstacks] DS126.5 .R385 2000

This companion book to the *Historical Dictionary of Israel* book provides, in a single source, a comprehensive and up-to-date reference volume with detailed information about every aspect of the political life of contemporary Israel, as well as serving as a guide to the complexities and nuances of contemporary Israeli politics. It provides comprehensive information about the various diplomatic and political personalities, institutions, organizations, events, concepts, and documents that together define the political life of the Jewish state. The Dictionary offers extensive information and can serve as a starting point for further research on the topic through its detailed biographical references.

Ziring, Lawrence. ***The Middle East: A Political Dictionary.*** Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-Clio, 1992.

VKC Library [Reference]; Leavey Library [Lower Commons] DS61 .Z58

This book identifies terms, events, characteristics, movements, and institutions that describe the Middle East during the last half of the 20th Century. Special consideration is given to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Items are arranged alphabetically within seven chapters: Political Geography and Geopolitics, Islam, Ethnicity and Political Culture, Political Parties and Movements, Israelis and Palestinians, Diplomacy, and Conflict. Each of the 275 entries include a section devoted to analyzing and interpreting the current and historical relevance of the term. This enhancement of the definitions is very useful to the user. The Dictionary includes cross-referencing and an index of entries and other terms referred to in the text.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Esposito, John L., ed. ***The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World.*** 4 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

VKC Library [Reference]; Leavey Library [Lower Commons]; Doheny Library [Reference]
DS35.53 .O95

This unique reference is the first comprehensive encyclopedia dedicated to the institutions, religion, politics, and culture in Muslim societies throughout the world. Placing particular emphasis on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the Encyclopedia contains over 750 articles in four volumes. The focus throughout is on the Islamic dimension of the Muslim experience in recent history, and background articles ground the information in its historical context and ensure continuity. Entries address political and social action as well as formal texts, and emphasis is placed on the practice and theory of Islam in Muslim societies around the globe. This work looks at Muslim societies in the Arab heartland as well as in South and Southeast Asia, and even in Europe and the Americas. Thus it is an invaluable resource offering extensive comparative and systematic analyses of Islamic beliefs, institutions, movements, practices, and peoples on an international scale. Topical categories covered include history and geography; schools of thought; religious beliefs; theology and philosophy; mysticism; religious practice, devotionism, and ritual; religious law; politics; economics; culture and society; and biographies. Alphabetically arranged articles range from brief 500-word essays to major interpretive and synthetic treatments of topics such as the Islamic state, pilgrimage, law, marriage, and foreign relations. Related entries cover such topics as social

and political movements, women, Muslim minorities, human rights, Islam in the West, and interreligious affairs.

Gibb, Hamilton A. R. *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*. 40 vols anticipated. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1954-.
Doheny Library [Reference] DS37 .E523

A revised edition of what is considered to be one of the most important reference works in English on Islamic subjects, this encyclopedia containing signed articles, with bibliographies, on subjects in biography, history, geography, religious beliefs, institutions, manners and customs, tribes, industries, sciences, and language. Covers the old Arab-Islamic empire, Iran, the Islamic countries of Central Asia, the Indian sub-continent and Indonesia, the Ottoman Empire and all modern Islamic states. Emphasis is placed on economic and social topics and on artistic production. Geographical material includes separate articles on towns and larger political divisions in the Ottoman Empire and in foreign countries in which Islam is of importance. Cross references are included.

Mattar, Philip, ed. *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa*. 2nd ed. 4 vols.
Detroit, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 2004.
Online Book DS43 .E53 2004eb

With nearly 600 new entries and 1000 updates, this second edition reflects the far-reaching changes this area has undergone in recent years, making it more relevant and more necessary than ever before. Much has changed in the past eight years, and the need for information generated by the recent events and the military action in Afghanistan and Iraq makes this unbiased revision essential. The Encyclopedia covers the modern history of the Middle East and North Africa with major sections on Colonialism and Imperialism, the World Wars, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the United Nations' involvement in the region. Also covered are Gender, Languages, the Arts, and Religion. Each country in the region is reviewed, detailing its population, economy, and government. With 3,000 non-partisan articles written by specialists in anthropology, history, political science, religion, and social sciences, ranging from 200-word biographies to 9000-word essays, this set presents a historical context within which to understand the current events of the Middle East and North Africa. The Encyclopedia assists in understanding the people, places, events, and ideas that have shaped the Middle East and North Africa since the Nineteenth century. The work is the only reference of its kind to focus specifically on the modern history and politics of the Middle East and North Africa, covering Muslim and non-Muslim countries. Its articles support general research in history, political science, conflict resolution, religion, literature, languages, geography, economics, and international trade.

Mattar, Philip. *Encyclopedia of the Palestinians*. New York: Facts on File, 2000.
Doheny Library [Reference] DS113.6 .E53

Arranged alphabetically, the Encyclopedia covers three broad periods of Palestinian history—late Ottoman (1831-1917), British rule (1917-1948), and modern (1948-present)—but is weighed in favor of analyzing the 20th Century. The volume contains approximately 400 entries, about one third of which are biographical profiles of key leaders, range in length from a few paragraphs to several pages. Each entry includes a bibliography of further readings. A glossary, extensive chronology of Palestinian history, and an annotated bibliography are also included. Includes sections devoted to politics and significant events.

The Middle East and North Africa. London: Europa Publications, 1964/65-. Annual.
VKC Library [Reference] DS49 .M51

This volume provides a general survey of the Middle East and North Africa with authoritative essays on issues of contemporary interest. Part II provides comprehensive information on the United Nations and the other major organizations active in the region. Part III contains country surveys arranged in alphabetical order and discussing the following topics: geography, history, politics and government, and the economy.

Each essay concludes with a statistical survey of current demographic, economic, and social data and a directory covering the constitution, government, legislature, political organizations, diplomatic representation, judicial system, religion, press, publishers, radio and television, finance, trade and industry, transport, tourism, atomic energy, defense, education. This is an excellent resource for up-to-date information on a particular country in the region. Other regional directories are also available.

Mostyn, Trevor and Albert Hourani, eds. *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the Middle East and North Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1988.

VKC Library [Reference]; Leavey Library [Lower Commons]; Doheny Library [Reference] DS44 .C37 1988

Although a somewhat older resource about the Middle East, this work offers a good overview of various subject areas for the region, including a brief survey by major periods in history; culture, religion, literature, arts, music, Islamic science, Islamic law; economics (with statistics as current as 1986). Part five provides an analysis of individual countries and part six is a survey of "peoples without a country," such as the Kurds, Armenians, and Palestinians.

Political Handbook of the World. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1975-. Annual.

VKC Library [Reference] JF37 .P769

Arranged alphabetically by country, this directory provides brief articles describing government and politics, the heads of state, political parties, legislature, cabinet, and news media of all countries in the world. Appendices include chronologies of major international events and conferences. Also covers intergovernmental organizations. The appendices provide a chronology of major international events, major UN conferences, and UN membership. Contents are indexed by geographical or organizational name as well as personal name.

Simon, Reeva S., Philip Mattar, and Richard W. Bulliet, eds. *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East*. 4 vols. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1996.

VKC Library [Reference] DS43 .E53

This four volume encyclopedia is designed to be a ready reference tool about the Middle East since 1800. It includes a broad range of topics encompassing the political, historical, social, economic, and cultural influences in the Middle East as well as people, places, and events. The work includes close to 4,000 articles written by scholars on the Middle East and attempts to represent a rich variety of views. The history of Israel and Zionism are included with those of the Arab and Islamic countries of the region which is a first in a work of this scope. Special attention is given to describing minority groups often given little coverage in other sources on this region. The editors have provided numerous cross-references throughout the text, at the end of the articles, and in the index. The fourth volume includes Genealogies and Lines of Succession for rulers, a Biographical Entries by Category section, and a 185 page index.

BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES

Reich, Bernard, ed. *Political Leaders of the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa: A Biographical Dictionary*. New York: Greenwood Press, 1990.

VKC Library [Reference] DS61.5 .P65

This volume profiles seventy men and women who have had a significant impact on the political development of the Arabic-speaking countries of the Middle East and North Africa, Iran, Israel, and Turkey since the World War II. Entries are alphabetical and include biographical details, analyses of the individuals' personal development and impact on the political evolution of their countries, and short

bibliographies of works by and about the entrants . Essays by fifty-two scholars and other specialists range in length from four to twelve pages. The volume also includes a chronology of events from 1869 to 1989, a short bibliography of general works on the political elite of the region, notes on each contributor, an index by country of the personalities included, and a general index listing each person profiled as well as events, other persons mentioned in the entries, organizations, and places.

Shimoni, Yaacov. *The Biographical Dictionary of the Middle East*. New York: Facts On File, 1991.
VKC Library [Reference]; Doheny Library [Reference] DS62.4 .B56 1991

This work provides the reader with approximately 500 biographies of leaders who have played a key role in the present and past of the Middle East. These include kings and rulers, heads of government, party leaders, religious figures, revolutionaries, and military leaders. They are profiled from the point of view of their influence on the political scene of the region. Some leading writers and journalists who influenced the intellectual climate and political opinions have also been included. The Dictionary is arranged in alphabetical order with a glossary of terms at the beginning of the book. Includes photographs of many individuals, a family tree of the Hashemite Dynasty and the Egyptian ruling dynasty, a maps of the region, and a list of delegates to the 1991 Madrid Peace Conference.

Who's Who in the Arab World. Beirut: Publitec Editions. 1965/1966-. Semiannual.
VKC Library [Reference] D198.3 .W5

This biographical directory is divided into three distinct parts. Part I includes approximately 6,000 biographical profiles of professionals, leaders, and government personnel in the Arab world. Entries are brief but outline an individual's personal life, career, and professional accomplishments. Part II is a methodical and concise study of the nineteen Arab countries from the standpoint of geography, history, constitution, government, accredited embassies, economy, commerce, banks, transportation, and news media. Brief statistical tables are also provided here. Part III examines specific issues associated with the region with an emphasis placed on peace and conflict in the region. The work includes an index of biographies by profession and country, a list of common abbreviations, and a select bibliography of books.

COUNTRY INFORMATION

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

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.

International Year Book and Statesmen's Who's Who. Surrey, UK: Bowker-Saur, 1953-. Annual.
VKC Library [Reference] JA51 .I57

The *Yearbook* provides information on the dynamics of over 370 countries, states and territories, including their political and economic set-up, demographics, industries, transport, media, health, education and legal systems, religions and public holidays. The newest edition contains information on chambers of commerce, departments of trade and industry, trade councils and embassies of key trading partners, making it easier to do business overseas. Among the 8,000 prominent people included in this directory are 3,600 politicians, 1,200 diplomats, 500 top business people, 400 legal professionals and 200 top media figures. It tells you who's who, how to contact them, their personal details, where they were educated, a summary of their career, which clubs and organizations they belong to and even what awards they have won. An expanded biographical section in recent editions includes the leading executives of the top companies world-wide, members of the UN, publishing and media senior executives, cabinet ministers, members of the EU Commission, top economists, political leaders, and religious leaders. The book also contains information about international and national organizations, including key people, history, aims, membership and activities and who serves on the committees and which publications have been produced.

Political Handbook of the World. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1975-. Annual.
VKC Library [Reference] JF37 .P769

Arranged alphabetically by country, this directory provides brief articles describing government and politics, the heads of state, political parties, legislature, cabinet, and news media of all countries in the world. Appendices include chronologies of major international events and conferences. Also covers intergovernmental organizations. The appendices provide a chronology of major international events, major UN conferences, and UN membership. Contents are indexed by geographical or organizational name as well as personal name.

The Statesman's Yearbook: The Politics, Cultures, and Economies of the World. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1864-. Annual.
VKC Library [Reference] JA51 .S797

Each annual edition offers an encompassing view of the world. Each country entry includes information on the following topics: key historical events, territory and population, social statistics, climate, constitution and government, recent elections, current administration, defense, international relations, the economy, energy and natural resources, industry, international trade, communications, social institutions, culture, diplomatic representatives, and an extended bibliography. Each edition also includes specially commissioned reports on topical issues written by experts in the field. The book also includes an up-to-date color map of the world and flag illustrations for all the countries. Includes an index of places and names.

EVENTS AND CHRONOLOGIES

Keesing's Record of World Events. London: Longman, 1931-. Weekly.
VKC Library [Reference] D410 .K4

Continuing *Keesing's Contemporary Archives*, this resource track world events culled from the world's press and information services. *Keesing's* distills political, economic and social events into concise, detailed reports. Events are edited down to essential information. Coverage includes issues such as assassinations and their consequences, acts of terrorism, coups, elections and referendums with results

including listings of new cabinet members, major political appointments, economic trends and accords, national budgets and deficits, and reports on actions taken by international organizations. The front page of any issue of *Keesing's Record of World Events* gives the user an overview of the events covered in that issue. Each issue is indexed by country, international organization, and significant international events. In addition, two cumulative name and subject indexes are included with each annual volume. Published weekly, this is a rich source of information on current and historical affairs. Available online from 1960 to the present.

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. This is the best source for locating organizations that study Latin America.

INDEXES AND 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 Middle Eastern affairs from the United Nations and its various sub-organizations.

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

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

The *Alternative Press Index* was launched in 1969 to provide access to the practices and theories of radical social change. The Index is international and interdisciplinary, spanning the social sciences and humanities, with its central focus on the practice and theory of socialism, national liberation, labor, indigenous peoples, gays/lesbians, feminism, ecology, democracy, and anarchism. The index covers approximately 250 alternative, radical, and left-leaning journals, magazines, and newspapers published in North America and a select number from other nations. Citations are arranged by subject and title of article.

ATLA Religion Database. Chicago, IL: American Theological Library Association, 1949-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/17.php

International in scope, this is a comprehensive database designed to support religious and theological scholarship in graduate education and faculty research and represents the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion. Journals are selected for inclusion according to their scholarly merit and scope. Journals representing all the major religious faiths, major denominations, and numerous language groups are included. ATLA's indexing of multi-author works, such as *Festschriften* and conference proceedings, is unique among religion databases. Unlike indexes that catalog books of essays as a single entry, ATLA indexes each individual essay in such works.

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

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/42.php>

CIAO is designed to be the most comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. It provides the full text of a wide range of scholarship that includes books, working papers from universities and research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, and proceedings from conferences. It also provides basic information, economic indicators and maps for all 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.

EconLit. Nashville, TN: American Economic Association, 1969-. Quarterly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/188.php

The American Economic Association's electronic bibliography, *EconLit*, indexes more than thirty years of economics literature from around the world. 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, *Index of Economic Articles in Journals & Collective Volumes* and the full text of the *Journal of Economic Literature* book reviews. EconLit topics 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.

Ethnic NewsWatch. Stamford, CT: Softline Information, Inc., 1985-. Monthly.

Electronic Resources Web Page

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

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 Islamicus. London: Mansell, 1956-1985.

Grand Library [Bookstacks] Z7835 .M6L6

Published by the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, this research tool indexes citations to books and more than 1,300 periodicals, festschriften, and other collections, covering all aspects of Muslim life, past and present, including Arabic studies, archaeology, architecture, arts, scholarship, economics, education, geography, history, law, libraries, sciences, philosophy, politics, religion, social sciences, and theology. Emphasis on social sciences of the Middle East and Islam was expanded as of its 1983 volume. Indexes materials in Western languages only.

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://law.usc.edu/library/resources/foreign.cfm>

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/40.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. Includes full-text access to the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

The Middle East: Abstracts and Index. Library Information and Research Service. Pittsburgh, PA: Northumberland Press, 1978-. Annual.

VKC Library [Reference] DS41 .M44

This index covers anthropology, archeology, art, business, current affairs, economics, education, history, language, literature, music, politics and government, psychology, and sociology. Religion and philosophy are indexed secondarily and only "when they relate historically, politically or sociologically." There are four volumes: Near East, Israel-Palestine, Central Asia-Inner Asia, and Maghreb-Sahel-Horn. Materials indexed include journal articles, editorials, government documents, research reports, press releases, annual reports, speeches, statements, interviews and news conferences, doctoral dissertations, some masters theses, statistics, and current books. Abstracts are provided for major journal articles. Under each section, all classes of materials are listed in a single listing, arranged alphabetically by author. Includes indexes for authors, corporations, named people, and subjects. Each issue contains a list of journals indexed.

PAIS: Public Affairs Information Service. New York: Public Affairs Information Service, 1972-. Monthly.

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.

Sociological Abstracts. San Diego, CA: Sociological Abstracts, Inc., 1957-. Six times per year.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/183.php

International in scope, this is the most comprehensive index to the literature of sociology and related disciplines such as economics, community development, political science and public policy. Annotations are provided for books, selected book chapters, journal articles, and selected papers presented at professional conferences. 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. USC 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. Chester, VT: Readex, 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. The paper collection of the FBIS Daily Reports is located in the VKC Library. It is shelved at the end of the journal stacks under "U.S. FBIS" and subfield by region. Consult the research guide "World Wide Broadcasts & News" at VKC Library for a complete description of the publication history of the Daily Reports and how to access.

Global NewsBank. Chester, VT: Readex, 1966-.

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.

STATISTICS

International Historical Statistics: Africa, Asia and Oceania, 1750-2000. 4th edition.

VKC Library [Reference] HA4675 .M552 2003

These statistical compendiums represent a unique collection of statistics covering a wide range of economic and social issues, reflecting both economic growth and historical development throughout the world. The volume provides key economic and social indicators for the last 250 years. Compiled from over 250 primary sources, including official national and international abstracts, the International Historical Statistics series facilitates quick and easy comparative analysis and is a valuable companion for anyone whose study or work involves the comparison of critical historical facts. The volume is designed to give a comprehensive statistical profile of the economic development of given regions and includes statistics under the following headings: Agriculture, Education, External Trade, Finance, Industry, Labor Force, National Accounts, Population and Vital Statistics, Prices, and Transport and Communications.

Statistical Universe. Bethesda, MD: Congressional Information Service, 1998-.

Electronic Resources Web Page

http://www.usc.edu/e_resources/isd/gateways/434.php

Statistical Universe abstracts include a detailed description of a publication's statistical contents and primary bibliographic information like title, date, collation, agency report number (if any), and periodicity. Whenever possible, the Superintendent of Documents classification number, the Library of Congress card number, the Government Printing Office (GPO) *Monthly Catalog* entry number, the GPO stock number, and the depository item number are also included. The abstract may also contain two hypertext links one to the agency's World Wide Web site where the full text of the publication may be viewed and downloaded and the other to the full text on Statistical Universe, where the publication can be viewed, downloaded and accessed section by section or table by table. Also includes access to the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*.

World Development Indicators. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 1960-. Annual.

Electronic Resources Web Page

<http://was.usc.edu/eresources/isd/gateways/7658.php>

The *World Development Indicators* (WDI) is the World Bank's premier annual compilation of data about development. Each annual volume includes approximately 800 indicators in 85 tables, organized in six sections: world view, people, environment, economy, states and markets, and global links. The tables cover 148 economies and 15 country groups with basic indicators for a further 58 economies. Text providing commentary, definitions and source notes is also included.

INTERNET RESOURCES

Al-Bab: An Open Door to the Arab World.

Web: <http://www.al-bab.com/default.htm>

Al-Bab aims to introduce non-Arabs to the Arabs and their culture. The site consists mainly of links to other sites and pages on the internet but also contains some original material. The links are presented in an organized, structured way which is intended to make information easy to find. The site includes the text of key documents arranged by country, a dictionary of terms, chronologies of Middle Eastern affairs, and a directory of both historical and contemporary regional and country maps.

Arab World Online. Washington, DC: National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, 1997-.

Web: <http://www.awo.net/>

Arab World Online is an online information resource directory that claims to access directly “to virtually every aspect of the Arab world.” Created to provide value-added content, the service is focused on attracting users of all types and with any interests in Middle Eastern affairs. By providing resources at one location, our search engines enable users to generate information on their field of interest. Includes links to individual country information and a comprehensive list of U.S. and international organizations. This organization also sponsors 1001Sites.com site, which is a comprehensive directory of web resources related to the Arab world.

ArabicNews.com. ArabicNews.com, 2000. Daily.

Web: <http://www.arabicnews.com/>

ArabicNews.com is the leading source of Internet news Contains letters to the editor, recipes, book reviews, event information about the Arab world, with comprehensive coverage from the Middle East to North Africa. The political, business and cultural news reports about the region are supplemented by interesting and useful features, such as currency, travel, business, and event information. The site also includes book reviews. This is a good site to visit for finding the latest news on topics of interest in the Middle East.

Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law. London: University of London, Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law, 1997-.

Web: <http://www.soas.ac.uk/Centres/IslamicLaw/Materials.html>

The purpose of the Centre is the promotion of the study and understanding of Islamic law and modern Middle East legal systems, individually and comparatively, by encouragement of research and by means of lectures, publications, conferences, seminars, academic visits and exchanges and other related activities. This site serves this mission by providing a comprehensive list of links to resources on the Internet devoted to analyzing Islamic and Middle Eastern law. Particularly useful are the links to government sites and constitutional law of Middle Eastern countries.

Middle Eastern Studies World Wide Web Server. Austin, TX: University of Texas, 1997-.

Web: <http://menic.utexas.edu/>

Established in 1969, the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin sponsors a directory of Internet links to resources on all aspects of Middle Eastern research and study, including links with sites in the Middle East and other Middle East studies centers. The left hand column links to specific country information with other links subdivided by broad subject categories such as politics and government. An excellent site.