Rule of Law Seminar—Spring 2013

Finding Books

- **POLAR**: [http://polar.onu.edu/](http://polar.onu.edu/)
  - Online catalog shared between Taggart Law Library and Heterick Memorial Library
  - Searchable by keyword, title, author, subject, and other methods (see example below)
    - Some subject headings you might use for searches include (you can also add the name of a country or region; e.g., Rule of law—Afghanistan):
      - Democracy
      - Democratization
      - Judicial review
      - Political questions and judicial power
      - Rule of law
  - Non-reserve materials can be checked out for an entire semester without renewal

- **OhioLINK**: [http://www.ohiolink.edu/](http://www.ohiolink.edu/)
  - Consortium of college and university libraries throughout Ohio
  - Accessible right from POLAR
  - Patron-initiated borrowing system (you can request items yourself)
  - Most items delivered to Circulation Desk within 4-5 business days
  - OhioLINK materials are loaned for a 3-week period and can be renewed up to 6 times (up to a maximum of 21 weeks) through “My Library Account” in POLAR
Interlibrary Loan (ILL): http://law.onu.edu/library/library_services/interlibrary_loan
- For items you need that are not available through POLAR or OhioLINK
- Staff-initiated borrowing system that accesses libraries across the country (you need to ask a librarian to borrow items through ILL)
- Depending on item requested, turnaround time is generally 1-2 weeks

Finding Journal Articles

POLAR
- Print holdings of law reviews, journals, and other periodicals
- Serials Solutions—links to electronic databases that have the journal in full text
  - Search by journal title and look for the record in POLAR that says “(Online)”—see example below for the American Journal of Comparative Law

Electronic Resources: Available through the library's web page
- Indexes: Use these indexes to find citations to articles on a particular topic or subject you are researching
  - Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals
    - Indexes articles from legal literature worldwide, covering all forms of foreign (non-Anglo-American) law back to 1985; available in HeinOnline
  - Index to Legal Periodicals
    - Indexes articles from legal periodicals, mostly from U.S. and other English-speaking countries
    - Selected full-text coverage from 1995 on; retrospective articles from 1908-1981 also available here
  - LegalTrac
    - Indexes articles from legal periodicals, including major law reviews, legal newspapers, bar association journals, and international legal journals, back to 1980.
    - Selected articles in full-text
Full Text Sources

- **HeinOnline**
  - Full-text legal periodical articles dating back to volume 1 in PDF format (see example from volume 22 of the *Michigan Journal of International Law* below)
  - Articles can be found by citation, or by searching for author, title, date, or keywords in full-text

- **JSTOR**
  - Full-text articles in other disciplines, such as history, economics, political science, sociology, etc; also in PDF format (see example from *Europe-Asia Studies* below)
- **Google Scholar**
  - Searches scholarly publications, including books, journal articles, and working papers; some materials available directly online, while others can be found in subscription databases. OLinks linking service can show the availability of material in print and in online sources. [http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)
  
- **Lexis and Westlaw** also have full-text coverage of legal and other periodicals, although not in PDF format, and usually only for more current volumes/issues
  - ILL (if not available in these other sources)
    - Individual journal articles will not be available through OhioLINK, so they must be requested through ILL

**Finding Primary Sources and Other Documents**

- **Foreign Law**: Some print and electronic sources to help you get started in finding the laws of foreign countries include:
  
  **Constitution Finder**: Online database from the University of Richmond that offers links to online versions of constitutions, amendments, and other provisions of nations around the world. Available at [http://confinder.richmond.edu/](http://confinder.richmond.edu/)

ECOLEX: Information service on environmental law, operated jointly by FAO, IUCN and UNEP. Database includes information on treaties, international soft-law and other non-binding policy and technical guidance documents, national legislation, judicial decisions, and law and policy literature. Available at [http://www.ecolex.org](http://www.ecolex.org)


K 38.R49 1989—Law Reference

Also available online at: [http://www.foreignlawguide.com/ip/](http://www.foreignlawguide.com/ip/)


K 85.G47 1991—Law Reference

GlobaLex: A wide variety of research guides on the laws of individual countries, as well as guides on international and comparative law. Available through the NYU School of Law at [http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html](http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html)

Global Legal Information Network (GLIN): Public database of laws, regulations, judicial decisions, and other complementary legal sources contributed by governmental agencies and international organizations. Some full-text availability; documents in English and other languages. Available at [http://www.glin.gov/](http://www.glin.gov/) (Note: an updated web page is forthcoming and will be available soon.)


Lexis/Nexis: The laws of some foreign countries are available by following the “Find Laws by Country or Region” link.

NATLEX: Database of national labor, social security and related human rights legislation maintained by the ILO’s International Labor Standards Department; provides abstracts of legislation and relevant citation information, indexed by keywords and by subject classifications. Available at [http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex_browse.home](http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex_browse.home)

WashLaw Foreign and International Web: Provides links to primary foreign and international legal resources, organized by region and subject. Available through the Washburn University School of Law at [http://www.washlaw.edu/forint/index.html](http://www.washlaw.edu/forint/index.html)

Westlaw: The laws of some foreign countries are available through the “International/Worldwide Materials” link.
World Constitutions Illustrated: Includes the current constitution for every country in its original language format and an English translation, as well as substantial constitutional histories for many countries. It also includes constitutional periodicals, classic books, other related works such as the World Fact Book, links to scholarly articles and online resources, and bibliographic references. Available in HeinOnline at http://heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=cow

World Legal Information Institute (World LII): A collaborative project to provide free, independent, and non-profit-access to worldwide law. This database can be searched by keyword, subject, and country or region. http://www.worldlii.org/

- **Newspaper Articles**
  - **POLAR**
    - Print/microform holdings of newspapers
    - Serials Solutions—links to electronic databases that contain that newspaper in full text
      - Search by title and look for the record in POLAR that says "(Online)"
  - Lexis and Westlaw also have varying coverage of different newspapers in their news databases (see examples below and on next page)

![Africa news sources in WestlawNext](image)
Other Documents (Treaties, etc.)

- **POLAR**
  - Print holdings—sometimes links to electronic sources (e.g. CFR—GPO Access, etc.)

- **Electronic Databases**
  - **HeinOnline**
    - Search or browse exact page image collections of the CFR, Federal Register, Treaties & Agreements, Statutes at Large, State Session Laws, U.S. Attorney General Opinions, and more
  
  - **EISIL (Electronic System for International Law)**
    - Produced by the American Society for International Law, this database allows researchers to easily locate high quality primary source materials, authoritative websites, and helpful research guides dealing with many international law topics on the Internet.  [http://www.eisil.org/](http://www.eisil.org/) (See screenshot on next page)
- **Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO)**
  - Publishes scholarship in international affairs from 1991-present, including working papers, books, journals, briefs, and case studies (see example below)

Search results for “Nigeria and oil.” Searches can be limited by subject, region, date, or type of content by using ‘advanced search.’

CIAO suggests ‘related searches’ that may be pertinent to your research.

- OhioLINK or ILL (if you can’t find what you need)
Selected Internet Resources

**American Bar Association (ABA) Rule of Law Initiative:** A public service project of the ABA dedicated to promoting the rule of law around the world. Website contains a variety of geographically and topically organized information and publications.  
http://apps.americanbar.org/rol/

**Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL):** This research center at Stanford University seeks to "...promote innovative and practical research on the design and implementation of policies to foster democracy, to promote balanced and sustainable growth, and to advance the rule of law in countries undergoing dramatic change." Website contains news, research, and other publications.  
http://cddrl.stanford.edu/

**Eldis:** Website sponsored by the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex seeking to "...share the best in development policy, practice, and research." Contains over 26,000 documents all available for free download, including topical resource guides and country profiles.  
http://www.eldis.org/

**International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES):** An international NGO specializing in democracy development and election assistance. Website contains a variety of research and publications.  
http://www.ifes.org

**Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR):** Office within the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) that is active in the areas of election observation, democratic development, human rights, tolerance and non-discrimination, and the rule of law. Website includes a variety of documents and publications in these areas.  
http://www.osce.org/odihr/

**Open Society Justice Initiative:** A program of the Open Society Institute, this organization "...pursues law reform activities grounded in the protection of human rights, and contributes to the development of legal capacity for open societies worldwide." Website contains a variety of publications and resources in such areas as criminal justice reform, freedom of information, and others.  
http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice

**Transparency International:** A global civil society organization fighting against corruption; website includes a variety of information, including regionally organized pages, policy and research, tools, and publications.  
http://www.transparency.org/

**World Bank Law and Development:** Topical resource page from the World Bank with information about justice for the poor, law and justice institutions, and more. Website contains a variety of tools and publications, including a variety of data.  
http://www.worldbank.org/legal
Citation and Writing Resources

  
  *KF 250.V6 2010—Law Reference and Law Reserve (multiple copies)*

- **Guide to Foreign and International Legal Citations**, 2nd ed. NYU School of Law.
  
  *K 89.G85 2009—Law Reference and Law North*

- **Legal Reasoning, Research, and Writing for International Graduate Students**, 2nd ed. Nadia E. Nedzel.
  

- **Legal Writing for International Students: A U.S. Legal Writing Textbook for ESL/ESP Students and Practitioners of Law and Business**, Susan Reid.
  
  *KF 250.R43 2005—Law North*

- **Legal Writing: Getting it Right and Getting it Written**, 5th ed. Mary Barnard Ray and Jill J. Ramsfield.
  
  *KF 250.R39 2010—Law Reserve*

  
  *KF 250.F35 2011—Law Reference and Law Reserve*

  
  *KF 245.B37 2007—Law Reference*

  
  *KF 245.D85 2010—Law Reference and Law Reserve*

- If you have questions or need help with locating or using any of these resources, please ask a librarian for help. We are ready to assist you with your research!