Foreign Law Research: Selected Resources

RESEARCH TIPS
Search laws of individual countries in Westminster Law Library
http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library > click Library Catalog and type the country name in a word search. If you are searching for specific topical legislation, see Topical section below. Do not assume LexisNexis and Westlaw have comprehensive country databases.

SUMMARIES & DIGESTS OF FOREIGN LAWS
Comprehensive Collections


   GLIN, Global Legal Information Network:
Selected full text and abstracts of laws from the Library of Congress.

   Government Gazettes Online:
http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/gazettes/.

   LLRX.com Country Guides:
Legal research guides for selected countries.


or http://www.foreignlawguide.com/. Lists major sources for codes, session laws, court reports and gazettes. References to English language sources when available, as well as Internet links.

   Westminster Law Library at

WorldLII, World Legal Information Institutes:  

LexisNexis AND WESTLAW

LexisNexis (See up-to-date listings in Find-A-Source):  
Enter LexisNexis Custom I.D., password, and click SIGN ON. On right  
frame under “Research,” click LexisNexis. At main menu, click LEGAL  
tab:

Under Area of Law by Topic, click International Law. Scroll and click  
Find Laws by Country or Region.

WESTLAW (See up-to-date listings in IDEN):  
Sign on to Westlaw and click Directory. Click International/Worldwide  
Materials.

Topical

Portfolios.  Level 3 KF6289.A1 T35  
Detailed information on investment in selected countries.

Commercial Laws of the World.  Ormond Beach, Fla.: Foreign Tax Law  
Association.  Loose leaf.  Level 1 K1004.15  
English translations of business, commercial, labor and investment laws.  Coverage varies.

Constitution Finder:  
http://confinder.richmond.edu/.

Constitutions of the Countries of the World.  Albert P. Blaustein & Gisbert H. Flanz,  
K3157.E5C665.  English texts of constitutions and constitutional amendments for selected  
countries.

ECOLEX:  
Environmental laws, UNEP, FAOLEX, ICUN.

Encyclopedia of International Commercial Litigation.  Loose-leaf. The Hague:  

FAOLEX:  
Databases of laws relating to natural resources: agriculture & water.
**Foreign Tax Law Bi-weekly Bulletin.** Ormond Beach, Fla.: Foreign Tax Association.  **Level 1 (Bound) K6.O734 & Level 2 (Current)**

Full text of selected country tax laws.

**Intellectual Property, CLEA: Collection of Laws for Electronic Access, Intellectual Property:**

http://clea.wipo.int/clea/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&2.0


- Civil Procedure: **Level 1 K2205.I57**
- Contracts: **Level 1 K840.I58**
- Criminal Law: **Level 1 K5000.I6**
- Environmental Law: **Level 1 K3585.4 E583**
- Intellectual Property: **Level 1 K1401.I55**
- Private International Law: **Level 1 K7000.I53**
- Property and Trust Law: **Level 1 K720.P7573**
- Transport Law: **Level 1 K4025.4.I58**


Westminster Law Library. **Natural Resources WebLinks at**


**GUIDES TO RESEARCH**


*Researching Foreign & Comparative Law.* Research Guide from the E.B. Williams Library at the Georgetown University Law Center.

http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/foreignguide.htm

An excellent guide covering laws, court decisions, and secondary resources.

**GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS**


World Legal Systems
http://www.droitcivil.uottawa.ca/world-legal-systems/eng-monde.html
Find civil Law, common law, customary law, Muslim law, and mixed systems.

DIRECTORIES

Encyclopedia of Associations – International Organizations. LexisNexis:
Enter LexisNexis Custom I.D., password, and click SIGN ON. On right frame under “Research,” click LexisNexis. At main menu, click LEGAL tab:
Click Reference > Directories > Encyclopedia of Associations. Research this guide to thousands of international nonprofit membership organizations.


PERIODICAL INDEXES

http://law.du.edu/site/code/library/databaserd.php > set template to International and Foreign and click GO. Scroll to Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals.
Worldwide index in multiple languages. No full text available.


LegalTrac. Westminster Law Library
Find 800+ English language legal periodical titles from European Union countries. Selected full text.

LexisNexis (See up-to-date listings in Find-A-Source):


**WESTLAW** (See up-to-date listings in IDEN):

Type the following Database Identifiers separately in “Search for a Database” template on left frame:
- TP-ALL (for law reviews).
- LJI (for Legal Journals Index).

**CITATIONS**

[Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations](http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/).
