

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH RESOURCES

Subject Headings

To find materials on international human rights law, consult the [Library catalogue](#) under the following subject headings:

human rights

[group] human rights

human rights [country or region]

women's rights

children's rights

You can also search by subject for specific organizations or specific human rights instruments, such as conventions or treaties.

Handbooks and Guides

Dinah Shelton, ed., *The Oxford handbook of international human rights law*, 1st ed. (Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2013)

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[eBook via U of T catalogue](#)

Françoise Bouchet-Saulnier, *Practical Guide to Humanitarian Law* 2d ed. (Lanham, Md. : Rowman & Littlefield Pub., 2007).

[KZ6471 .B6813 2007](#)

Victor H. Condé, *A Handbook of International Human Rights Terminology*, 2d ed. (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2004).

[K3239.6 .C659 2004](#)

Janusz Symonides & Vladimir Volodin, eds., *A guide to human rights: Institutions, standards, procedures* (France: UNESCO, 2001).

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0012/001233/123368e.pdf>

Yogesh Tyagi, *The UN Human Rights Committee: practice and procedure* (New York : Cambridge University Press, 2011)

[K3241 .T93 2011](#)

Dictionaries

David Robertson, *A Dictionary of Human Rights, 2d ed.* (London : Europa, 2004).

[K3239.3 .R67 2004](#) Roberts Law Library Storage 1997 edition available electronically
[eBook via UofT Catalogue](#)

Encyclopedias

David P Forsythe, ed., *Encyclopedia of human rights [electronic resource]* (Oxford University Press, 2009).

[eBook via UofT catalog](#)

James R. Lewis & Carl Skutsch, eds., *The human rights encyclopaedia [electronic resource]* (Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 2001).

Contains brief entries on human rights issues by country.

[eBook via UofT catalogue](#)

Directories

Human rights organizations & periodicals directory (Berkeley, Calif., Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute, 1973-)

[KF4741 .H85 REF B](#)

Books

Introductory Books

Thomas Buergenthal, Dinah Shelton & David P. Stewart, *International Human Rights in a Nutshell*, 4th ed. (St. Paul, Minn.: West, 2009).

[K 3240.4 .B82 2009](#)

Mark Freeman & Gibran Van Ert, *International Human Rights Law* (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2004).

[K 3240 .F74 2004](#)

also available as an [eBook via UofT Catalogue](#)

Sarah Joseph & Adam McBeth, eds., *Research handbook on international human rights law* (Cheltenham : Edward Elgar, 2010).

Chapters in this work are written by different authors, each addresses a separate topic. The intent of the work is to provide a grounding in major human rights topics.

[K3240 .R474 2010 Stacks](#)

David Weissbrodt & Connie de la Vega, *International human rights law : an introduction*. (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007).

[K3240 .W45 Stacks](#)

Casebooks & Textbooks

Dinah Shelton, *Regional protection of human rights* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008). Casebook. Devoted primarily to comparing the European, Inter-American and African human rights systems, but does relate regional systems to both national law and the global system for protection of human rights. Basic texts included in a documentary supplement.

[K3240 .S526 2008 Stacks](#)

Rhona K.M Smith, *Textbook on international human rights*, 3d ed. (Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).

[K3240 .S65 Stacks](#)

Henry J. Steiner, Philip Alston & Ryan Goodman, *International human rights in context : law, politics, morals; text and materials*, 3d ed. J, Alston, Philip and Goodman, Ryan. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2008.

Casebook. Examines the evolution of international human rights through primary and secondary sources.

[K3240.6 .S84 2008 STL](#)

James C. Hathaway., *The rights of refugees under international law*. Cambridge, UK ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 2005.

[K3230 .R45 H382 2005](#)

[eBook via UofT catalogue](#)

International Criminal Law

Antonio Cassese, *Cassese's International Criminal Law*, 3rd ed., (Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2013).

[K5000 .C37 2013](#)

Robert J. Currie & Joseph Rikhof, *International & transnational criminal law*, 2nd ed., (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2013).

[K5015.4 .C87 2013](#)

William A. Schabas, *The International Criminal Court : a commentary on the Rome Statute* (Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2010).

[KZ6310.S328 Stacks](#)

Anja Seibert-Fohr, *Prosecuting serious human rights violations* (Oxford, UK : Oxford University Press, 2009).

[K5301 .S45 2009](#)

[eBook via UofT catalogue](#) (Oxford University Press)

Otto Triffterer, *Commentary on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court : observers' notes, article by article*, 2nd ed (Portland, Or: Hart, 2008)

[KZ6310 .C653 2008](#)

Travaux Préparatoires

Travaux Préparatoires are the preparatory works from the drafting and negotiation of a treaty, such as minutes, drafts and reports. They are also used as an interpretive aid in clarifying the intentions or meanings of treaties. Most useful to researchers in this regard are guides to travaux préparatoires. These resources usually track the agreement article by article with references to the locations in the travaux préparatoires relating to the text being discussed. In addition, there are also collections of travaux préparatoires – these are usually published in chronological order, requiring the researcher to collate them to the text of the agreement.

Finding travaux préparatoires

Search the catalogue and periodical indexes by combining the phrase “travaux préparatoires” with keywords identifying the instrument, e.g. “Covenant on Civil and Political Rights”.

Search the website of any bodies established by the treaty, as well as related UN sites. Both will often contain travaux préparatoires.

Search the catalogue and periodical indexes for commentaries or analysis on the instrument, as these works will often cite travaux préparatoires as part of their analysis.

Search the [UN Diplomatic Conferences site](#), which contains official negotiation records for various treaties and conferences in a searchable and browseable interface.

If you are unsuccessful in finding any travaux préparatoires using the name of the treaty, try to find out if there was a conference for negotiation of the instrument, and search using the conference name instead.

Guides to travaux préparatoires

UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Marc J. Bossuyt, *Guide to the "travaux préparatoires" of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* (Dordrecht ; Boston : M. Nijhoff ; Hingham, MA : Distributors for the United States and Canada: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1987).

[K3238.31966 .B67](#)

Manfred Nowak, *U.N. Covenant on Civil and Political Rights : CCPR commentary 2d rev. ed.* (Kehl, Germany; Arlington, Va. : N.P. Engel, 2005).

Detailed analysis of the Covenant referencing case law, practice and academic literature as well as comparative jurisprudence of the European and Inter-American human rights systems.

[K3238.31966 .A3 N68 2005 STL](#)

UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

Lars Adam Rehof, *Guide to the travaux préparatoires of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women* (Dordrecht; Boston: M. Nijhoff Publishers; Norwell, MA, U.S.A.: Sold and distributed in the U.S.A. and Canada by Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1993).

[K3243 .R44 1993 Stacks](#)

Convention on the Status of Refugees 1951

Paul Weis, *The Refugee Convention, 1951 : the travaux préparatoires analysed, with a commentary* (Cambridge; New York: Grotius Publications, 1995).

[K3230 .R45 A34 1995 Stacks](#)

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sharon Detrick, ed., *The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child : a guide to the "Travaux préparatoires"* (Dordrecht ; Boston : M. Nijhoff, 1992).

[K639 .A41989 A38 1992 Stacks](#)

Indexes and Databases

Legal Indexes

For a list of legal indexes please see Bora Laskin library website's ['how to find journals'](#) page. Below is a list of interdisciplinary indexes useful for international human rights research.

Full-text legal databases

LexisNexis Quicklaw's Human Rights database: Source Directory > Area of law > Filter by 'International' > select 'Human Rights & Civil Liberties'

Westlaw's WORLD-JLR : search Westlaw's WORLD-JLR database for efficient access to Westlaw's human rights periodical material.

Interdisciplinary Indexes and Databases

[Columbia International Affairs Online \(CIAO\)](#)

Indexes papers from university research institutes, NGO's, foundation-funded research projects and other materials.

[Contemporary Women's Issues](#)

Sources provide information dealing with women's issues in over 190 nations.

[Google Scholar](#)

Set "University of Toronto Libraries - Get it! U of Toronto" in the scholar preferences configuration page and search results will display with UofT access links, allowing direct access to material where available through UofT.

[PAIS](#)

Covers international literature in public affairs, public and social policies, and international relations including government documents and publications of international agencies.

[University of Minnesota Human Rights Library.](#)

Full-text searchable index of human rights treaties and related documents. Features an option to search multiple human rights web sites simultaneously. Treaties can be sorted by subject matter and by ratification by country.

[Index to Periodical Articles Related to Law](#)

Contains articles with legal aspects that appear in non-law journals. Part of Hein Online, available through the UofT catalogue.

[U of T Libraries main page](#)

Offers three more methods of searching for interdisciplinary journal articles

Search for Articles tab > Option 1 - Select your topic, or

Search for Articles tab > Option 2 (Scholars Portal), or

E-Journals tab. Use this to check if U of T has an electronic subscription to a specific journal.

Human Rights Tribunals and Bodies

UN human rights bodies are categorized in two classes: charter-based bodies and treaty-based bodies. The current Charter-based bodies are the [Human Rights Council](#) and its subsidiaries. For information on the differences between Charter-based bodies and treaty-based bodies see the [United Nations Documentation: Research Guide on Human Rights](#)

Charter-based bodies

The best place to begin searching for documents of a UN body is always the website of the body itself. In addition however, documents can be found in an array of locations. Below is a table summarizing alternative locations for documentation issued by the bodies. Below the table is a brief description of the resources found in the table.

Body	Online UN Resources for Body's Documents
<i>*The best place to begin searching for documents of a UN body is always the website of the body itself</i>	
Human Rights Council	Official Document System UNBISnet Universal Human Rights Index UN-I-QUE
Periodic Review Working Group	Official Document System UNBISnet Universal Human Rights Index UN-I-QUE
Human Rights Council Advisory Committee	Official Document System UNBISnet Universal Human Rights Index UN-I-QUE
special procedures	Official Document System UNBISnet Universal Human Rights Index UN-I-QUE

[Universal Human Rights Index](#)

Aimed at enabling researchers to locate human rights documents issued by the UN human rights treaty bodies and the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, it is a searchable index of UN human rights information based on the observations and recommendations of the seven Treaty Bodies monitoring the implementation of the core international human rights treaties (since 2000) and the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council (since 2006). Browseable by country, by rights and by body.

[ODS](#) (*Official Documents System of the United Nations*)

Full-text access to official documents back to 1993 and resolutions back to 1946. Offers 'simple', 'advanced' and 'global' search options. Best used when you have a U.N. document number (e.g. CERD/C/225/Add.1) and want the full-text of the document.

[UNBISNET](#) (1979-)

Catalogue of UN publications and documentation indexed by the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library and the Library of the UN Office at Geneva. Coverage is primarily from 1979 forward, however, indexing for resolutions of the General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, Security Council and Trusteeship Council are included back to 1946. UNBISNET also includes an index to speeches (from the mid 1980s on) and voting information (from the beginning for the Security Council and from the mid 1980s for the General Assembly, ECOSOC and the Trusteeship Council)

[UN-I-QUE](#) (UN Info Quest)

A ready-reference file created by the Dag Hammarskjöld Library to respond to frequently asked questions, is designed to provide quick access to document symbols/sales numbers for UN materials (1946 onwards). focuses upon documents and publications of a recurrent nature: annual/sessional reports

Treaty-based Bodies

Body	Treaty	Alternative Online UN Resources for Body's Documents
<p>*The best place to begin searching for documents of a UN body is always the website of the body itself</p>		
Committee against Torture	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	Official Document System UNBISnet Universal Human Rights Index UN-I-QUE
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	Official Document System UNBISnet Universal Human Rights Index UN-I-QUE

<u>Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</u>	<u>Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</u>	<u>Official Document System</u> <u>UNBISnet</u> <u>Universal Human Rights Index</u> <u>UN-I-QUE</u>
<u>Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</u>	<u>International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</u>	<u>Official Document System</u> <u>UNBISnet</u> <u>Universal Human Rights Index</u> <u>UN-I-QUE</u>
<u>Committee on the Rights of the Child</u>	<u>Convention on the Rights of the Child</u>	<u>Official Document System</u> <u>UNBISnet</u> <u>Universal Human Rights Index</u> <u>UN-I-QUE</u>
<u>Human Rights Committee</u>	<u>International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights</u>	<u>Official Document System</u> <u>UNBISnet</u> <u>Universal Human Rights Index</u> <u>UN-I-QUE</u>
<u>Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</u>	<u>International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination</u>	<u>Official Document System</u> <u>UNBISnet</u> <u>Universal Human Rights Index</u> <u>UN-I-QUE</u>
<u>Committee on Migrant Workers</u>	<u>International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families</u>	<u>Official Document System</u> <u>UNBISnet</u> <u>Universal Human Rights Index</u> <u>UN-I-QUE</u>

Tribunal Practice

Manual on international courts and tribunals. Mackenzie, Ruth, Romano, Cesare P. R., Shany, Yuval, and Sands, Philippe. Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2010. 2nd ed.

Aims to provide the basic information required by a potential complainant to most of the principal global and regional international courts and tribunals, including information on complaint procedure, rules of procedure, likely cost of proceedings, powers of decision, power to issue interim orders, jurisdiction, location and contact information, presentation of pleadings.
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Finding Human Rights Instruments

The web sites of the human rights bodies are the best sources for finding treaties and other instruments. Other sources are listed below.

Online sources

[UN Treaty Collection](#)

Provides access to the full text of treaties contained in the *United Nations Treaty Series* (UNTS) as well as *The Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General* and *Recently Deposited Multilateral Treaties*.

[OHCHR treaty-body](#) website.

[University of Minnesota Human Rights Library](#)

Provides full-text search capabilities for human rights related treaties and related documents. (choose the “search these documents by KEY WORD” link) Offers simultaneous searching across multiple human rights web sites, including the United Nations, European Court of Human Rights, Amnesty International. Also lists treaties by subject matter and according to ratification by country.

[Flare Index to Treaties](#)

Searchable database with information on over 1,500 significant multilateral (three or more parties) treaties from 1856 to the present, with details of where the full text of each treaty may be obtained in paper and, if available, electronic form on the Internet. Treaties included in FLARE have been selected for their significance.

[International Legal Materials](#)

Bi-monthly publication of American Society of International Law that includes the full text of selected new, treaties in addition to other important legal materials, including selected international case law. Available through [UofT catalogue](#) via Hein Online. Also available through LexisNexis Quicklaw and Westlaw Canada (database: ILM).

[Official Documents System of the United Nations](#) (ODS).

[UNBISNET](#) (1979-)

Information about the 205 volumes of the [League of Nations Treaty Series](#) (LoNTS) has been made available in the [United Nations Treaty Collection website](#). During migration of the database, the full text of the League of Nations material was lost. Efforts are underway to recover this data. Basic information about the treaties is available.

[The United Nations Human Rights Treaties](http://www.bayefsky.com) (at <http://www.bayefsky.com>)

This site provides access to documents and information from the UN human rights treaty system. Materials include the text of treaties, documents from the UN treaty bodies, information on reform of the system, and other information. Documents issued by the treaty bodies are arranged by state, by category, and by theme or subject matter. This last category (by theme or subject) is something not available on other web sites.

[Inter-American Commission of Women](#)

Website contains, among other items, the principal Inter-American conventions relating to women.

Print Sources

Basic documents on human rights. Brownlie, Ian & Goodwin-Gill, Guy S. eds. 2006
Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2006. 5th ed.

A collection of key documents covering all elements of the subject, with commentary and bibliographic annotation.

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Global human rights law collection. Nijmegen, The Netherlands : Global Law Association, 1999-

In addition to the text of the instruments this work contains brief summaries of international and regional human rights instruments including historical development and key concepts.

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Ratification Information for Human Rights Instruments

UN Instruments

The page for each treaty-based UN Human Rights Body usually contains a link to ratification information. Below are some other resources for ratification status.

[*Treaty Body Document Search*](#)

This database was established to monitor the implementation of the principal UN human rights treaties. The database provides information on submission of reports by States, documents issued by the treaty bodies and reporting and ratification information. The documents are available as well as status and submission information. Documents can be accessed in a variety of ways (by treaty, country, symbol, etc.).

[*The United Nations Human Rights Treaties*](#) (at bayefsky.com)

Provides ratification information by treaty and by state. The information includes the following: Limited to the UN human rights treaty system.

Inter-American Instruments

[*Basic Documents Pertaining to Human Rights in the Inter-American System*](#)

Signature and ratification information for many Inter-American human rights treaties.

[*Treaties and Agreements*](#) section of this OAS site

[*Inter-American Commission on Human Rights*](#)

Basic human rights documents and ratification status information.

[*Law Update*](#) page of the Inter-American Commission of Women

Contains status and ratification information for the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence Against Women.

ILO Instruments

[Ratifications of the ILO Fundamental Conventions](#)

European Instruments

[Council of Europe treaties page](#)

Includes signature and ratification information on the same page as the text of the treaty

Human Rights Jurisprudence

Finding human rights cases can be a difficult task; not all cases are reported, and case reporters in this area are often published irregularly.

Online Resources for Human Rights Jurisprudence

In general recent cases are well documented on the various court and committee websites, however often not in a searchable interface. For the body websites, see above or google the name of the body. Listed below are searchable databases of international human rights decisions.

Multi-jurisdictional Online Resources for Jurisprudence

The resources below cover more than one court or tribunal.

[Oxford Reports of International Human Rights Law](#)

Via the UofT catalogue, provides case law from the African Commission, the European court of Human Rights, the UN Committee against Torture, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, and the UN Human Rights Committee. There is also a module for international criminal law.

[Bayefsky.com: CCPR Jurisprudence](#)

choose search then 'jurisprudence'

[Commonwealth and International Human Rights Case Law Databases](#) (Interights)

Summaries of significant human rights decisions, from both domestic courts and international

tribunals..

[International Courts & Tribunals Library](#) at WorldLII

A searchable collection of international courts and tribunals, including those that focus on human rights. Coverage for each court and tribunal varies.

[The Project on International Courts and Tribunals](#)

Provides the full-text of selected cases and decisions from various international courts and tribunals, including the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia. *Note:* This site does not seem to have been updated since 2008!

[Refworld](#) (UNHCR)

Search for case law from various human rights courts and dispute settlement bodies. Although concerned mainly with refugee/asylum seeking case law it allows some flexibility when searching for human rights cases, including UN Treaty body jurisprudence.

Lexis Human Rights Cases Database

Includes Butterworths Human Rights Cases, International Journal of Refugee Law and the Northwestern University Journal of International Human Rights.

To access it > 'Source directory' > change 'country' drop-down menu from Canada to 'international' > change the 'By' radio button to 'by area of law' > go into Human rights and Civil liberties folder and check of relevant databases, click 'ok' to search

[Universal Human Rights Index](#)

Contains the observations and recommendations of the seven UN human rights treaty bodies, the comments by governments on the concluding observations issued by the treaty bodies from the year 2000 on, as well as all reports published by the Special Procedures since 2006. Searchable by keyword, right, country and body.

Online Resources for Jurisprudence from specific Regions or Tribunals

Africa - online jurisprudence

[Decisions of the African Commission](#) (University of Minnesota Human Rights Library)

[African Human Rights Case Law Analyser](#)

Collection of Decisions from the African Human Rights System, search or browse by issue

[African Commission on human & peoples' rights](#)

Decisions on complaints can be found in the 'Communications' tab of the website.

Inter-American – online jurisprudence

[Inter-American Court of Human Rights](#)

Jurisprudence of the court, including advisory opinions, and material dealing with provisional measures and supervision of compliance.

[Case law of the Inter-American Court on Human Rights](#) (University of Minnesota)

University of Minnesota's Human Rights site maintains a mirror site to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights website.

Westlaw Inter-American Commission on Human Rights - Organization of American States – database identifier: IACHR-OAS

Case reports appearing in the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Basic Documents Pertaining to Human Rights in the Inter-American System from the Organization of American States (OAS). Coverage begins with 1994.

[The Inter-American Human Rights Database](#)

Washington College of Law, USA database of documents in English and Spanish adopted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights since its first session in 1960.

International Labour Organization (ILO) – online jurisprudence

[Triblex](#)

case law database of the ILO Administrative Tribunal (link to database on left side of page)

[ILO Compendium of decisions of domestic and international courts](#)

Database of selected judicial decisions by domestic and international courts that have relied on international labour standards and other international legal instrument. The cases involve work related and human rights outside the sphere of the world of work but still relevant to it.

Ilolex on CD-ROM

Computerized version of the International Labour Code, in full text and in three languages (English, French and Spanish), concerning human rights, employment policy, working conditions, industrial relations, occupational safety and health, and social security. A manual is

also available.

HD 7801 .I56 Disc and Manual Stand-alone CD-Rom. Please ask at circulation desk

The European Court of Human Rights – online jurisprudence

[HUDOC](#)

Jurisprudence and publications of the European Court of Human Rights, the European Commission of Human Rights and the Committee of Ministers.

WESTLAW : Human rights law reports - database identifier: HRL-RPTS

Decisions from E.U. (and former European Economic Community) courts and domestic courts in the United Kingdom and other E.U. member states that pertain to human rights. Coverage begins with March 1999.

WESTLAW : Human rights law reports all - database identifier: HR-RPTS-ALL

Decisions from European Union (and former European Economic Community) courts and domestic courts in the United Kingdom and other E.U. member states that pertain to human rights published in Human Rights Law Reports, plus decisions from the European Court of Human Rights and selected reports and decisions from the European Commission of Human Rights, as well as settlements and resolutions of the Committee of Ministers, published in European Human Rights Reports. Coverage begins with 1960 for European Human Rights Reports and March 1999 for Human Rights Law Reports.

Print Resources

Aside from the fact that older jurisprudence may only be available in print, print resources can be very useful to the human rights researcher. Typically compiled by experts in the field, their organization, detailed indexes and tables of contents make them useful resources for tasks such as locating leading jurisprudence, or finding decisions by treaty provision, country, right or complainant.

UN and Commonwealth - Print Resources for Jurisprudence

Leading cases of the Human Rights Committee. Hanski, Raija & Scheinin, Martin, eds.

Turku/Åbo : Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University, 2003.

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Selected decisions under the optional protocol : second to sixteenth sessions. Human Rights Committee. New York : United Nations, 1985

K3239.23 .U54

Commonwealth Human Rights Law Digest (London: Interights, 1996-).
Case law from international human rights bodies and Commonwealth country courts.
Print: K3239.23 .C66

Europe - Print Resources for Jurisprudence

Human rights case digest. London : British Institute of Human Rights, 1990-
K3239.2 .H85

Collection of decisions - European Commission of Human Rights. European Commission of Human Rights. Strasbourg : Council of Europe, [1959-1974]

This series indexes the summaries of the Decisions and Reports of the European Commission of Human Rights., providing researchers with access by article, paragraph and subparagraph of the Convention, by name of applicant or respondent state and by subject matter
K3240.3 .E84

European human rights reports. London : European Law Centre Ltd., c1979-current.
K3240.3 .E87

Decisions and reports - Council of Europe [and] European Commission for Human Rights. European Commission of Human Rights. Strasbourg : The Commission, 1975-1999.
K3240.3 .E84 no. 1-94

Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights : reference chart. By Donna Gomien.
Strasbourg : Council of Europe Press, 1995.

Useful for quickly finding information European Court of Human Rights cases. Entries cross-reference comments to similar cases; and a separate set of charts lists all cases by Convention articles addressed.

K3239.5 .E88 G66

A Systematic guide to the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights. Peter Kempees, ed.
The Hague ; Boston : Kluwer Law International, 1996

Excerpts from decisions arranged by Article of the European Convention on human rights and its Protocols, intended to provide an overview of the court's rulings under each article.

K3239.2 .S97 1996 v.1-3.

International human rights reports.

K3236.2 .I57

Africa - Print Resources for Jurisprudence

Annotated decisions of African Commonwealth courts relating to reproductive and sexual health and women's status

KQC445 .A52 T45 2003

Inter-American Court of Human Rights - Print Resources for Jurisprudence

Series C--Decisions and judgments. Organization of American States, Inter-American Court of Human Rights. San José, Costa Rica : Secretaría de la Corte, 1987-

KDZ574 .A52 I584 no.42 Stacks

KDZ574 .A52 I584 no.63 Stacks

Country Reports and Information

Here are some select online resources for obtaining country information.

[Country reports](#) table at the University of Minnesota's human rights library

[Amnesty International Country Reports](#)

[Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board's National Documentation Packages](#)

[Human Rights Watch - Country Reports](#)

[International Committee of the Red Cross - Country Reports](#)

[Refworld](#)

[UNICEF state of the World's Children](#)

[U.S. Dept. of State Country Reports on Human Rights Practices](#)

[U.S. Dept. of State, Annual Report on International Religious Freedom](#)

[U.S. Dept. of State Country Reports on Trafficking in Persons](#)

[Universal Periodic Review](#) country reviews of the UN Human Rights Council

Websites for Human Rights Current Events

[United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights](#)

[Amnesty International Online](#)

This is the official Internet site for AI. It contains the most up-to-date information -- new document summaries, publications from AI (including the annual country reports), and links to other sites.

[Human rights Centre](#)

At UC Berkley. Searchable via a google custom search

[Hurisearch](#)

Indexes over 5000 human rights websites, very good tool for searching for human rights news on the web.

[Human rights watch](#)

[Derechos Human Rights.](#)

Links to key human rights resources, divided into categories such as "Reports and News".

<http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/Diana/>

From the University of Toronto's Bora Laskin Law Library, intended to collect, organize and disseminate information on women's human rights law. Includes the Womens Human's Rights Resources database.

GUIDES/RESEARCH AIDS

UN Research Guides

[United Nations Documentation: Research Guide on Human Rights](#)

Authored by the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library

[Research guide: the United Nations](#) (Columbia University)

League of Nations

[League of Nations Documents & Publications](#) (Bora Laskin library)

[Research guide to League of Nations documents and publications](#)

Northwestern University

European Court of Human Rights Research Guides

A Systematic guide to the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights. Peter Kempees, ed.
The Hague ; Boston : Kluwer Law International, 1996
K3239.2 .S97

General Research Guides

Selected international human rights instruments and bibliography for research on international human rights law. Weissbrodt, David et al. Cincinnati, OH : Anderson Publishing Co. 2001. 3rd ed.

As well as the text of major human rights instruments this work contains extensive listing of sources for international human rights law research broken down by topic. Includes sections with sources for status of Human rights instruments, legislative history of human rights instruments, human rights case law and rules of procedure, international criminal tribunals, practice guides and country situations.

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[Electronic Research Guides for international law topics](#) American Society of International Law

[ESIL – Electronic Information System for International Law: International Human Rights](#)

Provides annotated links to primary materials, web sites and research guides. Includes citations, entry into force and signature dates and amendments.

[Human Rights Law Research Guide](#) Georgetown University Law Centre Law Library

Highlights and annotates the top resources for international law

How to Find a UN Document Using a UN Document Symbol

A UN document symbol is a unique identifier for a United Nations document that is usually located in the upper right-hand corner of a document e.g. S/2009/391

You can often locate the corresponding document using the Official Document System of the United Nations ([ODS](#)), which contains the almost all documents issued since 1993 and select documents from earlier years.

For older documents try [UNBISnet](#), which provides bibliographic records for documents from roughly 1980 onwards? Select keyword Search and choose “UN Doc. Symbol / Sales Nos. “ from the drop down menu and input the UN document symbol without punctuation i.e. for E/CONF.85/L.33 you would input ECONF85L33 as the search term. UNBISnet will provide a link to the full-text where available.

NGOs

Below is an extremely small list of some major human rights NGOs. For a more comprehensive list see [Other NGOs](#) at the University of Minnesota Human Rights Library website.

[Amnesty International](#)

Includes annual reports and country reports as well as general information about the organization.

[Human Rights Watch](#)

Includes news and full-text of their recent World Reports and country reports. For information on a country, click on 'Recent Publications' and then the country to get to a list of links to both World Report sections on that country and other reports.

[International Committee of the Red Cross](#)

Includes many reports by country and issue. Full-text of the *International Review of the Red Cross* since 1995.

[Centre for Law and Democracy](#)

An international human rights organisation based in Halifax, Canada. Website contains, among other things, analysis of draft laws, examples of laws the CLD was asked to help draft, and documents on standard-setting.