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  • [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.

1. HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES
  • KZ6471 .B6813 2007 Reference

  • K3239.6 .C659 2004 Reference


2. DICTIONARIES
  • K3239.3 .R67 2004 Reference
  • Connect via U of T Catalogue [electronic resource – 1997 edition]

3. ENCYCLOPEDIAS
  • Connect via UofT catalog [electronic resource]

  • Connect via UofT catalogue [electronic resource]

4. DIRECTORIES
Human Rights Organizations & Periodicals Directory (Berkeley, Calif., Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute, 1973-)
- KF4741 .H85 REF B

5. BOOKS
Numbers ending in STL are in the short term loan collection at the circulation desk.

5.1 Introductory
- K 3240.4 .B82 2002 STL

- K 3240 .F74 2004 STL
- Connect via UofT Catalogue [electronic resource]

- 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

- K3240 .W45 Stacks

5.2 Casebooks & Textbooks
- 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

- K3240 .S65 Stacks
Casebook examines the evolution of international human rights through primary and secondary sources.


- **K3230.84 R45 H382 2005**
- Available as e-book via Catalogue

### 5.3 International Criminal Law


- **K5000.C37 STL**


- **K5015.4.C87 2010 STL**


- **K5301.S45 2009 Stacks**
- **Available through U of T catalogue** [electronic resource]


- **KZ6310.S328 Stacks**

## 6. TRAVAUX PRÉPARATOIRES

*Travaux Préparatoires* are the preparatory works from the drafting and negotiation of a treaty, such as minutes, drafts and reports, and as such are often of interest to legal researchers. 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. As well, article by article commentaries and other expert analysis of treaties
and conventions will often cite travaux preparatoires. Travaux preparatoires may also be found on treaty-body websites, or published in print and online by the signatories.

**6.1 Finding travaux preparatoires**
Search the catalogue and periodical indexes by combining the phrase “travaux preparatoires” 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 preparatoires.

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

Search the **UN Diplomatic Conferences site**, which contains negotiation records for various treaties and conferences in a searchable interface.

If you are unsuccessful in finding any travaux preparatoires 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.

**6.2 UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**
- K3238.31966 .B67

- 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

**6.4 UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**
6.5 Convention on the Status of Refugees 1951

• K3243 .R44 1993 Stacks

6.6 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

• K3230 .R45 A34 1995 Stacks

7. INDEXES AND DATABASES
To locate periodical literature, start with periodical indexes.

7.1 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.

7.2 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.

7.3 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 websites 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.

The Electronic Information System for International Law
- Maintained by the American Society of International Law

ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law/Human Rights
- Maintained by the American Society of International Law

GlobaLex: International Human Rights Research Guide (NYU School of Law)

8. 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

9. 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.
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**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.

**Access UN** (electronic resource available through the UofT library catalogue)
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. 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. Full-text resolutions from the General Assembly, Security Council and the Economic and Social Council are appended to their respective bibliographic citations.

**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

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11. TRIBUNAL PRACTICE
- 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.
- KZ6250.M36 Reference B

12. 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**

**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).

*Access UN*

*Official Documents System of the United Nations*

*UNBISNET*

*League of Nations Treaty Series*

- 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*

- 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.

*Human Rights Treaties*

- Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM), Collection of primary treaties and instruments from several human rights systems, including the UN.

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

United Nations Humanitarian Treaties

International Humanitarian Law: Treaties & Documents - International Red Cross

13. PRINT SOURCES
- A collection of key documents covering all elements of the subject, with commentary and bibliographic annotation.
- K3238 .A1 B76 STL

- 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.
- K3238 .G54 Stacks

14. RATIFICATION INFORMATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS

14.1 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
- Provides ratification information by treaty and by state. The information includes the following: Limited to the UN human rights treaty system.

Human Rights Instruments
14.2 **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.

14.3 **ILO Instruments**

*Ratifications of the ILO Fundamental Conventions*

14.4 **European Instruments**

*Council of Europe Treaties Page*

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

14.5 **African Instruments**

*African (Banjul) Charter on Human and People's Rights*

15. **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.

15.1 **Online Resources for Human Rights Jurisprudence**

In general, text of 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.

15.2 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.

**Case Law Database**
- Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM)
- This web site provides access to databases containing summaries of the case law of the Human Rights Committee, the Committee Against Torture, and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. There is also a database containing information on judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and the concluding comments of the United Nations treaty bodies have been made accessible. Coverage varies. Users must register to use the databases, but there is no charge for access.

**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**
- To access it > ‘Source directory’ > by area of law > International > Human rights and Civil liberties

**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.

**International Court of Justice**

**World Court Digest**
- Max Planck Institute
- ICJ cases

**15.3 Online Resources for Jurisprudence from specific Regions or Tribunals**

**15.3.1 Africa**

**Constitutional Library (Jutastat)**
- Contains, among other things, the South African Journal on Human Rights, covering articles on constitutional matters, comments on cases, book reviews and general articles on human rights issues. Password available via e.legal.

**African Human Rights Law Reports**
- Selected national decisions and decisions from the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, as well as decisions of United Nations treaty bodies that deal with African countries.

**Decisions of the African Commission** (University of Minnesota Human Rights Library)
Official Documents section of the African Union website contains human rights decisions.

African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights

15.3.2 Inter-American

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


15.3.3 International Labour Organization (ILO)

Triplex

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

Digest of Decisions of the Freedom of Association Committee

- Ilolex searchable database of decisions
- 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

15.3.4 The European Court of Human Rights

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

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.

15.4 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.

15.4.1 UN and Commonwealth
- K3239.53 .L43 1 copy STL, 1 copy Stacks

- K3239.23 .U54

- Case law from international human rights bodies and Commonwealth country courts.
- K3239.23 .C66

15.4.2 Europe
- K3239.2 .H85

- 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


- K3240.3 .E84 no. 1-94


- 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


- 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.

International human rights reports.

- K3236.2 .I57

15.4.3 Africa

African human rights law reports.

- Rpts. Afr. D22 A47

15.4.4 Inter-American Court of Human Rights

- KDZ574 .A52 I584 no.42 Stacks
- KDZ574 .A52 I584 no.63 Stacks

16. COUNTRY REPORTS

*Amnesty International Country Reports*

*Asylumlaw.org*

*Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board’s National Documentation Packages*

*Global IDP Project*

Human Rights Watch *World Reports*

*ICRC Country Reports*

*Country Reports* (Inter-American Commission on Human Rights)

*Refworld*

*SuperSearch* - search 19 human rights databases at once

*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*

*Country reports* table at the University of Minnesota’s human rights library

*Universal Periodic Review* country reviews of the UN Human Rights Council

17. 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

**Forced Migration Online**

**From the Ground**
- Pools RSS-feeds from major field-based NGOs into a single feed, with option to view separate feeds for individual regions, has a search interface as well.

**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”.

**OneWorld.net**
- Aggregates news and views from over 1600 human rights and anti-poverty sites.

**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 a Womens Human's Rights Resources database.

**Human Rights Organizations Database**
- According to the website it contains information on 11474 organizations involved in human rights.

**18. GUIDES/RESEARCH AIDS**

**18.1 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

**18.2 League of Nations**

*Research Guide to League of Nations Documents and Publications*
- Northwestern University

**18.3 European Court of Human Rights Research Guides**
- K3239.2 .S97

**18.4 General Research Guides**
- 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.
- K3240 .S45

**Electronic Research Guide: Human Rights** 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

**19. 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.


20. 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 and Other NGOs at the Human Rights First website.

From the Grounds
• A searchable database of various NGO reports

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.

Human Rights First
• Includes news and lawyer network

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
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