

Foreign and International Legal Research from Abroad

The “Online resources” tab on the Heafey Library’s **Foreign and Comparative Law Guide** -- <http://lawguides.scu.edu/foreign> -- links to several free megasites (Worldlii.org; the Guide to Law Online from the Law Library of Congress; Government Gazettes Online; GlobaLex; etc.) which in turn link to webpages from and about a wide variety of countries. The “Reference” tab on this guide links to other Heafey guides on foreign law topics.

The Heafey Research guide on **International Legal Research** -- <http://lawguides.scu.edu/intlaw> -- lists the sources of international law according to the Statute of the International Court of Justice and links to print and online resources for each. The tab labeled “Role of the United Nations” links to other Heafey guides on international law topics.

To locate additional research guides, use:

Legal Research Engine (Cornell)

<http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/library/WhatWeDo/ResearchGuides/CLL-Legal-Research-Engine.cfm>

A Selective List of Guides to Foreign Legal Research (Columbia):

http://library.law.columbia.edu/guides/A_Selective_List_of_Guides_to_Foreign_Legal_Research

Many law school subscriptions should be available to you from off-campus during the summer. If you have trouble connecting, email the Heafey reference desk and we will try to correct the problem (sculawlibrarian@gmail.com or lawref@scu.edu).

Lexis, Westlaw and Bloomberg Law require individual passwords. Although Bloomberg does not have much foreign law yet, but both Lexis and Westlaw include foreign and international law content. So be sure you have your passwords. U.S. journals and law reviews on both Lexis and Westlaw often include articles about foreign law; occasionally a translation appears in an article or appendix.

Many other law school subscription databases can be used from off-campus if you access them via **OSCAR**, the SCU Library Catalog (sculib.scu.edu), or via the Electronic Resources links on the law library website (law.scu.edu/library). When connecting through OSCAR, search by title for a resource, look for a grey box in the OSCAR record which reads “Connect to...,” and click on the link. You will need to enter your name and the library barcode (beginning with 25098...) from the back of your SCU Access card to authenticate your affiliation with Santa Clara University.

Access the **Foreign Law Guide** through OSCAR: <http://sculib.scu.edu/record=b1847772> . Click on the “Connect to...” link in the OSCAR record and select a jurisdiction from the pull-down menu in the upper right-hand corner. The Foreign Law Guide will briefly describe a country’s legal system, identify the primary sources of law, and link to online resources.

The Heafey subscription to **LexisNexis China** should be available to you off campus if you access it via the OSCAR record: <http://sculib.scu.edu/record=b1919953> . The first time you connect to LexisNexis China through OSCAR, everything will probably appear in Chinese. Go back to the OSCAR record and click on “Connect to... “ again. The LN China page should appear in English the second time you connect.

VLex is a database of foreign law, with a focus on Latin American and European countries. Access it via the OSCAR record: <http://sculib.scu.edu/record=b2595039> . It provides materials in the vernacular and uses translation software, so translations may be less than fluent.

Hein Online is accessible via OSCAR: -- <http://sculib.scu.edu/record=b1718982>. It includes some foreign and several international law libraries, such as:

- Foreign and International Law Resources database
- Hague Academy of Collected Courses Online
- Treaties and Agreements Library
- United Nations Law Collection
- World Constitutions Illustrated

The **Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals** is accessible through the OSCAR record (it is on Hein Online): <http://sculib.scu.edu/record=b1316172> . Note that this is a bibliographic database, not full text. Not all of the journals indexed are in English or available electronically.

United Nations treaties – treaties.un.org -- and many UN documents -- www.un.org/en/documents/ -- can be accessed online for free. See the Heafey Law Library United Nations and Treaties Research Guides for additional information about both: <http://lawguides.scu.edu/cat.php?cid=22931>

The New **United Nations Research Guides & Resources** page: <http://research.un.org/en/docs> (Dag Hammarskjold Library)

Some resources for specific countries or regions:

Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Tokyo

Asian Legal Information Institute: <http://asianlii.org>

University of Washington, East Asian Law Department: <http://lib.law.washington.edu/eald/eald.html>

Washington University, Internet Chinese Legal Research Center: <http://law.wustl.edu/chinalaw/>

Also, see UPDATEDed GlobalLex guides for Chinese Law, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Japanese Law, and Singapore

<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/Globalex/index.html#>

Istanbul

Turkey Research Checklist (Northwestern University):

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/library/research/foreignandcomparative/countrylegal/#t>

Researching Turkish Law in English (Loyola University of Chicago):

<http://lawlibguides.luc.edu/content.php?pid=275290>

UPDATE: A Guide to Turkish Public Law and Legal Research (GlobalLex)

<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/Globalex/Turkey1.htm>

For European countries which are European Union members:

[Europa.eu](http://europa.eu) (the official website of the European Union).

eur-lex.europa.eu/n-lex (selective national laws of EU member states)

and see the Heafey Law Library research guide on the European Union Law for additional information about EU research: <http://lawguides.scu.edu/europeanunion>

Vienna, Budapest, Munich

See UPDATEDed GlobalLex guides for Austria, Hungary and Germany

<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/Globalex/index.html#>

Costa Rica, Geneva, The Hague

See UPDATEDed GlobalLex guides for Costa Rica, Switzerland, and The Netherlands

<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/Globalex/index.html#>

Sydney

Researching Australian Law (LLRX): <http://www.llrx.com/features/researchingaustralianlaw.htm>

Australasian Legal Information Institute: <http://www.austlii.edu.au/>

Legal Research Guide (University of Queensland): <https://www.library.uq.edu.au/subject-guides/legal-research-guide>

Some resources about specific subject areas:

UPDATE: Foreign Law Subject Collections on the Web (Globlex):

http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Foreign_Collections1.htm

Finding Foreign Law Resources on the Internet (Columbia):

http://library.law.columbia.edu/guides/Finding_Foreign_Law_Resources_on_the_Internet

Business

- Research Guide: International Economic Law: <http://www.asil.org/erg/?page=iel> (ASIL)
- The Doing Business Law Library: <http://www.doingbusiness.org/law-library> (World Bank)
- NATLEX (labor, social security and related human rights legislation): http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex_browse.home (International Labour Organization)
- Hague Conference on Private International Law: <http://www.hcch.net>

Intellectual Property

- Research Guide: International Intellectual Property Law: <http://www.asil.org/erg/?page=iipi> (ASIL)
- WIPOLex: <http://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/> (WIPO)

Human Rights

- Research Guide: International Human Rights: <http://www.asil.org/erg/?page=ihr> (ASIL)
- Class Guide, International Human Rights Clinic: <http://lawguides.scu.edu/hrclinic> (SCU)
- Oxford Reports on International Law (SCU subscription): <http://sculib.scu.edu/record=b2575654>
- The Inter-American Court of Human Rights: <http://www.corteidh.or.cr/>
- The International Committee of the Red Cross: <http://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/library-research-service/index.jsp>
- The International Law section of the United Nations website: <http://www.un.org/en/law/>
- The Peace Palace Library: <http://www.peacepalacelibrary.nl/>

Environment

- FAOLex (food, agriculture, renewable natural resources): <http://faolex.fao.org/>
- ENTRI (Environmental Treaties and Resource Indicators): <http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/entri/>