






RESEARCH GUIDE

Country Information

-  For access to the Web-based guide *Resources for Political Science* connect to:
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/bysubject/polisci.htm>
-  For access to UConn Libraries Online Reference Books (eBooks) in *Politics and Government* connect to:
<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/refbooks.html>
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<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/using/tutorials/instruction/tutorialsall.html>

Handbooks and Encyclopedias cover all countries of the world. Typically, they cover the country's area and population, history, government, economy and trade, educational system, social welfare, and foreign relations. Because most of these titles appear annually or biennially, they are fairly up-to-date. Consider these the best starting point when researching a country.

Britannica Book of the Year 1993+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Encyclopaedia
Britannica Online, select Year in Review Browse

Print: Ref AE 5 E364 1993-2003 / Level 4S AE 5E364 1993-2003

Europa World Year Book Annual

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Europa World

International Government Information and Country Information: A Subject Guide

Ref. JZ 4850 M67 2004

International Who's Who Online

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → International Who's Who Online

Statesman's Year-Book Annual

Ref. Desk / JA 51 S7 (current volume) and Level 2 / JA 51 S7 earlier editions

Political Handbook of the World Biennial

Ref. JF 37 P6

World Encyclopedia of Parliaments and Legislatures

Ref. JF 511 W67 1998

World Encyclopedia of Political Systems and Parties

Ref. JF 2011 W67 1999

World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

Print: Babbidge Federal Documents, Level B /PR EX 3.15: 1981-2005

Regional Handbooks and Encyclopedias usually provide more detailed information than any of the above because they focus on a smaller region.

Africa South of the Sahara Annual
Ref. DT 351 A37

The Far East and Australasia Annual
Ref. DS 1 F3

The Middle East and North Africa Annual
Ref. DS 49 M5

South America, Central America and the Caribbean Annual
Ref. F 1414 .2 568

Country-Specific Sources offer more detail than Regional Handbooks and Encyclopedias; however, they may not be as current.

Country Studies Dates vary.

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/>

These book-length country profiles were published by the Library of Congress or American University for the U.S. Department of Defense from 1986-1998.

Background Notes

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

These newsletter-type items are published by the U.S. Department of State and give a brief overview of most countries of the world. Use *Background Notes* to update the information in the older *Country Studies*.

Portals to the World

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>

Library of Congress Web site provides links to authoritative, in depth information for countries of the world.

News Sources are an easy way to update information found in other sources. They are updated regularly and provide substantial current events information.

LexisNexis News

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → LexisNexis News

Search tips:

- From **Select Sources** menu choose **Major World Newspapers** or
- Click **Sources** tab at top of search screen to browse and select news sources by country

Factiva

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Factiva

Full-text global news and business information service.

Search tips: Expand **Region** menu on **Search Builder** page to focus search on a specific country

Finding Books and Journal Articles. These resources offer a systematic way of identifying books and published articles by keyword, subject and author. Remember, journal indexes list references to what has been published. Often the library has linked to a full-text copy. To determine if the library owns the paper journal(s) use **HOMER -- Library Catalog**.

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HOMER contains bibliographic records for books, journals, microforms, maps, dissertations, manuscripts and other materials held by the University of Connecticut Libraries.

Academic OneFile (formerly *InfoTrac OneFile*) 1980+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Academic OneFile

Provides references or abstracts, or **full text** of critical articles from journals (consider limited to “refereed publications”)

Select **Keyword Search** and enter terms. Example: **democracy and chile**

Academic Search Premier

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Academic Search Premier

A full-text, multidisciplinary magazine & journal database that provides the full text of over 4,500 journals and magazines, and indexes a total of more than 8,000 titles in all disciplines.

PAIS International (Public Affairs Information Service) 1960+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → PAIS International

ABI/INFORM Global 1971+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → ABI/INFORM Global

Select ABI/INFORM Global / ABI/INFORM Dateline / ABI/INFORM Trade & Industry

Includes references, abstracts, and full text from over 1,000 business and economic journals and many news articles.

Historical Abstracts 1967+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Historical Abstracts

Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) 1991+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Columbia

International Affairs Online (CIAO)

Includes access to full text for such publications as working papers from research institutes, occasional papers from NGOs, and institute conference proceedings.

Specific Country / Region Indexes and Abstracts

American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies 1959-1994

Level A / Z 2483 A65

HAPI - Hispanic American Periodicals Index 1970+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → HAPI (Hispanic

American Periodicals Index)

Print: Level 4S / F 1401 H49 1970-1992

Handbook of Latin American Studies (HLAS) 1935+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Handbook of Latin

American Studies

Print: Level A Annex / F 1401 H23 1935-2005

Middle East: Abstracts and Index 1978-2006

Level A Annex / DS 41 M44

Statistical Sources provide numerical data on a given subject, region, country, etc. Some reference sources are:

Electronic and Print

LexisNexis Statistical 1980s+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → LexisNexis

Statistical

Provides access to statistical data from federal government sources, state and private-sector publications, and international governmental and non-governmental organizations. Power Tables enable users to search from a bank of indexed tables with links to full text.

SourceOECD 1960+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → Source OECD

Provides OECD (*Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development*) statistical databases for categories of data such as food, banking, education, employment, industry, investment, debt, direct investment, migration, trade, economic indicators, national accounts, social expenditures, and telecommunications among others. Offers customized table from statistical databases.

World Development Indicators (WDI) 1960+

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → World Development Indicators (WDI)

Selected data also available at World Bank Web site: <http://www.worldbank.org/data/>

Print: Ref. HC 59.15 W656 and Level 2S / HC 59.15 W659 1997-2003

GDF Online 1970 (Global Development Finance World Bank)

<http://devdata.worldbank.org/apponline/default.asp?app=gf>

Print: Level 2S / HJ 8899 W672 (formerly *World Debt Tables*) 1974-1996

Level 2N / Oversize HJ 8899 W672

Military Balance 2002+

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t716100759>

Print: Ref. UA 15 L652 2007 and Level 2N / UA 15 L652 1920-2006

State of the World's Children (UNICEF) 1980+

<http://www.unicef.org/sowc/>

Print: Ref. HQ 792.2 S73 and Level 2S / HQ 792.2 S73

United Nations Common Database

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → United Nations Common Database

World Development Report 1978+

<http://econ.worldbank.org>

Ref. HC 59.7 W659 2007 and Level 2N Oversize / fHC 59.7 W659 1978-2006

International Financial Statistics

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/> (UConn Libraries homepage) → All Databases → By Database Name → International Financial Statistics

Print

Social Indicators of Development 1988-1996

Absorbed by *World Development Indicators*

Level 2S / HC 59.15 W656

Statistical Abstract of Latin America Annual

Ref. HA 935 S8 2002, 38th and Level 2S / HA 935 S8 3rd – 37th (v. 34 missing)

UNESCO Statistical Yearbook 1963+

Ref. HA 154 B38 1999 and Level 2N Oversize / f HA 17 B38 1963-1998

World's Women 2000: Trends and Statistics (United Nations)

Ref. HQ 1154 W95 2000

Microform Sources

Current National Statistical Compendiums 1970-2002

Babbidge Microform Research Collection (microfiche) / Level 3S

Index to International Statistics (IIS) 1983-2000

Level 2S / HA 155 I52 (Print Index)

Index references data from a variety of international and intergovernmental organizations. (CEPAL, World Bank, for example) Data is in full text in microfiche collection, IIS (1987-2001) in the **Babbidge Microform Research Collection / Level 3S**.