

RESEARCH GUIDE

Conflict Analysis and Resolution

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The study of conflict and conflict resolution involves many disciplines such as anthropology, area studies, communication, economics, ethnic studies, law, labor relations, political science, psychology and sociology. The resources in this research guide are chosen selectively and many additional sources can be located by using research guides in related fields. In particular the Anthropology, Communication, International Relations and Sociology Research Guides are recommended.

LIBRARY CATALOGS

GMU Library Catalog * WRLC-ALADIN Catalog * OCLC WorldCat

GMU Library users have access to three main Library Catalogs for looking up holdings information on books, journals and media resources. The **GMU Library Catalog** provides information on resources held in one or more of GMU's four libraries—Arlington, Fenwick (Fairfax), Johnson Center (Fairfax), or Mercer (Prince William). **ALADIN, the Washington Research Libraries Consortium Catalog** contains information on resources available at any of the 9 libraries that are members of that consortium group. **OCLC-Worldcat** is an international union catalog that contains information on resources held in libraries worldwide, including George Mason University. All three catalogs may be accessed on-line from any computer, and may be searched using keywords, subject terms, author and title information. Some helpful subject terms for conflict analysis and resolution research are listed below:

Subject Terms

conflict management
interpersonal conflict
mediation
problem solving
conflict (psychology)
international disputes
nonviolence
conflict

REFERENCE RESOURCES

- E181 .A453 2005**
ACL & FEN Ref
Americans at war: society, culture, and the homefront / John P. Resch. Includes bibliographical references and index. Covers years 1500- Present in four volumes.
- D843 .B623 2004**
ACL Ref
Border and territorial disputes of the world /Peter Calvert and John B. Allcock.
- U42 . J47 1989**
ACL Ref
A chronology of conflict and resolution, 1945-1985 / John E. Jessup.
- HD58.6 .W45**
1997
ACL Ref
Culture and negotiation: a select annotated bibliography / Joshua N. Weiss for the Program on Negotiation.
- KF9085.A68 D53**
1999
ACL & FEN Ref
Dictionary of conflict resolution / compiled and edited by Douglas H. Yarn ; in cooperation with the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution and with the support of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Georgia Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution.
- D860 .M56 2002**
ACL & FEN Ref
Encyclopedia of the stateless nations: ethnic and national groups around the world/ James Minahan. Includes bibliographical references and index. Volumes: 1-4
- HM291 .E625**
1999
ACL & FEN Ref
Encyclopedia of violence, peace, & conflict / editor-in-chief, Lester Kurtz ; associate editor, Jennifer Turpin. Includes bibliographical references and index.
- D410 .H57**
ACL Ref
History behind the headlines : the origins of conflicts worldwide/ published by Gale Group. Volumes: 1-6.
- HD58.6 .N443**
2005 ACL Ref
Negotiation, decision making and conflict management/ edited by Max H. Bazerman. The international library of critical writings on business and management. Selections of articles from various sources. Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Volumes: 1-3.

ELECTRONIC DATABASES

The following resources are available via <http://library.gmu.edu>, under “**databases.**” The databases most relevant to ICAR research are listed under *Conflict Resolution*.
Off-campus access to databases is restricted to GMU students, faculty and staff only.

Anthropology Plus

Anthropology Plus is an index of bibliographic materials combining Anthropological Literature from Harvard University and Anthropological Index, Royal Anthropological Institute, from the UK. It provides worldwide indexing of journal articles, reports, commentaries, edited works, and obituaries in the fields of social, cultural, physical, biological, and linguistic anthropology, ethnology, archaeology, folklore, material culture, and interdisciplinary studies.

Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO)

Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) is a comprehensive resource that provides access to research in international affairs and policy issues. The CIAO database contains a wide range of materials including conference proceedings, policy briefs, journals, and working papers from NGOs, university research institutes and associations.

Contemporary Women's Issues

Provides global information on women. Journals, newsletters, research reports from non-profit groups, government and international agencies, along with fact sheets.

EIU Country Information

Providing extensive country information from various Economist Intelligence Unit publications, EIU Country Information covers most countries and including politics, economics, business, markets and data.

Ethnic NewsWatch

Full text articles from ethnic and minority press in America. Full-text available in English or Spanish.

InfoTrac One File

InfoTrac One File is a comprehensive resource for articles on a variety of subjects. The database contains citations and fulltext content covering the social sciences, humanities, business and general interest research.

JSTOR

The complete text (full back runs) of core scholarly journals in Anthropology, Asian Studies, Ecology, Economics, Education, Finance, History, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Population Studies and Sociology.

Lexis Nexis Academic

The Lexis Nexis platform provides access to combination of legal, government and news related resources. Its holdings include up-to-date fulltext coverage of many newspapers including the New York Times, survey data from the Roper Center, and policy research papers from a variety of organizations.

Proquest Research Library

The Proquest Research Library provides access to more than 1,800 periodicals covering a wide variety of topics and subjects. The database has a number of advanced features and contains fulltext documents for many articles on public policy, business and current events and includes scholarly as well as popular resources.

Social Sciences Citation Index

A multidisciplinary database, with searchable author abstracts for over 60% of the articles, covering the journal literature of the social sciences. It is particularly useful for citation searching and journal rankings.

United States At War

This resource provides coverage of 14 major wars/conflicts. Each war is divided by general overview, causes, opponents, consequences, & timeline. There are collections of themed essays, written by scholars, about issues such as political, economic, military, & social impacts of the wars. The Research section allows users to search thousands of primary & secondary sources, including articles, personal narratives, images, video files, etc. It also contains country profiles.

NEWS AND CURRENT INFORMATION**EIU ViewsWire**

Each day, the EIU ViewsWire supplies 100-150 analytical articles on any of 195 countries and provides a timely analysis on key economic, political and business developments around the world.

Global NewsBank

An index of several hundred international newspapers, news services and broadcast media. Includes full-text.

Vanderbilt Television News Archive

Searchable archive of abstracts of news broadcasts from ABC, CBS, NBC: 1968-present; CNN: 1995-present, selected content from PBS & FOX. Digitized news broadcasts from CNN are viewable with RealOne media player.

World News Connection

Monitors non-U.S. media sources, the material in WNC is provided to the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS). Analysts from FBIS domestic and overseas bureaus monitor timely and pertinent open-source materials.

ELECTRONIC JOURNALS*

Electronic journals can be accessed via <http://library.gmu.edu>, under "E-Journal Finder." The following is only a brief listing of e-journals. Search the E-Journal Finder for more titles.

- **African journal on conflict resolution, 1999 -**
- **Cardozo journal of conflict resolution, 1999 -**
- **Conflict resolution quarterly, 2002 -**
- **Conflict, security & development, 2001 -**
- **International journal of conflict management, 1996 -**
- **Journal of conflict resolution, 1957 -**
- **Journal of peace research, 1964 -**
- **NATO's nations and partners for peace, 1997 -**
- **Online journal of peace and conflict resolution, 1998 -**
- **Peace and conflict, 2000 -**

"Print copies of many of these journals, plus others, are also available in the GMU Libraries' collections. Consult the catalog."

INTERNET RESOURCES

The African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)

<http://www.accord.org.za/>

ACCORD, founded in 1991, is an international civil-society organisation working throughout Africa to bring appropriate African solutions to conflict challenges.

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

<http://www.marshallcenter.org>

The Center, founded in 1993, is an international education institution that promotes dialogue and understanding among the nations of America, Europe and Eurasia.

Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (Institut für Friedenssicherungsrecht und Humanitäres Völkerrecht, IFHV)

<http://www.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/ifhv/>

IFHV is a research and teaching institute at the Ruhr-Universität-Bochum, Germany that emphasizes academic research and instruction in the fields of armed conflict and ensuring peace.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

<http://www.sipri.org/>

The institute emphasizes research on conflict and international peace and security, with the aim of contributing to an understanding of the conditions for peaceful solutions of international conflicts and for a stable peace. SIPRI also includes reports and policy papers that can be useful in researching.

United Nations Peacekeeping

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/>

Official website of UN Peacekeeping service, including overview, facts and figures, latest developments, past and current peacekeeping operations.

University of Bradford's Department of Peace Studies

<http://www.bradford.ac.uk/acad/peace>

The Department of Peace Studies at Bradford University in England was established 25 years ago and has grown to be the largest university centre for peace studies in the world. This resource also includes annual reports, newsletters and working papers from the Centre for Conflict Resolution and the African Centre for Peace and Conflict.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

NEWS ANALYSIS

ICAR NewsNetwork

http://icar.gmu.edu/ICAR_NewsNetwork.html

The ICAR News Network is a new online forum featuring current analysis by conflict specialists at George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. The forum addresses some of the world's most salient and intractable conflicts and provides critical next steps for constructive engagement.

PEACE AGREEMENTS

United States Institute of Peace

<http://www.usip.org/library/pa.html>

The Peace Agreements Digital Collection, part of the Margarita S. Studemeister Digital Library in International Conflict Management, strives to contain the full text of agreements signed by the major contending parties ending inter- and intra-state conflicts worldwide since 1989. It is a collection constantly under development by the Jeannette Rankin Library Program as a means to strengthen worldwide access to information on peaceful means to end international conflict.

CD-ROM

Peace Research Abstracts

Abstracts of literature concerning peace studies, conflict studies, and international relations. Coverage: 1964 - , on CD-ROM, available inside Fenwick Library only. **JX1901 .P38** Fenwick Ref.