

# RESEARCH GUIDE

## International Relations

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International Relations is a discipline that studies interactions between nation-states. It takes particular interest in their foreign policies and how their interactions impact upon the world system as a whole. Although International Relations transcends many academic disciplines, this research guide mostly includes those resources that embrace the branches of International Relations that impact political and governmental institutions and issues.

#### THE LIBRARY CATALOG

The GMU Libraries online catalog offers several ways to search for books, documents and media on international relations. You can search by author, title or by subject heading. Subject searches must use the standardized headings created by the Library of Congress; some examples for this subject area are as follows:

**General Books on this topic:**

*International Relations*

*International Economic Relations*

*International Agencies*

**Geographic Interest:**

[Country or geographic region] – *Ethnic Relations*

[Country or geographic region] – *Military Policy*

[Country or geographic region] – *National security*

**Specific Governmental Bodies:**

*European Union*

*United Nations. General Assembly*

#### SUBJECT GUIDES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Subject and bibliographic guides give insight into a field's literature, i.e., identifying the sources available in specific areas within the field and providing an outlet for conducting effective research.

*Cold War Reference Guide: A general History and Annotated Chronology with selected biographies.* Jefferson, NC: McFarland, c1997. *Ref D843 .S3365*

*Chronological History of the United States Foreign Relations: 1776 to Jan. 20, 1981.* New York: Garland Publishing, 1985. **Ref E 183.7 .B745 1985**

*Guide to American Foreign Relations Since 1700.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 1983. **Ref. E183.7 .G84.**

*Guide to Official Publications of Foreign Countries.* Chicago: ALA, 1990. **Ref J9.5 .G854**

*Information Sources in Politics and Political Science: A Survey Worldwide.* London: Butterworth, 1984. **Ref. JA71 .I56**

*International Bibliography of the Social Sciences - Political Science.* London: Tavistock, 1968 - 1983. **Ref. JA71 .I6**

*International Directory of Multicultural Resources.* Houston, TX: Gulf Pub Co, 1996. **Ref. HD62.4 .I5625**

*Reference Guide to United States Department of State Special Files.* Westport, CN: Greenwood Press, 1985. **Ref. CD3031 1985**

*Theories of Political Processes: A Bibliographic Guide to the Journal Literature, 1965- 1995* Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1997. **Ref. JA 71 B78**

## DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

International relations dictionaries and encyclopedias are usually organized in an alphabetical arrangement. They include definitions and usually abridged articles. References to related works are often included, as well.

*Democracy in Asia & Africa.* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1998.  
**Ref. JC 421 D4633**

*Democracy in Europe & the Americas.* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1998.  
**Ref. JC 421 D4634**

*Dictionary of American Diplomatic History.* New York: Greenwood Press, 1989.  
**Ref. E183.7 .F5 1989**

*Dictionary of International & Comparative Law.* 1992.  
**Ref. JX1226 .F69 1992**

*Diplomat's Dictionary.* Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace, 1997.  
**Ref. JX1625 F74**

*Encyclopedia of American Foreign Policy.* New York: Scribner, 1978.  
**Ref. JX1407 .E53**

*Encyclopedia of Democracy.* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly, 1995.  
**Ref. JC423 E53**

*Encyclopedia of Human Rights.* Washington, DC: Taylor & Francis, c1996.  
**Ref. JC571 E67**

*Encyclopedia of the United Nations and International Relations.* New York: Taylor & Francis, 1990. **Ref. JX1977 .08213**

*Encyclopedia of U.S. Foreign Relations.* New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.  
**Fenwick Reference E183.7 .E53 1997**

*International Development Dictionary.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1991.  
**Ref. HF1359 .F79**

*International Organizations and World Order Dictionary.* Denver, CO: ABC-CLIO, 1992  
**Ref. JX1995 .A4595**

*International Relations : A Political Dictionary.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1995.  
**Ref. JX1226 .P55**

*International Relations Research Directory.* London: Europa Publications, 1995.  
**Ref. JX1291 I565**

*Oxford Companion to Politics of the World. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.  
**Fenwick Ref. JA61 .095 2001**

*Political and Economic Encyclopedia of the Pacific.* Chicago: St. James Press, 1989.  
**Ref. HN930.7 .A8 P6 1989**

*Political and Economic Encyclopedia of Western Europe.* Chicago: St. James Press, 1990  
**Ref. JN94 .A2P665**

*Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations.* Detroit: Gale Group, 2001.  
**Ref. G63 .W67 2001**

*World Encyclopedia of Parliaments and Legislatures,* 1998. Washington, D.C. : Congressional Quarterly. **Ref JF511 .W67 1998.**

*World Encyclopedia of Political Systems and Parties. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.* New York: Facts on File, 1999.  
**Fenwick Ref JF2011 .W67 1999**

## YEARBOOKS AND HANDBOOKS

These works provide specific data on a country, including statistical data. Most are updated annually.

*Africa South of the Sahara.* London: Europa Publications Limited, (Annual).  
**Ref. DT351 .A4**

*Countries of the World.* Detroit: Gale Research Co., (Annual).  
**Ref. G1 .C88**

*Demographic Yearbook.* New York: United Nations Publications, (Annual).  
**Ref. HA17 .D4**

*Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States.* London: Europa Publications Limited, (Annual). **Ref. HC244 .E225**

*Europa World Yearbook.* London: Europa Publications Limited, (Annual).  
**Ready Ref. Desk. JN1 .E8**

*Far East and Australia.* London: Europa Publications Limited, (Annual).  
**Ref. DS1 .F3**

*Federal Systems of the world: A Handbook of Federal, Confederal and Autonomy Arrangements.* New York: Longman Current Affairs, 1994. **Ref JC355 .E384**

*Handbook of Political Science Research on the Middle East and North Africa, 1998.* Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press. **Ref JQ1758.A58 H36 1998.**

*Middle East and North Africa.* London: Europa Publications Limited, (Annual). **Ref. DS49 .M5**

*Political Handbook of the World.* New York: Harper & Brothers, (Annual). **Ref. JF37 .P6**

*South America, Central America, and the Caribbean.* London: Europa Publications Limited, (Annual). **Ref. F1401 .S68**

*Statesman's Yearbook.* New York: St. Martins Press, (Annual).  
**Ready Ref. JA51 .S7**

*Strategic Survey.* London: Institute for Strategic Studies, annual.  
Fenwick Ref (latest vol.) U162 .S87

*USA and Canada.* London: Europa Publications Limited. (Annual).  
**Ref. E31 .U6**

*The World Almanac of U.S. Politics.* New York: World Almanac, (Biennial).  
**Ref. JK6 .W67**

*World Armaments and Disarmaments: SIPRI Yearbook,* Annual. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. Fenwick Reference UA10 .S69a

*World Factbook.* Washington, D.C: Central Intelligence Agency, (Annual).  
**Ref. G122 .U56a**

*Washington Almanac of International Trade and Business.* Washington, D.C.: Almanac Pub Inc., (Annual). **Ref JX1705 A152.**

*Year Book of World Affairs.* London: Times Books, (Annual).  
**Ref JX21. Y4**

## DIRECTORIES

*Current World Leaders.* Santa Barbara, CA: International Academy at Santa Barbara, (Annual). **Ref. D839 .C875**

*Diplomatic List.* Washington, D.C.: U.S. Dept. of State, (Annual).  
**Ready Ref. S1.8:**  
**Online version:** <http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/dpl>

*Directory of Pan-European Organisations.* London: Euromonitor PLC, 1992.  
**Ref AS98 .D57**

*Encyclopedia of Associations - International Organizations.* Detroit: Gale Research (Annual) Fenwick Ref AS22 .E52

*Foreign Consular Offices in the United States.* Washington, DC: U.S. Department of State, annual. Ref Desk S169/2:  
**Also online at** <http://www.state.gov>

*International Policy Institutions around the Pacific Rim.* Boulder, CO: Lyne Reiner, 1998. Fenwick Reference JZ1163 .B34 1998

*International Relations Research Directory.* London: Europa, 1995. **Ref JX1291 .I565**

*Worldwide Government Directory with International Organizations*. Bethesda, MD: Cambridge Information Group Directories, 2001. *Ref JF37 L345 2001*

*Yearbook of International Organizations*. Brussels: Union of International Associations, (Annual). *Ref JX1904 .Y4*

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

*The International Who's Who*. London: Europa Publications. *Ref CT 120 .I5*

*International Year Book and Statesmen's Who's Who*. West Sussex, England: Kelly's Directories, (Annual). *Ready Ref. JA51 .I6*

*Who's Who in American Politics*. New York: Bowker, (Annual). *Ref. E176 .W5*

*Who's Who in International Organizations: A Biographical Encyclopedia of More Than 12,000 Leading Personalities*. Muchen, New York: K.G. Saur, c1996. *Ref. CT120 .W485 1996*

*Who's Who in World Politics: From 1860 to the Present Day*. London: Routledge, 1996. *Ref. D21 .3 .P35*

*Who's Who of Women in World Politics*. London: Bowker-Saur, c1991. *Ref. HQ1236 .W455 1991*

## **PRINT AND ELECTRONIC INDEXES**

The Library subscribes to a number of periodical indexes in print and electronic formats which have a vast amount of information on international relations. Following is a list of selected sources.

### **Congressional Information Service (CIS)**

#### **CIS Index & Abstracts**

Book coverage: 1971- present

Reference Room Indexes *Ref. KF49 .C62*

#### **CIS Index to International Statistics**

Book coverage: 1983-present

Reference Room Indexes *Ref. HA 17 .I535*

#### **CIS Statistical Reference Index (State governments and non-governmental agencies)**

Book Coverage: 1973-present

**CQ Weekly (Online)**

Full text 1983-present

**Congressional Universe (Access from the GMU Libraries' Databases List).**

Coverage: years vary; includes full text since the 1980's.

**Statistical Universe (GMU Libraries Databases)**

Coverage: varies

A compilation of the CIS statistical print volumes, including American Statistical Index and the Statistical Abstract of the United States.

**Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) (GMU Libraries Databases)**

Coverage: 1991 -

**Current Law Index**

Book coverage: 1971- present

Reference Room Indexes *Ref. K33 .C87*

**EIU Country Reports (GMU Libraries Databases)**

Coverage: 1993- present

**FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service - Daily Report)**

Book coverage: 1978-1994

CD-ROM coverage: 1996-1998 AVAILABLE ONLY IN FENWICK LIBRARY

Microform Room - Government Documents

**FBIS Online - World News Connection (GMU Libraries Databases)**

Coverage: 1995-present

**Global NewsBank (GMU Libraries Databases)**

Coverage: 1996-present

**LEXIS/NEXIS (GMU Libraries Databases)**

Coverage: varies

**GPO Monthly Catalog of the US Government Publications**

Book coverage: 1895-1994 (Print); 1995 (Microfiche)

CD-ROM coverage: varies AVAILABLE ONLY IN FENWICK LIBRARY

Reference Room - Government Documents Ref GP 3.8

**GPO Monthly Catalog (ONLINE)**

Coverage: 1976-present

**NTDB-National Trade Data Bank**

Coverage: 1988-present

**PAIS-Public Affairs Information Service**

Book coverage: 1915-present

Reference Room Indexes *Ref. H1 .P845*

**PAIS-Public Affairs Information Service (GMU Libraries Databases)**

Online Database Coverage: 1972-present

**UNBISnet (GMU Libraries Databases)**

Catalog of the United Nations Libraries as well as voting records and index to speeches of the U.N. General Assembly.

**Worldwide Political Science Abstracts (GMU Libraries Databases)**

Includes abstracts of articles and dissertations from approximately 1,000 journals, with international coverage.

**GOVERNMENT PERIODICALS**

The United States is a major publisher of resources that are important to international affairs and relations. Following are those generated by the State Department, Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense and the U.S. Congress.

**NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, the print sources are located in Government Documents, Reference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Fenwick Library.**

**American Foreign Policy: Current Documents. S 1.71/2:yr**

**also - Policy,** <http://www.state.gov/www/policy.html>

This series contains principle foreign documents of the U. S. executive branch of government, i.e., messages, addresses, statements, interviews, press briefings, conferences and congressional testimony. Also, statements issued by international organizations and foreign leaders who impacted the formulation of U.S. policy are included. Published since 1941, with a gap from 1967 to 1977.

**Area Handbooks. D 101.22:550-no**

**also -**<http://memory.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

Basic facts provided by the Foreign Area Studies of The American University on the economic, social, political and military institutions and practices of various countries. Emphasis is placed on the country's present society, how its inhabitants interact with each other and its various institutions. This series also delineates possible future changes in the society and institutions. The Department of the Army now sponsors the Area Handbooks series.

**Background Notes. S 1.123:**

**also -** [http://www.state.gov/www/background\\_notes/index.html](http://www.state.gov/www/background_notes/index.html)

These guides give insight on the politics, economy and leaders of countries of the world and the relations of these countries to the United States.

**Congressional Publications (see also the Microfiche collection)**

**Y 1.2 House of Representative; Y 1.3 Senate; Y 1.4 Congress**

also -

**Congressional Universe**

**GPO Access**

**THOMAS**

Congressional publications are available as House Documents, Senate Documents, Committee Prints, Committee Hearings, Congressional Bills, and miscellaneous publications. Official print copies are published by the Government Printing Office. Official web sites are GPO Access and THOMAS. CIS Congressional Universe is a reputable commercial product, which provides some user-friendly ways to access all congressional publications, unlike the official versions.

NOTE: CIS Congressional Universe often provides direct link to the official congressional publications.

**Foreign Relations of the United States. S1.1:**

also - <http://www.state.gov/>

Beginning in 1861, this series provides the official record of major foreign policy decisions and diplomatic activities regarding the United States government. The facts and events leading to the formulation of policies and views advocating and opposing policy positions are documented. Title IV of Public Law 102-138 requires that volumes in this series be published not more than 30 years after the events recorded. Due mostly to the declassification of information, many of the recorded events will appear in volumes within 25-30 years after they occur.

**FBIS Daily Reports (Foreign Broadcast Information Service) PrEx 7.10:**

also - **WorldNews Connection** (Online database)

English translation via CIA, of foreign broadcasts, news agency transmissions, periodicals and government statements.

**JPRS. (Joint Publications Research Service) PrEx 7.13:**

also - **Handbook of International Economic Statistics (1997)**

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/hies97/toc.htm>

Under the auspices of the CIA, english translated, non-U.S. originated, materials coming from newspapers, journals, speeches, and broadcasts covering social and scientific issues.

**Foreign Labor Trends (Various Countries) L29.16:**

FLT reveals the current economic conditions and future outlook of a country's labor force; and documents trade relations and agreements between nations. FLT is compiled by the American Embassies.

**Treaties in Force. Washington: GPO. S9.14:yr**

also - [http://www.state.gov/www/global/legal\\_affairs/legal\\_adviser.html](http://www.state.gov/www/global/legal_affairs/legal_adviser.html)

**Current Treaty Actions,**

[http://www.state.gov/www/global/legal\\_affairs/treaty\\_actions\\_1999.html](http://www.state.gov/www/global/legal_affairs/treaty_actions_1999.html)

Treaties as well as other international agreements entered into by the United States that are in force as of Jan 1. Published annually, this volume contains two parts. Part 1 lists bilateral treaties and international agreements by country or other international entity and Part 2 lists multilateral agreements. The full text of a treaty can be found in the source indicated in its reference. Those available at Fenwick Library include *Treaties and Other International Acts*. (TIAS S9.10:), *United States Treaties and Other International Agreements* (UST S9:12:vol.), and *Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States of America, 1776-1949* (Also known as *Bevans*, Ref JX236 1968 .A5). In addition to the above, GMU Law Library has *League of Nations Treaty Series* (JX170 L4) and *United Nations Treaty Series* (JX170 .U35).

**U.S. Department of State Dispatch. S 1.3/5 (Shelved alphabetically in Per/Micro) Vol. 1 (1990) through Vol. 10 (1999)**

Current Issues on the Web: <http://www.state.gov/www/publications/dispatch/index.html>  
Key speeches and congressional testimonies of the Secretary of State and other senior DOS officials are available from this periodical. Also includes U.S. treaty actions and ambassadorial appointments. Full-text articles are available on the web 1993 - present. Formerly called the *State Department of Bulletin*.

## LIST OF SELECTED SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

*Annual Review of Political Science*

Online: <http://polisci.AnnualReviews.org>

*Foreign Affairs*. v.1-10 (1922-1932), v.43-54 (1964-1976), v.57-64 (1978-86) (1988 - ) Mfilm;  
v. 65-76 (1986-1997) Microfiche;  
v.11-42 (1932-1964), v.55-56 (1976-1987), v.76- (1997- ) Paper.

**FULL TEXT in databases**

Periodical Abstracts (1991 - )

Expanded Academic/Infotrac (1/96 - )

*Foreign Policy*. v.1-36 (1970-1979) Mfilm; v.37-45 (1979-1981) Paper; v.50 (1986 - ) Mfiche.

**FULL TEXT in databases**

Periodical Abstracts/Index (1994 - )

Expanded Academic /Infotrac (3/96 - )

*International Affairs*. v.43 (1967 - ) Paper.

*International Organization*. v.29 (1975 - ) Paper.

*International Studies Quarterly*. v.11-26 (1967-1982) & v.41 (1997 - ) Paper.

*Journal of Conflict Resolution*. v.1-13 (1957-69), v. 16-22 (1972-78), v. 25 (1981) Mfilm;  
v.14-15 (1970-71), v.23-24 (1979-80), v.26 (1982 - ) Paper.

*Journal of International Affairs.* v.48 (1995 - ) Paper.

*NATO Review.* v.26 (1978 - ) Paper.

*ORBIS.* Holdings vary. Paper.

*Review of International Studies.* v.12 (1986 - ) Paper.

*World Affairs.* v.133 (1970 - ) Paper.

*World Politics.* v. 1-7 (1948-1954); v.39 (1982 - ) Paper.

**FULL TEXT in databases:**

Expanded Academic/Infotrac (1/95-8/95)

Project Muse (10/95 - )

**The full text of some scholarly journals can be found in the following databases. Access to these databases from a remote location (not on GMU campuses) IS ONLY available to GMU students, faculty and staff.**

Periodical Abstracts/Index)

Foreign Affairs (1/91 - )

Foreign Policy (1/94 - )

World Affairs (1/94 - )

World Policy Journal (1/94 - )

JSTOR

American Journal Of International Law (1907-1996)

American Journal of Political Science (1973-1998)

American Political Science Review (1906-1996)

Australian Journal of Chinese Affairs (1979-1994)

Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies (1936-1994)

International Organization (1947-1994)

Journal of Asian Studies (1956-1994)

Journal of Political Economy (1892-1994)

Journal of Politics (1939-1996)

Monumenta Nipponica (1938-1994)

Pacific Affairs (1928-1995)

Philosophy and Public Affairs (1971-1994)

Political Science Quarterly (1886-1995)

Proceedings of the American Political Science Association (1904-1913)

Public Opinion Quarterly (1937-1994)

World Politics (1948-1995)

Expanded Academic (Infotrac database)

British Journal of Political Science  
China Review International  
East European Quarterly  
Foreign Affairs (1/96 )  
Foreign Policy (3/96 - )  
International Monetary Fund Staff Papers  
Journal of International Affairs  
World Politics (1/95-8/95)

PROJECT MUSE E-Journals

Harvard International Journal of Press Politics (2000 - )  
Human Rights Quarterly (1995 - )  
Journal of Cold War Studies  
Journal of Democracy (1995 - )  
Journal of Policy History (2000 - )  
Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal (1996 - )  
SAIS Review (1996- )  
Washington Quarterly  
World Politics (10/95 - )

**Research Consultations**

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