

Comparative Law Methodology and Sources

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Initial Considerations

Decide on the purpose of the comparison first because this will determine the choice of legal systems or topics for comparison and the method of comparison (De Cruz, pp. 222)

Purposes of comparative law (De Cruz, chapter 1)

- 1) An academic discipline (see pp. 21 for organizations)
- 2) An aid to legislation and law reform
- 3) A tool of construction
- 4) A means of understanding legal rules
- 5) A contribution to the systematic unification and harmonization of law. Examples include: The International Institute for the Unification of Private Laws (UNDRUIT), <http://www.unidroit.org/default.htm> and the American Law Institute's Restatement of Foreign Relations, OCU Call # KF 395.A2 (ref).

Types of comparative studies (De Cruz quoting Hug, pp. 6)

- 1) Comparing foreign and domestic systems to ascertain similarities and differences
- 2) Analysis of solutions offered by different systems
- 3) Investigation of the causal relationships between different systems of law
- 4) Comparison of the different stages of different systems
- 5) Examination of legal evolution

Macro/Micro Distinction (De Cruz, pp. 224-226)

Macro-comparison – the study of two or more entire legal systems

Micro-comparison- refers to the study of topics or aspects of two or more legal systems

Methodology

Many authors comment that there is not an established methodology for comparative law research and a dearth of scholarship on the subject. Most authors agree that the general method to be used is that of forming and testing a hypothesis. (Glendon, pp. 8-9)

Zweigert and Kotz (De Cruz, pp. 228-229)

Every investigation begins with the posing of a question or setting of a working hypothesis

“The basic methodological principle of comparative law is that of functionality ... in law the only things which are comparable are those which fulfill the same function”

The question must be posed in purely functional terms – what function does the rule under scrutiny fulfill in its own society? Alternatively, which institution, legal or otherwise, fulfills the function under scrutiny in this particular society?

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Ernst Rabel (Glendon, pp. 9)

Function – you must know how legal rules, institutions and systems function to compare them.

Context – you cannot know how they function without situating them in their legal, economic and cultural context.

De Cruz's blueprint (De Cruz, pp. 232-235)

1. Identify the problem and state it as precisely as possible
2. Identify the jurisdictions being compared and their legal families
3. Decide what primary sources of law you will need
4. Gather the relevant materials
5. Organize materials according to the legal philosophy and ideology of the system being investigated
6. Map out the possible answer to the problem
7. Analyze the intrinsic value of the legal principles
8. Form Conclusions

Common problems (De Cruz, pp. 211 -)

1. Linguistic Problems
2. Cultural Problems
3. Comparability of Legal Systems
4. Theory of a Common Legal Pattern
5. Imposition of one's own legal conceptions
6. Omission of extra-legal factors

For more information on methodology see the following resources:
De Cruz, Chapter 7.

Basil S. Markesinis, *Foreign and Comparative Law Methodology* (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 1997) OCU Call # K 559.M37.

Zweigert and Kotz, Chapter A.3.

Comparative Law Treatises

Peter DeCruz, *Comparative Law in a Changing World* (London: Cavendish, 1995) OCU Call # 559.D4.

Mary Ann Glendon, et al, *Comparative Legal Traditions In a Nutshell* (St. Paul: West, 1999) OCU Call # K560.G43 (reserve).

Mary Ann Glendon, et al, *Comparative Legal Traditions: Text, Materials, and Cases on the Civil Law, Common Law and Socialist Law Traditions* (St. Paul: West, 1994) OCU Call # K 583.G55.
A textbook containing law review articles and cases.

Bernhard Grossfeld, *The Strength and Weakness of Comparative Law* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1990) Provides an overview of comparative law and sets it in the context of general law and culture. (review from Wade) OCU Call # K 559.G7613.

Rene David and John E.C. Brierly, *Major Legal Systems in the World Today: An Introduction to the Comparative Study of Law* (London: Stevens, 1985) Rene David developed the idea that laws typical of groups could be classified into legal families. The work provides an introduction to the three major families, Romano-Germanic, Common Law and Socialist, and other legal systems. (review from Wade) OCU Call # K583.D3815.

George E. Glos, *Comparative Law* (Littleton: Rothman, 1979) Compares the legal systems of France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Mexico, the Soviet Union and Malaya. OCU Call # K 559.G55.

Frederick H. Lawson, *A Common Lawyer Looks at the Civil Law* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Law School, 1953) OCU Call # K 623.L3.

Herbert J. Liebesny, *Foreign Legal Systems: A Comparative Analysis* (Washington D.C.: George Washington University, 1981). This text compares various aspects of European civil law jurisdictions. OCU Call # K 559.L53.

John Henry Merryman, *The Civil Law Tradition: An Introduction to the Legal Systems of Western Europe and Latin America* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1994). Merryman is credited with grouping legal systems into “legal traditions” which are a set of deeply rooted historically conditions attitudes about the nature of law, the role of law in the society and the political ideology, and the organization and operation of a legal system.” OCU Call # K585.M468.

Csaba Varga, *Comparative Legal Cultures* (New York: New York University Press, 1992). A comparative study of legal cultures. OCU Call # K 561.C 658.

Alan Watson, *Legal Transplants: An Approach to the World's Legal Systems* (St. Paul: West, 1993). OCU Call # K 583.W37.

Conrad Zweigert and Hein Kötz, *Introduction to Comparative Law* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998). An introductory text translated from German that examines the Romanistic, Germanic, Anglo-American, Nordic, Far East and Religious “legal families” and compares the concepts of contract and tort law. Each chapter begins with a bibliography of books and articles. OCU Call # K 583.Z93.

History of Comparative Law

L. Neville Brown, *A Century of Comparative Law in England 1869-1969*, 19 AM. J. COMP. L. 232-52 (1971).

Zweigert and Kötz, Chapter 4.

Walter Hug, *The History of Comparative Law*, 45 HARV. L. REV. 1027-1070 (1931-32). An introduction to the history of comparative law that concludes around the middle of the nineteenth century.

John Henry Wigmore, *Panorama of the World's Legal Systems* (St. Paul: West, 1928). OCU Call # K 559.W39 (special collections).

A Suggested Comparative Law Research Strategy

1. Understand the sources of law and the hierarchy of legal authority for the system you are studying;
2. Understand the society and culture that surrounds the system you are studying; and,
3. Locate the law.

Materials on Research Strategy

The American Society of International Law (ASIL) has a research guide on private international law that discusses the efforts of international organizations in the unification of laws, accessible at: <http://www.asil.org/resource/pil1.htm>

Lyonette Louis-Jacques, "Finding Foreign Law When Going Global," accessible at: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/global.html> provides strategies and links to sources

Jeanne Rehberg & Mirela Roznovschi, "Finding Foreign Law," in *Accidental Tourist on the New Frontier: An Introduction to Global Legal Research*, Jeanne Rehberg and Radu D. Popa, eds. (Littleton: Rothman, 1998). OCU Call # K 85.A27.

Thomas H. Reynolds, "Introduction to Foreign and Comparative Law," in *Accidental Tourist on the New Frontier: An Introduction to Global Legal Research*, Jeanne Rehberg and Radu D. Popa, eds. (Littleton: Rothman, 1998) OCU Call # K 85.A27 (ref office).

Daniel L. Wade, "Comparative Law: Academic Perspectives and Practical Legal Realities," in *Introduction to Foreign Legal Systems*, Richard A. Danner and Marie-Louise H. Bernal, eds. (New York: Oceana, 1994). Includes a discussion of the classics of comparative law as well as a detailed bibliography. This excellent chapter was the basis of much of the material in this bibliography. OCU Call # K 583.I57 (ref office).

Comparative Law Reference Sources

Encyclopedias

International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law is an ambitious project that brings together works from leading scholars in comparative law. The set is organized into

seventeen volumes each dealing with a topic of comparative law. Volume two, *The Legal Systems of the World*, is particularly instructive for students of comparative law. OCU Call # K 530.I57 (ref).

Dictionaries (all located in reference)

James R. Fox, *Dictionary of International and Comparative Law* (Dobbs Ferry: Oceana, 2003) OCU Call # JZ 1161.

Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations, Mary Miles Prince ed. (Buffalo: Hein, 2001) OCU Call # KF 246.B5.

F. H. S Bridge and Council of Europe, *The Council of Europe French-English Legal Dictionary* (Strasbourg: Council of Europe Press, 1994) OCU Call # K52.F7 B74 1994.

Elaine Costello and Linda C Tom, *Random House Webster's American Sign Language Legal Dictionary* (New York: Random House Reference, 2003) OCU Call # K52.A6 C67 2003.

Henry S Dahl, *Dahl's Law Dictionary French to English/English to French: An Annotated Legal Dictionary, Including Definitions From Codes, Case Law, Statutes, and Legal Writing = Dictionnaire Juridique Dahl* (Buffalo, N.Y: W.S. Hein, 2001) OCU Call # K52.F7 D35 2001.

Henry S Dahl, *Dahl's Law Dictionary Spanish to English/English to Spanish: An Annotated Legal Dictionary, Including Authoritative Definitions From Codes, Case Law, Statutes, and Legal Writing = Diccionario Jurídico Dahl* (Buffalo, N.Y: W.S. Hein, 1996) OCU Call # K52.S6 D33 1996.

Henry S Dahl, *McGraw-Hill's Spanish and English Legal Dictionary Diccionario Jurídico Inglés-Español* (New York, London: McGraw-Hill, 2003) OCU Call # K 52.

Henry S Dahl and Horacio M Marull, *Dahl's Law Dictionary = Diccionario Juridico* (Buffalo N.Y: W.S. Hein, 1992) OCU Call # K52.S6 D33 1992.

Shane R DeBeer, *Dictionary of Business & Legal Terms Russian-English/English-Russian* (New York: Hippocrene Books, 1995) OCU Call # K52.R8 D42 1995.

Daphne A Dukelow and Betsy Nuse, *The Dictionary of Canadian Law* (Scarborough, Ont: Carswell, 1991) OCU Call # K 52.

Lawrence Deems Egbert and Fernando Morales Macedo, *Multilingual Law Dictionary English-Français-Español-Deutsch* (Alphen aan den Rijn, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y: A. W. Sijthoff. Oceana Publications, 1978) OCU Call # K54 .E3 1978.

Harith Sulayman Faruqi, *Faruqi's Law Dictionary Arabic-English : Containing Terms of Jurisprudence (Ancient and Modern), Forensic Medicine, Commerce, Banking, Insurance, Civil Aviation, Diplomacy, and Petroleum* (Beirut: Librairie du Liban, 1983) OCU Call # K52.

Durval de Noronha Goyos Jr., *Noronha's Legal Dictionary English-Portuguese, Portuguese-English* (São Paulo, Brasil: Editora Observador Legal, 1998) OCU Call # K52.P67 G69 1998

Toshiaki Hasegawa, Tokyo Nuno Publishing, and Henshubu, *Rodasu Horitsu Eigo Jiten Ei-Wa, Wa-Ei, Gyakubiki Wa-Ei = Lawdas Law Dictionary* (Tokyo: Tokyo Nuno Publishing, Inc, 1992) OCU Call # K 52.

E. Hilton Jackson and Herbert Broom, *Latin for Lawyers Containing I. A Course in Latin, With Legal Maxims and Phrases As a Basis of Instruction. II. A Collection of Over One Thousand Latin Maxims, With English Translations, Explanatory Notes, and Cross-References. III. A Vocabulary of Latin Words* (New York: Lawbook Exchange, 1992) OCU Call # K 52.

Igor I. Kavass, *World Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations* (Buffalo: Hein, 1991 -) OCU Call # K 89.K38. Provides an explanation of legal abbreviations from jurisdictions around the world. Arranged by jurisdiction.

Julio Romañach, *Dictionary of Legal Terms Spanish-English, English-Spanish = Diccionario De Términos Jurídicos : Español-Inglés, Inglés-Español* (Baton Rouge, LA: Jura Division, Lawrence Pub. Co, 1992) OCU Call # K52.S6 R66 1992.

Gerardo Solís and Raúl A Gasteazoro, *West's Spanish-English, English-Spanish Law Dictionary* (St. Paul, MN: West, 1992) OCU Call # K 52.

Russ VerSteeg, *Essential Latin for Lawyers* (Durham, N.C: Carolina Academic Press, 1990) OCU Call # K 52.

Eurodicautom is a multilingual term bank that was originally designed for EU translators but is now available to the public. It translates terms into several of the languages of EU member nations, accessible at <http://europa.eu.int/eurodicautom/Controller>

A group composed of American and European lawyers and law professors are working toward the creation of a legal dictionary employing semantic web technology. This multilingual and multi jurisdictional dictionary would facilitate the global exchange of legal information. From one location users will be able to retrieve the meaning of legal terms in different languages and jurisdictions. The project is starting with the English, German, French and Dutch languages and jurisdictions. Information about the project is available from: <http://www.lexml.de/rdf.htm>.

Bibliographies

Rene David and John E.C. Brierly, *Major Legal Systems in the World Today: An Introduction to the Comparative Study of Law* (London: Stevens, 1985) Contains two appendices that serve as a research guide to comparative law. The first appendix is bibliographic with references to sources of primary law, bibliographies, introductory works, and other sources. The second appendix lists centers of comparative law study and comparative law libraries. (review from Wade) OCU Call # K583.D3815.

Szladits' Bibliography on Foreign and Comparative Law, Daniel L. Wade, S. Blair Kauffman, and Tracy L. Thompson, eds. (New York: Oceana, 2001). Contains author, titles and subject indices along with lists of basic publications from specific jurisdictions in subject areas. Volume 3 lists comparative law titles by subject. OCU Call # K 38 (ref).

Daniel L. Wade, "Comparative Law: Academic Perspectives and Practical Legal Realities," in *Introduction to Foreign Legal Systems*, Richard A. Danner and Marie-Louise H. Bernal, eds. (New York: Oceana, 1994). OCU Call # K 583.I57 (ref office).

Conrad Zweigert and Hein Kötz, *Introduction to Comparative Law* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998) Each chapter begins with a bibliography of books and articles. OCU Call # K 583.Z93.

Law Reviews and Journals

ABA Section of International and Comparative Law – Proceedings and Bulletin
AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW
ANNUAL SURVEY OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW (Golden Gate University)
ARIZONA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
BOSTON COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW
CARDOZO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN LAW
COMPARATIVE JURIDICAL REVIEW
COMPARATIVE LAW (Nihon University)
DUKE JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
EAST EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW
EU FOCUS
EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
EUROPEAN LAW REVIEW
ELECTRONIC JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW (Schoordijk Instituut, Faculty of Law, Tilburg University)
GEORGIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW
ILSA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
INDIANA INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW
INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW QUARTERLY
INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW (University of Miami)
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE AND APPLIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE
INTER-AMERICAN LAW REVIEW
JUS GENTIUM JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
KOREAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW
LOYOLA OF LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW
MAASTRICHT JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN AND COMPARATIVE LAW
NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
NOTRE DAME INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW JOURNAL
TEMPLE INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW JOURNAL
TULANE EUROPEAN AND CIVIL LAW FORUM
TULANE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
TULSA JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Indexes and Databases for Finding Law Review Articles

Search for articles in the following paper and electronic indexes keeping in mind that electronic indexes and databases generally only go back about 20 years, with the exception of Hein Online. For access to articles older than 20 years use the paper indexes listed. Also consider whether the database searches full text or bibliographic description.

Electronic Indexes and Databases for Finding Articles

Westlaw (INT-TP)(full text search)

Lexis (INTLR)(full text search)

Legal Trac – try searching for the subject “comparative law” and related subdivisions.
(full text search)

Wilson’s Index to Legal Periodicals – try the thesaurus term “comparative law” and 26 narrower terms (Searches only bibliographic description)

Hein Online provides access to journals from their inception but searching is not sophisticated at this time.

Paper Indexes

Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals – (indexes by title, author and subject) (1960 – present) This index contains references to books and articles about international law and comparative law and the laws of countries other than the United States, the British Isles and the British Commonwealth, whose systems have a common law basis. (1960 – present).

Current Law Index (indexes by title, author, and subject) (1980 – present) Originally introduced because ILP was not covering all periodicals and practice resources. It is similar to ILP but it includes separate subject and author/title indexes.

Index to Legal Periodicals (one index combining title, author and subject) (1886 – present) and online from 1981 – present. Also accessible from the Lexis library (LAWREV;ILP) and the Westlaw database (ILP).

Yearbooks

Comparative Law Yearbook (Hague: Center for International Legal Studies, 1977 – 1987)
OCU Call # K 64.C6

Comparative Law Yearbook of International Business (London: Graham and Trotman, 1990 -) OCU Call # K 64.C6.

Search for yearbooks from foreign jurisdictions in the library catalog.

Sources to Explain the Basic Structure of Legal Systems (Step I)

Claire M. Germain, *Germain's Transnational Law Research: A Guide for Attorneys* (New York: Transnational Publishers, Inc., 2002). See chapter 3 of this loose leaf for a discussion of research sources for comparative law. OCU Call # K 85 (ref office).

GlobalLex is an electronic legal publication dedicated to international and foreign law research. Published by the Hauser Global Law School Program at NYU School of Law. Currently, there are several research guides available from GlobalLex at:
<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/>

International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law provides scholarly explanations of world legal systems in volume one and volume two covers the comparison and unification of world legal systems. OCU Call # K 530.I57 (ref)

Law and Judicial Systems of Nations (Washington D.C.: World Jurist Association, 2002) Provides a brief introduction the practice of law, legal education, courts and legal systems of 192 nations. OCU Call # K 560.W68.

Law Librarians Resource Exchange (LLRX) provides a number of authoritative research guides on the legal systems of jurisdictions from around the world. Foreign and comparative guides are accessible at:
http://www.llrx.com/comparative_and_foreign_law.html

Martindale Hubble International Law Digests (Summit, NJ: Martindale Hubble, 1990 -). Briefly summaries of the law of many jurisdictions often with citations. OCU Call # K 68.M63 (reference) and available from the Lexis library (INTDIG).

University of Ottawa's World Legal Systems pages include a world map of legal systems and a classification of the basic type of legal system for most countries in the world, accessible at: <http://www.juriglobe.ca/eng/index.php>

Kenneth Robert Redden, *Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia* (Buffalo, Hein, 1984 -) OCU Call # K530.M64. An encyclopedia discussing the history, structure and functioning of the legal systems of the world. The set also provides citations to codes and collections of case law.

Thomas H. Reynolds and Arturo A. Flores, *Foreign Law: Current Sources of Codes and Basic Legislation in Jurisdictions of the World* (Littleton: Rothman, 1989 -). This loose leaf set briefly discusses the legal systems of more than 150 jurisdictions and includes citations to major codes and collections of case law including English language translations. OCU Call # K 38.R49. Access is available electronically through the OCU Law Library's page of Databases:
http://www.okcu.edu/law/lawlib/library_databases.php

Cultural, Political and Economic Information (Step II)

“We must study the history, the politics, the economics, the cultural background in literature and the arts, the religions, beliefs and practices, the philosophies, if we are to

reach sound conclusions as to what is and what is not common.” Ferdinand Stone writing about the proper materials to consult in the comparative study, as quoted in De Cruz, pp. 226-227.

Cultural, Political and Economic Information - Indices

Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS) is an index to over 1,800 journals and 6,000 books related to international public affairs, public and social policies, international relations, and world politics. Search under the broad topics: “Administration of Justice,” “Government” and “Law and Ethics” for relevant articles. Index available in paper at Dulaney Browne.

Other indices at Dulaney Browne that may contain relevant citations include: *Criminal Justice Abstracts and Periodicals*, *Criminal Justice Periodicals Index*, *Humanities Index* and *Social Science Index*.

Search the EBSCO and JStor databases for relevant articles.

Print Reference Sources

Graham Evans, *Dictionary of World Politics* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1990) Dulaney Browne Call # 320.03 Ev15d (ref).

Foreign Affairs (periodical, OCU Law Library)

International Relations: A Political Dictionary (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 1995) Dulaney Browne Call # 327.03P712i5 (ref).

Joel Krieger, *Oxford Companion to Politics of the World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993) Dulaney Browne Call # 320.03 Ox2 (ref).

Legal Systems of the World: A Political, Social, and Cultural Encyclopedia (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2002) OCU does not have this four volume set covering more than 400 legal systems and key concepts. Each country profile includes general information about the country, its history, information on the court structure, the evolution of its legal framework, the impact that the legal system has had on the country, and more. Includes references and a bibliography. Description from: <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/classes/iflr/essentialtools.html>

Seymour Lipset, *Encyclopedia of Democracy* (Washington D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, 1995) Dulaney Browne Call # 321.803En19 (ref).

Michael O’Mara, *Facts About the World’s Nations* (New York: H.W. Wilson, 1999) Dulaney Browne Call # 909.8203F119 (ref).

Political Handbook of the World (New York: CSA Publications, 1999) OCU Call # JF 31.P6 (ref).

Regional Surveys of the World (London: Europa, 2000) Dulaney Browne Call # 914.7Ea77 (ref).

Statesman's Yearbook (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2003) Dulaney Browne Call # 320.St797y (ref).

Worldmark Encyclopedia of Nations (Detroit: Gale Group, 2001) Dulaney Browne Call # 901.3W927 (ref)

Cultural, Political and Economic Information – Databases and Web Sites

Country Data (World Bank). This site contains statistical information on poverty, structure of the economy, prices and government finance, trade, balance of payments, external debt, resource flows, and key economic indicators, accessible at:

<http://www.worldbank.org/data/countrydata/countrydata.html>

Council on Foreign Relations: <http://www.cfr.org/index.php>

Country Studies, a project of the Library of Congress, accessible at,

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

U.S. Dept. of State Background Notes provides preliminary information on geography, people, government including discussion of the legal system, economy, foreign affairs, history, and human rights of the world's countries, accessible at: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

CIA World Factbook provides the following categories of information for every country in the world: geography, people, government, economy, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues. Accessible at: <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

Countries in Africa (Mbendi Information Services). The country profiles contain information on taxation, tariffs, intellectual property, financial indicators, privatization, exchange rates, regulatory framework, and political structure of every African country, accessible at:

<http://www.mbendi.co.za/land/af/p0005.htm>

Country Commercial Guides and other reports and publications are accessible from the web site: Export.gov Market Research Site. Country Commercial Guides are prepared yearly by US Embassy Staff containing information on the business and economic situation of various countries as well as the political climate. Each Country Commercial Guide contains chapters on trade regulations, investment climate, statistics, and market research. Other detailed reports of economic conditions are also available. Accessible at,

<http://www.export.gov/marketresearch.html>

Doing Business Guides (Lex Mundi). Lex Mundi maintains an important legal guide to international business. Country-specific legal issues include energy, choice of business structure, taxation, real estate, resolving commercial disputes, and enforcement of judgments, accessible at: http://www.lexmundi.com/lexmundi/Guides_to_Doing_Business1.asp?SnID=833060614. The

law library also has some of these guides in print. Search the catalog to see if we have the country you are interested in.

Library of Congress – Global Gateway – Portals to the World

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Portals to the World contains selective links providing authoritative, in-depth information about the nations and other areas of the world. They are arranged by country or area with the links for each sorted into a wide range of broad categories. The links were selected by Area Specialists and other Library staff using Library of Congress selection criteria.

Governments on the WWW provides links to government web pages around the world, accessible at: <http://www.gksoft.com/govt/>

Western Connecticut State Universities page “World Area Studies Internet Resources” accessible at: <http://wcsu.ctstateu.edu/socialsci/area.html>

World Bank Documents and Reports provides access to more than 14,000 documents. There are documents on a country's economic and work sectors, project documents, and research and working papers. Search the database or browse by country or region, document type, or sector, accessible at: <http://www-wds.worldbank.org/>

World-Newspapers.com provides links to newspapers around the world with English language content, accessible at: <http://www.world-newspapers.com/>

Lexis provides access to a number of relevant international business, market and legal news sources in it's database (WORLD)

Westlaw's relevant databases are found under the title international materials and Westnews in the database directory.

Finding the Law (Step III)

Collections of Foreign Laws – Gazettes

University of Michigan's Government Gazettes Online, accessible at:

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/gazettes/index.htm>

Collections of Foreign Laws – Constitutions

Albert Blaustein, *Constitutions of the Countries of the World* (Dobbs Ferry: Oceana)

This loose leaf set provides the text of constitutions from Countries world wide. OCU Call # K 3157.E3 (ref). Access is available electronically through the OCU Law

Library's page of Databases: http://www.okcu.edu/law/lib/library_databases.php

University of Bern's International Constitutional Law project provides English translations of Constitutions from around the world, accessible at: <http://www.oefre.unibe.ch/law/icl/index.html>

Constitution Finder.com, a page created by the University of Richmond School of Law is accessible at: <http://confinder.richmond.edu/>

Library of Congress Guide to Law Online, if FCIL law is available free online this site will lead you to it. A great first stop for foreign law, accessible at: <http://www.loc.gov/law/public/law-guide.html>

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Szladits' Bibliography on Foreign and Comparative Law, Daniel L. Wade, S. Blair Kauffman, and Tracy L. Thompson, eds. (New York: Oceana, 2001). OCU Call # K 38 (ref). Volume 3 lists collections of statutes by jurisdiction.

University College London's Institute of Global Law offers links to the German and French Statutes translated into English, accessible at: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/global_law/

United States Legislation on Foreign Relations and International Commerce: A Chronological and Subject Index of Public Laws and Joint Resolutions of the Congress of the United States (Buffalo: Hein, 1977 -) OCU Call # KF 1975.A3 (3rd Floor N).

Collections of Foreign Laws - Cases

Annual Digest of International Law Cases, 1919 – 1945 now *International Law Reports* (1946 -) OCU Call # JX 68.A65 (3rd Floor N) Provides decisions from a wide range of national and international tribunals. Includes a table of cases arranged alphabetically by party, court and country, and a digest.

British International Law Cases (London : Oceana, 1964-1972) OCU Call # JX68.B65 (3rd Floor N).

The Law Library of Congress' guide to law of foreign countries provides links to court decisions available online: <http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/index.html>

Project on International Courts and Tribunals provides access to the decisions of select international tribunals, accessible at: <http://www.pict-pcti.org/>

UNILEX, a database of foreign case law related to CISG and UNIDROIT, accessible at: <http://www.unilex.info/dynasite.cfm?dssid=2375&dsmid=14276>

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