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## I. INTRODUCTION

This guide covers foundational resources on international law generally and study aids. If you are searching for more specific and/or in-depth information, review our other foreign and international materials guides ([https://law.duke.edu/lib/research\\_guide/](https://law.duke.edu/lib/research_guide/)) covering specific topics such as the UN, treaties and international criminal law. Additionally, the library collects a series titled *Research Handbooks in International Law*, which explains how to research international law in a range of areas including cyberspace, criminal law, and energy law. These can be located by searching the catalog with a title search for *Research Handbooks in International Law*.

## II. DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Boleslaw A. Boczek, *International Law: A Dictionary* (Reference KZ1161 .B63 2005)

James R. Fox, *Dictionary of International and Comparative Law*, 3d ed. (Reference KZ1161 .F69 2003).

*Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law* (Reference KZ1160 .M39 2012) – highly regarded source containing scholarly articles about various aspects of public international law, making it a good place to begin your research; a regularly updated version is available electronically (<http://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE004078559>).

Clive Parry & John P. Grant, *Parry and Grant Encyclopaedic Dictionary of International Law*, 3d ed. (Reference KZ1161 .P37 2009) – defines legal terms and acronyms as used in international law; explains doctrine, prominent figures, important incident, treaties, and organizations; and discusses prominent cases, decisions, and arbitration. Also available electronically (<https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE005081154>).

### III. BIBLIOGRAPHIES & INDEXES

*Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* (<http://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE003131763>) – indexes articles from more than 450 legal periodicals published worldwide, including journals, essay collections, festschrifts, and congress reports.

*Public International Law: A Current Bibliography of Books and Articles* (Reference K3150 .A12 P82) – lists articles, monographs, essays, and compilations published on all aspects of public international law; also available electronically (<http://www.mpil.de/en/pub/publications/periodic-publications/public-international-law.cfm>).

Charles Szladits, *A Bibliography on Foreign and Comparative Law: Books and Articles in English* (1955-1989), continued as *Szladits' Bibliography on Foreign and Comparative Law: Books and Articles in English* (1990-1998) (Reference K38 .S95). Volumes for 1955-1990 are also available through HeinOnline (<https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE006277126>).

### IV. TREATISES ON INTERNATIONAL LAW

Anthony Aust, *Handbook of International Law*, 2nd ed. (KZ3410 .A94 2010)

J.L. Brierly, *Law of Nations: An Introduction to the International Law of Peace*, 6th ed. (KZ3225.B75 A33 1963)

Antonio Cassese, *International Law*, 2d ed. (KZ3395.C25 A35 2005).

James Crawford, *Brownlie's Principles of Public International Law*, 8th ed. (Reserves KZ3225.B76 A37 2012). Also available electronically (<https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE006629898>).

Vaughan Lowe, *International Law* (KZ1242 .L69 2007). Also available electronically (<https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE006630356>).

Peter Malanczuk, *Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law*, 7th rev. ed. (Reserves KZ3205 .A44 A3 1997). Also available electronically (<https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE006301551>).

L. Oppenheim, *Oppenheim's International Law* (Robert Jennings & Arthur Watts, eds.), 9<sup>th</sup> ed. (KZ3264.A3 I58 1992). Also available as an electronically (<https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE007704840>).

Malcolm Shaw, *International Law*, 7th ed. (KZ3275.S53 2014)

Certain classic treatises on international law (such as works by Grotius, Vattel, and Pufendorf) can be found in the *Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises 1800-1926*, available electronically (<http://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE003408743>), as well as through HeinOnline's *Legal Classics Library*, which is also available electronically (<http://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE003902157>).

For some contemporary resources, *Oxford Scholarly Authorities on International Law*, available electronically (<https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE005971504>), adds new content biannually from leading international scholars. *Oxford Reports on International Law*, available electronically (<https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE006630836>), provides coverage of public international case law from more than 65 jurisdictions (from 2013-) in the original language and English translation.

## V. STUDY AIDS

David J. Bederman & Chimène I. Keitner, *International Law Frameworks (Concepts and Insights)*, 4th ed. (KZ3410 .B43 2016)

Thomas Buergenthal & Sean D. Murphy, *Public International Law in a Nutshell*, 5th ed. (Reserves KZ3410 .B84 2013)

Valerie Epps, et al., *International Law: Examples and Explanations* (Reserves KZ1242 .E675 2014).

Vaughan Lowe, *International Law: A Very Short Introduction* (Reference KZ3410 .L694 2015).

Stephen C. McCaffrey, *Understanding International Law* (Reserves KZ3410 .M397 2015)

## VI. SUBJECT HEADINGS

The following is a non-comprehensive list of related subject headings that are useful when searching our catalog ([search.library.duke.edu](http://search.library.duke.edu)) for additional sources.

**International law**

**International Relations**

**Conflicts of Law**

**International Law – Periodicals**

**Jurisdiction (International Law)**

**International Courts**

## VII. RESEARCH GUIDES AND TEXTS

American Society of International Law (ASIL), *Electronic Information System for International Law (ESIL)*, (<http://www.eisil.org/>), a database of links to international law resources (including the texts of primary sources and research guides). ASIL also puts out **the *International Judicial Monitor (IJM)*** (<http://www.judicialmonitor.org>), published with the International Judicial Academy.

Marci Hoffman & Mary Rumsey, *International and Foreign Legal Research: A Coursebook* (Reserves K85 .H64 2012), also available electronically (<https://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE006373175>).

Marci B. Hoffman & Robert C. Berring, *International Legal Research in a Nutshell* (Reserves KZ1234 .H64 2008)

*Guide to International Legal Research* (Reference KZ1234 .G85 2016)

*Guide to Foreign and International Legal Citations*, 2d ed. (Reference K89 .G85 2009)

*Duke Law School Library: Comparative & International Law Links*  
(<http://law.duke.edu/lib/foreign>)

*Globalex International Law Articles*. Available electronically  
(<http://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=DUKE006654372>).

*Researching Public International Law*  
([http://www.law.columbia.edu/library/Research\\_Guides/internat\\_law/pubint](http://www.law.columbia.edu/library/Research_Guides/internat_law/pubint))

Anthony S. Winer, et al., *International Law Legal Research* (Reference KZ1234 .W565 2013)

For hands-on practice researching international law, take a look at the Duke University School of Law and University of California, Berkeley, School of Law *International Legal Research Tutorial* (<http://www.law.duke.edu/ilrt/>).

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