

FOREIGN & INTERNATIONAL LAW WEBSITES

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Foreign law usually means the law of another nation not one's own. It is sometimes mistaken for international law, which is the law between or among nations that have expressly or tacitly agreed to be bound by it. (For more on this important distinction, please read the *ASIL Insights* article cited below.) The following websites were handpicked for their authoritativeness, currency, importance, and/or usefulness. They include governmental and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs); radio, television, and print media; special interest groups and blogs; education and law directories; legal research and citation guides; and language products and translators. And they are free—or mostly free—to access. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but selective. Please feel free to recommend complementary websites to Roy L. Sturgeon, *Foreign & International Law Librarian*, rsturgeon@tourolaw.edu.

FOREIGN LAW

1. Governmental & Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs):

- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) World Factbook – <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>
- Chicago Council on Global Affairs – <http://www.thechicagocouncil.org/>
- Council on Foreign Relations – <http://www.cfr.org/>
- Global Legal Information Network – <http://www.glin.gov/>
- Global Legal Monitor – http://www.loc.gov/lawweb/servlet/lloc_news
- Government Gazettes Online – <http://www-personal.umich.edu/~graceyor/doctemp/gazettes/index.htm>
- Inter-Parliamentary Union – <http://www.ipu.org/english/home.htm>
- Justice Ginsburg & Baroness Hale: The British & US Legal Systems (Jan. 2008) – <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/webcast/eventDetail.cfm?eventID=473>
- On the Relevance of Foreign Law for American Constitutional Adjudication: A Conversation with US Supreme Court Justices Scalia & Breyer (Jan. 2005) – <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/2005/050113.cfm>
- US Department of State – <http://www.state.gov/>
- World Law Bulletin – <http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/wlb/>

- World Legal Information Institute (WorldLII) – <http://www.worldlii.org/>

2. Radio, Television, & Print Media:

- Al Jazeera – <http://english.aljazeera.net/News/>
- British Broadcasting Channel (BBC) World Service – <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/>
- *Foreign Affairs* – <http://www.foreignaffairs.org/>
- *Foreign Policy* – <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/>
- FRONTLINE/World (PBS) – <http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/>
- Meet the Press (MSNBC) – <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032608/>
- National Public Radio (NPR) – <http://www.npr.org/>
- *New York Times* – <http://www.nytimes.com/>
- *New Yorker* article on foreign law & Justice Kennedy: “Swing Shift” (Sep. 2005) – http://www.newyorker.com/fact/content/articles/050912fa_fact
- 60 Minutes (CBS) – <http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/60minutes/main3415.shtml>
- Wide Angle (PBS) – <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/>
- World News Network – <http://www.wn.com/>
- *World Press Review* – <http://www.worldpress.org/>

3. Special Interest Groups & Blogs:

- American Society of Comparative Law – <http://www.comparativelaw.org/>
- *ASIL Insights* article on foreign law: “Is Foreign Law International Law?” (Oct. 2005) – <http://www.asil.org/insights/2005/10/insights051031.html>
- Foreign, Comparative & International Law Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries – <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/>
- Transnational Law Blog – http://transnationallawblog.typepad.com/transnational_law_blog/

4. Education & Law Directories:

- Hieros Gamos Worldwide Legal Directories – <http://www.hg.org/>

- LLM (Master of Laws) Guide Worldwide – <http://www.llm-guide.com/>

5. Legal Research & Citation Guides:

- Doing Business Law Library – <http://www.doingbusiness.org/LawLibrary/>
- FLARE Project (Foreign LAw REsearch) – <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/flare/flare.htm>
- Foreign & Transnational Legal Forms – <http://www.llrx.com/features/foreignlegalforms.htm>
- Foreign Law Collections in US Libraries – <http://www.law.pitt.edu/library/international/foreigncollections.php>
- GlobalCourts – <http://www.globalcourts.com/index.html>
- GlobaLex (foreign & comparative) – <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html#>
- Law Library Resource Xchange (LLRX) – <http://www.llrx.com/category/1050>
- Transnational Law Digest & Bibliography – <http://www.tldb.net>
- World Intellectual Property Organization Collection of Laws for Electronic Access – <http://www.wipo.int/clea/en/index.jsp>

6. Language Products & Translators:

- Audio-Forum – <http://www.audioforum.com/>
- Google Language Tools – http://www.google.com/language_tools?hl=en
- Living Language – <http://www.randomhouse.com/livinglanguage/>
- Pimsleur Direct – <http://www.pimsleurdirect.com/s.nl/sc.15/f>
- Rosetta Stone – <http://www.rosettastone.com/en>
- Yahoo! Babel Fish – <http://babelfish.yahoo.com/>

INTERNATIONAL LAW

1. Governmental & Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs):

- African Union – <http://www.africa-union.org/>
- Amnesty International – <http://www.amnesty.org/>
- Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) – <http://www.aseansec.org/>
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace – <http://www.carnegieendowment.org/>
- Council of Europe – <http://www.coe.int/>
- Europa (European Union, EU) – <http://europa.eu/>
- Freedom House – <http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=1>
- Human Rights Watch – <http://www.hrw.org/>
- HURIDOCs (human rights information) – <http://www.huridocs.org/>
- International Center for Not-for-Profit Law – <http://www.icnl.org/index.htm>
- NAFTA (free trade) – <http://www.nafta-sec-alena.org/>
- Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights – <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/WelcomePage.aspx>
- Organization of American States – <http://www.oas.org/>
- Transparency International (corruption watchdog) – <http://www.transparency.org/>
- UNIDROIT (private law) – <http://www.unidroit.org/>
- United Nations (UN) – <http://www.un.org/>
- UN Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) – <http://www.uncitral.org/>
- World Trade Organization (WTO) – <http://www.wto.org/>

2. Courts & Tribunals:

- European Court of Human Rights – <http://www.echr.coe.int/echr>
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia – <http://www.eccc.gov.kh/>

- Inter-American Court of Human Rights – <http://www.corteidh.or.cr/>
- International Court of Justice (aka “World Court”) – <http://www.icj-cij.org/>
- International Criminal Court – <http://www.icc-cpi.int/>
- International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda – <http://69.94.11.53/>
- International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia – <http://www.icty.org/>
- International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea – <http://www.itlos.org/>
- Iraqi High Tribunal – <http://www.iraq-ihl.org/>
- US Court of International Trade – <http://www.cit.uscourts.gov/>

3. Radio, Television, & Print Media:

- America Abroad Media – <http://www.americaabroadmedia.org/>
- Associated Press (AP) – <http://www.ap.org/>
- C-Span – <http://www.c-span.org/>
- Charlie Rose – <http://www.charlierose.com/>
- Face the Nation (CBS) – <http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/ftn/main3460.shtml>
- Globalist – <http://www.theglobalist.com/>
- GlobalPost – <http://www.globalpost.com/>
- Online NewsHour (PBS) – <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/>
- Public Radio International (PRI) – <http://www.pri.org/>
- Reuters – <http://www.reuters.com/home>
- This Week (ABC) – <http://www.abcnews.go.com/ThisWeek/>
- United Press International (UPI) – <http://www.upi.com/>

4. Special Interest Groups & Blogs:

- American Society of International Law (ASIL) – <http://www.asil.org/>

- Grotian Moment: The International War Crimes Trial Blog – <http://www.law.case.edu/saddamtrial/>
- Impunity Watch – <http://www.impunitywatch.net/>
- International Association of Law Libraries – <http://www.iall.org/>
- International Bar Association – <http://www.ibanet.org/>
- International Economic Law & Policy Blog – <http://worldtradelaw.typepad.com/ielpblog/>
- Opinio Juris – <http://www.opiniojuris.org/>

5. Legal Research & Citation Guides:

- ASIL Electronic Research Guide – <http://www.asil.org/resource/Home.htm>
- Audiovisual Library of International Law – <http://www.un.org/law/avl/>
- Australian Guide to Legal Citation – <http://mulr.law.unimelb.edu.au/files/aglcdl.pdf>
- Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations – <http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/>
- Electronic Information System for International Law – <http://www.eisil.org/>
- GlobalLex – <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/index.html#>
- i.Lex: International Law in U.S. Courts – <http://ilex.asil.org/>
- International Criminal Law Database & Commentary – <http://www.iclklamberg.com>
- International Judicial Monitor – <http://www.judicialmonitor.org/current/index.html>
- International Law Video Library – <http://www.lawvideolibrary.com/>
- International Legal Research Tutorial – <http://www.law.duke.edu/ilrt/>
- Law Library Resource Xchange (LLRX) – <http://www.llrx.com/category/857>
- Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities – http://www.competition-law.ox.ac.uk/published/oscola_2006.pdf
- University of Minnesota Human Rights Library – <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>