

This list of web resources includes research guides, databases, policy issues, current awareness, search engines, and directories international agencies dealing with refugee and asylum law. This guide is intended as an aid for students when beginning research.

Research Guides

ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law
www.asil.org/resource/humrts1.htm

Asylum and Refugee Resources (University of Minnesota)
http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/asylum/refugee_index.html

CALS Asylum Case Research Guide (Georgetown University)
<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/cals/asylumresearch.htm>

Forced Migration Online
<http://www.forcedmigration.org/>

Guide to Country Research for Refugee Status Determination (Update)
<http://www.llrx.com/features/rsd2.htm>

Guide to Forced Migration Resources on the Web
<http://www.forcedmigration.org/webguide/>

Guide to International Refugee Law Resources on the Web
<http://www.llrx.com/features/refugee.htm>

Research Guide: Immigration (Georgetown University)
<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/lib/guides/immigration.html>

WWW Virtual Library on Migration and Ethnic Relations
<http://www.ercomer.org/wwwvl/index.html>

Databases

Asylumlaw.org
<http://www.asylumlaw.org/>

Asylumlaw.org was founded on March 1, 1999 with the purpose of using the Internet to help lawyers worldwide prepare asylum cases.

FINDOC (Institute for Human Rights)
<http://trip.abo.fi/aadb/findoc/welcomee.htm>

Covering materials since 1966, this Finnish database contains references to worldwide human rights literature including over 24,200 monographs, articles, seminar reports, and unpublished documents. Index terms are available in English, Swedish, and Finnish. The database is updated daily.

Human Rights Internet (HRI) Databank
<http://www.hri.ca/index.aspx>

This award-winning site maintains and offers access to "a comprehensive listing of human rights material derived from independent, grassroots NGO's around the world." Free access to the public is available for up to 6 months as a trial subscription.

Human Rights Country Reports by U.S. State Department

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/hr/c1470.htm>

This site provides access to the full texts of the country reports submitted to the U.S. Congress for the past several years by the U.S. Department of State. The reports, covering 1993 to the present, include a world overview, individual reports on each nation, plus general appendices listing international agreements on human rights, with tables showing which nations have agreed to adhere to these agreements.

Inter-American Human Rights Database

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/pub/humright/digest/>

Produced by the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, at the American University, the Inter-American Human Rights Database contains documents in English and Spanish adopted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights since its first session, in 1960.

International Humanitarian Law Databases (ICRC)

http://www.cicr.org/Web/eng/siteeng0.nsf/iwplList2/Info_resources%3AHL_databases

The *Treaty Database* contains 91 treaties and texts, commentaries on the four Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, an up-to-date list of signatures, ratifications relating to international humanitarian law treaties and full text of reservations. The *National Implementation Database* provides documentation and commentaries concerning the implementation of international humanitarian law at the national level.

International Labour Organization, Access to Databases

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/support/lib/dblist.htm>

This site provides access to the ILOLEX database which includes ILO conventions and recommendations and to the NATLEX database which offers full-text documents on labor legislation and related human rights information.

Political Database of the Americas

<http://www.georgetown.edu/pdba/>

Produced by the Georgetown University Center for Latin American Studies and the OAS, this site provides country summaries, constitutions, election data, and other information on Latin American governments.

Project DIANA Databases

Women's Human Rights Resources (University of Toronto)

<http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/Diana/>

This site offers citations to scholarly writing with the full text of selected items as well as UN and NGO reports, case law and legislation with links to full text where available.

Project DIANA Human Rights Archive (Yale University)

<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/diana/>

This site is designed to be a reference tool for research in human rights law, with online litigation documents and links to reference sites throughout the Internet.

United Nations Official Document System (ODS)

<http://documents.un.org/>

"The ODS comprises the full text of United Nations parliamentary documents (including resolutions and decisions) issued at United Nations Headquarters in New York and the United Nations Office in Geneva since 1993 as well as at the United Nations Office in Vienna since 1997. The number of duty stations covered by the ODS is expanding as the regional commissions have started to load documents."

UNESBIB

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/ulis/>

This site contains bibliographic records of UNESCO documents, publications and library collections as well as links to the full texts of some of their books.

Policy Issues

Brookings Institution Global Politics

http://www.brookings.edu/data/brookings_taxonomy.xml?taxonomy=Politics,%20Global

Topics include internally displaced persons, refugees, and country profiles.

Center for Immigration Studies

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

An independent, non-partisan, non-profit research organization founded in 1985, it is the only think tank devoted exclusively to research and policy analysis of the economic, social, demographic, fiscal, and other impacts of immigration on the United States.

Migration Policy Institute

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

Think tank devoted to the migration of people worldwide.

RAND Center for Research on Immigration Policy

<http://www.rand.org/education/projects/crip.html>

The RAND Center “conducts analytical research, policy analysis, and outreach to inform the development of effective immigration and immigrant policies.”

Refugee Law Center

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

The Refugee Law Center is “a non-profit organization devoted to strengthening the human rights of refugees and immigrants through legal representation, research, educational initiatives, and policy development.” Site offers access to court documentation, country condition reports, and other publications. Several initiatives place particular emphasis on women, children, and health.

Urban Institute

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

Under “research by topic” choose “immigration.”

Current Awareness

E-MAIL ALERTS

Center for Immigration Studies (CISNEWS)

This is a “daily list of full-text news items...with two long postings each business day, one for U.S. news and the other for overseas news.” To subscribe, visit http://www.cis.org/mail_login.html.

Center for Immigration Studies (This Week in Immigration)

Less comprehensive than the above CISNEWS, this email is delivered every Friday. To subscribe, visit http://www.cis.org/mail_login.html.

FindLaw Immigration Case Summaries

Weekly opinion summaries are mailed to users who sign up at the FindLaw Newsletter Subscription Center at <http://newsletters.findlaw.com>. Archives are available from September 2000.

Immigration News and Information (Population Research Council)

listporc@mcfeeley.cc.utexas.edu

Migration News (UC Davis)

Migrant@primal.ucdavis.edu

Summarizes the most important immigration and integration developments of the preceding quarter.

BLOGS

Forced Migration Current Awareness Blog <http://fm-cab.blogspot.com> provides daily updates on web information resources relating to forced migration.

ImmigrationProf Blog at <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration/> offers news on just released information

UN Pulse at <http://www.undispatch.com/> provides commentary on United Nations issues.

Search Engines

HuriSearch

<http://www.hurisearch.org>

The goal of this search engine, launched by HURIDOCS, is to provide one point access to all human rights information published by human rights organizations worldwide. HURIDOCS (Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems, International), established in 1982, is a global network of human rights organizations concerned with human rights information.

University of Minnesota Human Rights Library

<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/lawform.html>

This engine searches several major human rights web sites at once.

World Legal Information Institute's Human Rights Page

<http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/303.html>

Subcategories of the main human rights page include a handy search engine for locating information from its own Web site and from Google's Law page.

Directories

Directory of Non-Governmental Organizations Associated with the Department of Public Information

<http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/ngodir.htm>

Gale's Ready Reference Shelf

Go to FSU Libraries' Databases: http://www.lib.fsu.edu/_databases.html

Type "rea" under "FIND A DATABASE". Scroll down and select "CONNECT NOW" under **Gale's Ready Reference Shelf**.

Human Rights Internet Directory

<http://www.hri.ca/idirectory/>

This directory is a "searchable databases of human rights websites recorded by site content, features, keywords, and issues."

Human Rights Organizations Database

<http://www.hri.ca/organizations/>

This database currently holds over 10,000 records and can be searched by name, type, issues addressed, countries the organization works in and other such criteria.

Migration Research Institutes Database

<http://databases.unesco.org/migration/MIGWEBintro.shtml>

This database "provides information on about 300 research and training institutes in 77 countries." Non-Governmental Organizations Research Guide (Duke University)

Relief Web: Directory of Humanitarian Organizations

<http://www.reliefweb.int/w/rwc.nsf/contactDirHome?OpenForm>

United Nations and other International Agencies

European Council on Refugees and Exiles

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

Global Commission on International Migration

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

Organization of American States

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

United Nations

<http://www.un.org>

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<http://www.unhcr.ch/>

United States Federal Sources

Board of Immigration Appeals Precedent Decisions
http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/vll/intdec/lib_indecitnet.html

Executive Office for Immigration Review
<http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/>

House Immigration, Border Security and Claims Subcommittee
<http://judiciary.house.gov/committeestructure.aspx?committee=4>

National Archives and Records Administration Immigration Records
<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/immigration/>

Office of Global Health Affairs
<http://www.globalhealth.gov/oirh.shtml>

Office of Special Council for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices
<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/osc/>

State Department Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration
<http://www.state.gov/g/prm/>

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
<http://www.usaid.gov>

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
<http://uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm>

U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform
<http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/uscir/>

U.S. Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus
<http://www.house.gov/tancredo/Immigration/>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement
<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/orr/>

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