A Research Guide for
Country Studies

A research guide is an introduction to researching a topic. It lists the best introductory sources to help you start your research, but it is not a comprehensive bibliography of the topic. Please ask a reference worker for further help.

Scope

The scope of this guide is focused on countries outside the United States. The guide includes resources from the following collections addressing topics like geography, politics, economy, demographics, religions, educational systems.

► The Reference collection - handbooks, guides, dictionary and encyclopedias
► General/Circulating collection – books on specialized subject areas
► The Periodical collection - newspapers, magazines and journals.
► Online Resources - digital resources available through subscription databases and websites.

Call Numbers and Subject Headings

Call numbers are places to check in the library. Go to that location, and browse the shelves for books on that topic. Subject headings are suggested terms to use when searching the library catalog.

Call numbers
• 300 – Social Sciences
• 900 – History & Geography

Subject Headings
• Arts & Music
• History & Geography
• Religion
• Social Sciences
Reference Collection

Reference works include encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and almanacs, atlases and maps.

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**Periodicals**

Periodicals are published regularly, and are typically indexed. Most periodical literature is now available in digital format accessible through the library’s "Online Resources".

*A to Z Electronic Journals* (also called "Periodical Finder") is an online index of the library’s periodical titles (online and print). By selecting "Databases, Alphabetical" in the Online Resources page the links to the various databases in which the journal is accessible may be viewed (otherwise will state “Print Collection”). Note the range of dates available for each journal (ex. 1998-present or 1998-2002). Periodicals in print format are located in the Periodical Room on the first floor of the library.

Below are a list of subjects within *A to Z Electronic Journals*. The main subject heading in **bold** is followed by specific topics. Each subject is hyperlinked to the library’s periodical title holdings. By clicking on the subject headings will automatically connect to all periodical titles relevant to this subject area.

*Example:* Using the “Subjects” search command located on the menu bar above, Select - from the drop down box - “History (General) and History of Europe”. From this menu list find “History of Asia” and select “Arab Countries”. This will link to all relevant periodical literature on this topic (ex. Arab Studies Quarterly).

**Geography. Anthropology. Recreation**

- Atlases
- Geography (General)
- Manners and Customs (General)
- Maps

**History (General) and History of Europe**

- History of Africa
- History of Asia
- History of Great Britain

**Political Science**

- International Law
- International Relations
- Political Institutions and Public Administration

**Social Sciences**

- Communities, Class, Races
- Economic Theory. Demography
- Finance
- Industries, Land Use, Labor
Online Resources

Online resources are subscription databases available from a link on the library’s website.

Databases

Academic Search Complete

Academic Search Complete is the world’s most valuable and comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, with more than 8,500 full-text periodicals, including more than 7,300 peer-reviewed journals. In addition to full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for more than 12,500 journals and a total of more than 13,200 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc.

Britannica Online [see World Data Analyst]

Resource for retrieving, comparing and customizing data on the world’s nations. Country snapshots, maps, demographics and ranked statistics are included in this resource.

CultureGrams. Gale.

Separate editions for: World, States, Provinces and Kids. 200+ United Nations-member countries included, with reports containing history, customs, family, lifestyle, recipes, economy and more. Each U.S. state, the District of Columbia, and the 13 Canadian provinces are included, with reports containing maps, flags, symbols, history, economy, geography, population and more.

Global Issues in Context. Gale

Global Issues in Context offers international viewpoints on a broad spectrum of global issues, topics, and current events. Featured are hundreds of continuously updated issue and country portals that bring together a variety of specially selected, highly relevant sources for analysis of social, political, military, economic, environmental, health, and cultural issues.

World History Collection. EBSCO

World History Collection offers a global look at history with content from Africa, Asia, North and South America, Europe and the Middle East. World History Collection contains cover-to-cover full text for 150 titles, including many peer-reviewed journals. Full text dates as far back as 1964.


World History in Context moves chronologically over 5,000 years from antiquity to the present and geographically around the globe, to ensure that the events, movements and individuals that defined, informed and shaped world history are covered with a sense of balance.

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**EBooks**

*CIA World Factbook.* Washington, D.C: Central Intelligence Agency, 2009. Internet resource. [see also Websites] [this title also available in the Reference print collection].


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**LibGuides**

*Country Studies* - [http://libguides.bju.edu/countrystudies](http://libguides.bju.edu/countrystudies)

**Websites**


U.S. State Department. [http://www.state.gov/countries/](http://www.state.gov/countries/)