

July 2009 AALL Foreign Selectors Meeting
Stanford Law Library - FCIL Collection

I. Public International Law & Comparative Law Collection

We own the standard treaty collections, international yearbooks, international tribunal decisions and international law treatises. We also add comparative law titles in English, Spanish, French, and German. Particular emphasis on treaty commentaries and travaux préparatoires. Topics we have been emphasizing include international environmental law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, and comparative constitutional law.

II. Foreign Collection

Because of budget restraints, we buy in the vernacular only for Spain, Latin America, France and Francophone countries, and German speaking jurisdictions. Other languages collected only if required to support specific courses or faculty research. Asian languages titles are collected by East Asian Library, although this may change in the next few years.

Our most comprehensive foreign jurisdiction is Italy, with an emphasis on 19th and 20th century materials. Pre-1800 materials are mostly devoted to the Kingdom of Two Sicilies. We collect Italian codes, code commentaries and doctrinal works related to contracts, obligations, constitutional law, administrative law, private law, and taxation.

France, Germany, and the European Union are also jurisdictions with significant depth. In the future, we will rely on electronic databases for primary sources (statutes, regulations and case law). Some French and German case law will be continued in print formats. Print titles normally reserved for secondary sources and historical statutes and case law not available online.

Across all jurisdictions, we will be collecting heavily in the following areas: intellectual property, bioethics, climate change, ocean management, art law, and communications/internet law.

Other jurisdictions of note:

Nigeria – federal and state laws .

Brazil-federal and state materials.

Mexico

Philippines

Roman law

Jurisdictions and topics we will emphasize in the future:

Southern Africa, especially Namibia and South Africa.

Developing democracies in Asia – Bhutan, Nepal, etc.

Islamic Law

WTO / international trade and arbitration

III. Foreign and International Law Databases

China Law Express (will be adding a Chinese Language database, probably ChinaLawInfo or IsinoLaw).

Juris.de

International Maritime Organization Documents

Inter-AM Database (National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade)

Manupatra

LexisNexis Recht

South African Law Reports

Namibian Law Reports

IV. Additional Considerations

We rarely purchase titles over \$300 unless there is a strong justification. We are circumspect about adding new law journals; strong preference is for electronic access. We keep only the past five years in print, unless the journal is not available online. We hope to collaborate closely with other West coast schools on FCIL collection management