Locating Latin American Legal Resources at the Law Library of Congress

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*Online Resources*
Locating Latin American Legal Resources: Online Resources

Where do I go to find legal materials?

Where do I start?

Where are the Latin American materials?
Our first stop is LAW.GOV

LAW.GOV is an easier, and perhaps more memorable way to get to the Law Library of Congress’s landing page: www.loc.gov/law/. From the landing page, scroll down to “Guide to Law Online” and click on Nations.
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Guide to Law: Nations

Once on the “Nations” landing page of the Guide to Law Online, select the letter that corresponds with the country you are interested in researching.
A curious note about the Law Library’s foreign collection practices:

The Law Library’s foreign acquisition practices start with Mexico. This came about soon after the Mexican-American War, in 1848.

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Our next stop is Ask a Librarian

For reference questions you cannot find the answer to alone, Ask a Librarian, is available. Please note the services that they can and cannot provide.

You can also call the Law Library Reading Room: (202)707-5079.
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DATABASES: Library of Congress E-Resources Online Catalog

Licensed and recommended free databases, indexing and abstracting services, and full-text reference resources.

|| Keyword Search ||

Search articles, ebooks and other e-resources available at the Library of Congress using Primo Central, the Library's web scale discovery service.

|| Browse Database Topics Alphabetically ||

Arts and Humanities
- General Resources
- Art and Architecture
- Film
- Genealogy
- History

Law
- General Resources
- Historic American Law
- American Law
- Foreign Law
- International Law
- Multinational & Comparative Law
- Religious Law
- Tribal Law

Reading Room Favorites
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- European Reading Room
- Hispanic Reading Room
- Law Library Reading Room
- Local History & Genealogy
- Main Reading Room
- Manuscript Reading Room
- Motion Picture & Television Reading Room
- Newspaper & Current Periodical Reading Room
- Performing Arts Reading Room
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4. **Biblioteca Jurídica Virtual** from Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas de la UNAM

**Description:** The Legal Research Institute of the UNAM has started the Virtual Law Library project to make available to legal scholars a number of materials considered indispensable. It provides full-text access to journal publications and books on legal topics. It has links to participating institutions throughout Mexico.

**Coverage:** Various Dates

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22. **Foreign Law Guide** from Brill

**Description:** Acclaimed by librarians, academics, and researchers alike, the Foreign Law Guide (FLG) is an essential database offering relevant information on sources of foreign law, including complete bibliographic citations to legislation, the existence of English translations and selected references to secondary sources in one virtual destination. Broad in content and global in scope, the FLG is an indispensable resource for comparative law research and a fundamental tool for developing a foreign and comparative law collection. Approximately 190 jurisdictions are systematically covered and updated by a global team of experts.

**Updated Countries:** Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States

**Coverage:** Current

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29. **HeinOnline Foreign & International Law Resources Database** from William S. Hein & Co.

- **Description:** The Foreign & International Law Resources Database (FILRD) includes some of the world’s best international law publications, from the in-depth coverage of publications of the American Society of International Law and prominent Yearbooks from around the world to the Hague Permanent Court of International Justice series.
- **Coverage:** Various Dates

47. **Indigenous Law Portal** from Library of Congress

- **Description:** The Indigenous Law Portal makes available digitized copies of North American Indian constitutions and other digitized primary and secondary legal materials from the Law Library of Congress collections, as well as links to tribal websites and primary source materials found on the Web. Available “regions” are the United States, Including the Kingdom of Hawaii (to 1900); Alaska; Canada; Mexico; and North America. Access is also provided to the Library of Congress classification schedules Class KIA-KIX, Law of Indigenous Peoples in the Americas, and to Class KW, Law of the Kingdom of Hawaii (to 1900). Global Resources accessible from the Portal include Center for the World Indigenous Studies, Cultural Survival, Earth Rights International, Indigenous Law Journal, Native Web/Law Resources Directory, and TRIBERRA. The Portal is continuously under development.
- **Coverage:** Various Dates
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49. **Latindex** from Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

**Description:** Latindex is a portal for disseminating information about and access to academic and professional research journals published in Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain, and Portugal. Founded in 1995 by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Latindex became a cooperative regional network in 1997. Its mission is to make available and improve the quality of academic journals published in the region through collaboration and job sharing. The journals are classified into seven main groups: arts and humanities, agricultural sciences, engineering sciences, natural sciences, medical sciences, social sciences, and multidisciplinary.

**Coverage:** Various Dates

50. **Making of Modern Law: Foreign, Comparative, and International Law, 1600-1926** from Gale

**Description:** The Making of Modern Law (MOML): Foreign, Comparative and International Law includes pre-1926 treaties and similar monographs, sourced from the outstanding collections of the law libraries at Yale, George Washington University, and Columbia, in the following areas--International Law, Comparative Law, Foreign Law, Roman Law, Islamic Law, Jewish Law, Ancient Law--bringing them together in a single resource. The largest category, International Law, features works of some of the great legal theorists, including Gentili, Grotius, Selden, Zouche, Pufendorf, Bijnkershoek, Wolff, Vattel, Martens, Mackintosh, Wheaton, among others. Foreign Law features foreign legal treatises of a variety of countries. Because the term "treatise" is more of a common-law category, the equivalent works in civil-law systems may have other names such as commentaries, encyclopedias, textbooks, monographs, or festschriften. Comparative Law compares more than one legal system and includes Ancient, Roman, Jewish Law, and Islamic Law. Dozens of countries are covered in Foreign Law, the principal ones included are: Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland.

**Coverage:** 1600-1926
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51. *Making of Modern Law: Foreign Primary Sources, (Part I and Part II)* from Gale

*Description:* The Making of Modern Law: Foreign Primary Sources 1600-1970 (Part I) complements the collection of treatises found in Foreign, Comparative and International Law 1600-1926. Importantly, it provides an interpretative analysis with books on codes, the "primary sources" of law. This archive operates as the first of two parts, with the second part covering southern Europe, Latin America, and jurisdictions outside Europe. The content in this MOML archive includes statutes and codes of northern, central, and eastern European jurisdictions. It is 50% in English and 50% in western European languages. Source libraries include Yale Law Library; Harvard Law School Library; and George Washington University Law Library. It is comprised of over 1,500 titles and 1.4 million pages.

The series's newest segment, Foreign Primary Sources, Part II, provides an interpretative analysis with books on codes. Focusing on Roman Law and Canon Law, southern Europe (Italy and Iberia), Latin America, Canada, Australia, India, and other jurisdictions, the archive contains more than 1,500 titles. The collection is sourced from Harvard Law School Library, the Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale University, and the Jacob Burns Law Library at George Washington University.

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E-Resources Online Center (EROC)

56. **OAPEN** from OAPEN Foundation

**Description:** OAPEN (Open Access Publishing in European Networks) is a collaborative initiative to develop and implement a sustainable Open Access publication model for academic books in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The OAPEN Library aims to improve the visibility and usability of high quality academic research by aggregating peer reviewed Open Access publications from across Europe. Subject coverage in OAPEN includes:

- Society and social sciences;
- Humanities;
- Economics, finance, business and management;
- The arts;
- Law;
- Literature and literary studies;
- Language;
- Earth sciences, geography, environment, planning;
- History.

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Open Knowledge Repository (OKR) from The World Bank

Description: The World Bank Open Knowledge Repository (OKR) is The World Bank's official open access repository for its research outputs and knowledge products. Through the OKR, The World Bank collects, disseminates, and permanent preserves its intellectual output in digital form. OKR contains research from thousands of works including:

- World Bank published books from 2009-2012 which includes flagship publications, academic books and practitioner volumes;
- All World Development Reports (WDRs) since 1978;
- Policy Research Working Papers (PRWP) from 2009-2012, a series of papers that disseminate findings of work in progress in order to encourage the exchange of ideas about development issues;
- Economic and Sector Work (ESW) studies from 2006-2012, a series of analytical reports prepared by Bank staff (ESWs gather and evaluate information about a country's economy and/or a specific sector);
- Journal articles from 2007-2010 published in World Bank Economic Review (WBER) and World Bank Research Observer (WBRO), two journals published by Oxford University Press on behalf of the World Bank;
- Content in languages other than English;

The OKR will be updated regularly as new research outputs and knowledge products are released for publication. New content will include:

- Content published prior to 2009 (and prior to 2007 in the case of the WBER and the WBRO);
- Bank-authored content published by third party publishers including journal articles, books and chapters;
- Links to datasets associated with a specific work;
- Other knowledge products published by the World Bank.

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58. **Oxford Constitutions of the World** from Oxford University Press

**Description:** Contains the full text of constitutions from over 187 countries, including English translations and introductory and comparative notes that review recent amendments and provide historical, economic, and political information. Allows users to either enter keywords once and search one, two or a dozen Constitutions simultaneously and quickly, or browse an alphabetical listing of all countries and documents available for each country.

**Coverage:** Current

The simultaneous user limit for this resource may result in temporary delays.
Locating Latin American Legal Resources: Other Resources

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About

In Custodia Legis is Latin for "in the custody of the law," a nod to the fact that the Law Library of Congress is a custodian of law and legislation for both the nation and the world. Our team of bloggers covers current legal trends, developments and enhancements to Congress.gov, issues in collecting for the largest law library in the world, legal history and arcana and a range of international perspectives including New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Israel, Eritrea, China, and Mexico.

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