Research Sources for POLT 264
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Background & Context Information – by Country

Europa World
A leading source of political and economic information on over 250 countries.

Read the “Country Profile” for every country you’re interested in, especially the “Contemporary Political History” section

Urban Studies Databases

Environment Complete
Covers agriculture, ecosystem ecology, energy, natural resources, pollution & waste management, environmental technology, environmental law, public policy, social impacts and urban planning

Google Scholar
Includes articles from scientific journals and citation metrics

Urban Studies Abstracts
An international bibliography indexing publications relating to city and regional planning, urban affairs, community development, urban history, and architecture

Web of Science
Scholarly literature in the sciences, health and medicine, social sciences, arts, and humanities and proceedings of international conferences, symposia, seminars, colloquia, workshops, and conventions. Includes cited reference searching across many databases

Databases for Scholarly Publications in Urban Politics

Worldwide Political Science Abstracts
References to articles in political science and related fields, including international relations, law, and public administration & policy

PAIS International (Public Affairs Information Service)
References to periodicals, books, governmental and NGO publications, research reports from think tanks in all areas of public policy

CIAO: Columbia International Affairs Online
Working papers from research institutes and think tanks, occasional papers from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, proceedings from conferences, books, journals and policy briefs

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News Databases

Contemporary Sources

- **Factiva**
  Full text access to selected U.S. and international news sources – includes the *Wall Street Journal*

- **LexisNexis Academic**
  Full text access to selected U.S. and international news sources

Foreign News Translations

- **World News Connection, 1995 – 2013**
  Full text translation and English-language news and information from local media sources around the world (includes e.g. newspapers, periodicals, TV and radio broadcasts). Produced by the Open Source Center, a U.S. Government agency

- **FBIS Daily Reports, 1941-1996 (Foreign Broadcast Information Service)**
  Full text translations of news reports from foreign newspapers and television and radio broadcasts, interviews, speeches, editorial commentary and other materials; compiled by the U.S. Intelligence community

Interactive Tools

- **Trailblazer.io**
  Helps with tab proliferation and maps your searches in Google into a single ‘Trail’

- **Timeline.js**
  Create interactive chronologies including text, images & video by populating a Google Sheets template and uploading to Google Sites

Citation

- **RefWorks**
  A citation management tool that helps researchers gather, manage, store and share information, as well as generate citations and bibliographies in a wide variety of styles.