

Research Sources for POLT 120

Intro to International Politics

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Background & Context Information – Online Sources

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. See also the selected statistics for easy country comparisons.

International Studies Online

Peer reviewed essays on regions, hot topics, key IR concepts, and more.

Guide to U.S. Foreign Policy: A Diplomatic History

Comprehensive coverage that is both historical and thematic.

Databases for Scholarly Publications in 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

Peace Research Abstracts

References to articles on all aspects of peace, war and conflict, international relations, arms control, the military, diplomacy, international law and international organizations

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.

Other Social Sciences Databases

- Academic Search Complete
- America: History & Life
- EconLit
- Gender Studies Database
- Historical Abstracts
- SocIndex
- **Social Sciences Citation Index**
(via Web of Knowledge)

Databases for Coverage of Regions

- ABSEES: American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies
- Bibliography of Asian Studies
- Black Studies Center (for Africa & the Caribbean)
- Handbook of Latin American Studies
- HAPI: Hispanic American Periodicals Index
- Index Islamicus (for Middle East, North Africa, and other modern Islamic nations)

Think Tanks

Think Tank Search by the Harvard Kennedy School of Government

http://guides.library.harvard.edu/hks/think_tank_search

- search the websites of multiple think tanks or browse lists of US/non-US based organizations.
- explore links to the **Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program** at the University of Pennsylvania

News Databases

Contemporary Sources

- **Academic Search Complete**
Indexes popular U.S. news magazines in addition to scholarly journals
- **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

Historical Coverage

- New York Times (1851 – 2011)
- Times of London (1785 – 2009)

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

Public Opinion

iPoll databank @ the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research

One-stop shopping for all major US commercial, media, and academic polls, with coverage back to 1935

Polling the Nations

A database of polls on a variety of subjects from all over the world.

Global Barometer Surveys

<http://www.globalbarometer.net/>

Attempts to measure, at a mass level, the current social, political, and economic atmosphere Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Arab world

U.S. Government Information

ProQuest Congressional Publications

Includes information about bills, public laws, hearings (searchable full text through 2010), committee reports and documents, and the *Congressional Record*.

Digital National Security Archive

Declassified documents on the most critical world events and U.S. policy decisions from World War II into the 21st century.

Department of State - <http://www.state.gov/>

Look at items in the Media Center as well as Policy Issues, Countries & Regions, etc.

Foreign Relations of the United States

The official historical record of major U.S. foreign policy decisions and significant diplomatic activity. Recent volumes published contain declassified records from all foreign affairs agencies.

Print Volumes:

- Main Library JX233.A3 1950 to date
- Main Library 327.73Un3 1932-1949

Online Access:

- <http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/FRUS>
- <http://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/about-frus>

American Presidency Project - <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/>

Consolidated online access to official presidential documents of all types – speeches, executive orders, proclamations, etc.

First Hand Accounts

To find **autobiographies** or **memoirs** or **speeches** by key figures (heads of state, diplomats, other government officials like U.S. Secretaries of State), try author searches in OBIS, the OhioLINK library catalog or WorldCat, or keyword searches using names or other relevant subject headings and terms like biography or memoir or speeches

To find **reprints of speeches** in periodicals, search the database *Academic Search Complete* using the name of a key figure and the term speeches - e.g. Hillary Clinton and speeches