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FOREIGN AREA STUDIES

SCOPE: The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Collier Library in the field of **FOREIGN AREA STUDIES**. Please note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific needs.

The Library of Congress Class that includes **FOREIGN AREA STUDIES** is G, HA, & HC. BROWSING the following CALL NUMBERS may produce helpful titles: (For a more complete listing see <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/>)

G Geography
HA Statistics
HC Social Indicators

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AREA STUDIES

(Name of country or region or continent)

Bibliography
Biography
Description and travel
Encyclopedias
Economic conditions
History
Politics and government
Social conditions

BEGINNING RESEARCH – SELECTED SOURCES

Introduction and overview material

- **World Factbook.** (annual). [Ref G 122 .U56a] Also available at <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>
U.S. Central Intelligence Agency
- **Background Notes.** Irregular. U.S. Department of State. Also available at <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ci/bgn/>
[Ref G 59 .U5]
- **(Individual country's name), a country study.** [Gov. Doc. D101.22: (series)] U.S. Department of the Army

Literature guides and bibliographies

- **Africa: A Guide to Reference Material** [Ref Z 3501 .M3 1993] by John McIlwaine
- **Bibliography of the Soviet Union, Its Predecessors and Successors** [Ref Z 2506 .S3] by Bradley L. Schaffner
- **The Germans After World War II: An English-Language Bibliography** [Ref Z 2240.3 .P38] by Barbara Dotts Paul
- **Middle East in Conflict: A Historical Bibliography** [Ref DS 62.4 .M53]
- **Reference Guide to Africa: A Bibliography of Sources** [Ref Z 3501 .K15] by Alfred Kagan
- **The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union: A Selected Bibliography of Sources in English** [Ref Z 2510.3 .R57]

Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

- **The Australian People** [Ref DU 120 .A718] edited by James Jupp
- **The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Australia** [Ref DU 90 .C364]

- Cambridge Encyclopedia of Latin America and the Caribbean [Ref F 1406 .C36]
- The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Russia and the Former Soviet Union [Ref DK 14 .C35]
- China: A Historical and Cultural Dictionary [Ref DS 733 C58523]
- Dictionary of Development: Third World Economy, Environment, Society [Ref HC 59.7 .D513]
- Dictionary of East European History Since 1945 [Ref DJK 50 .H43] by Joseph Held
- Dictionary of the Middle East [Ref DS 43 .H57] by Dilip Hiro
- Eastern Europe: An Introduction to the People, Lands and Culture (3 v.) [Ref DJK 9 .E25]
- Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara [Ref DT 351 .E53]
- The Encyclopedia of Britain [Ref DA 27.5 .G37] by Bamber Gascoigne
- Encyclopedia of Contemporary British Culture [Ref DA 589.4 .E53]
- Encyclopedia of Contemporary French Culture [Ref DC 33.7 .E53]
- Encyclopedia of Contemporary Japanese Culture [Ref DS 822.5 .E516] by Sandra Buckley
- Encyclopedia of Eastern Europe [Ref DJK 6 .E53] edited by Richard Frycht
- Encyclopedia of German Culture [DD 290.26 .E53]
- Encyclopedia of Contemporary Italian Culture [Ref DG 450 .E53]
- Encyclopedia of Government and Politics [Ref JA 61 .C66]
- The Encyclopedia of Ireland [Ref DA 906 .E5 2003] edited by Brian Lalor
- Encyclopedia of Modern French Thought [Ref DC
- Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East [Ref DS 43 .E53]
- Encyclopedia of the Stateless Nations: Ethnic and National Groups Around the World [Ref D 860 .M56 2002] by James Minahan
- Europe Since 1945: An Encyclopedia [Ref D 1051 .E97] by Bernard A. Cook
- Facts About China [Ref DS 706 .F25 2003] by Ji Xiao-bin
- Japan Encyclopedia [Ref DS 821 .F73] by Louis Frederic
- The Middle East: A Political Dictionary [Ref DS 61 .Z58 1992] by Lawrence Ziring
- The Oxford Companion to Australian History [Ref DU 110 .O938 1998]
- The Pacific Islands: An Encyclopedia [Ref DU 17 .P3 2000]
- Political Encyclopedia of the Middle East [Ref DS 62.8 .P64]
- Russia and the Commonwealth A to Z [Ref DK 286 .W5513] by Andrew Wilson & Nina Bachkatov

Handbooks, Manuals & Yearbooks

- Black Africa: A Comparative Handbook [Ref DT 352.8 .M67] by Donald G. Morrison
- Dun & Bradstreet's Guide to Doing Business Around the World [Ref HF 1416 .M78]
- Europa World Year Book [Ref JN 1 .E85]
- A Handbook of Korea [Ref DS 902 .H2864]
- Hoover's Handbook of World Business [Ref HF 3010 .H65]
- Major Political Events in Iran, Iraq, and the Arabian Peninsula, 1945-1990 [Ref DS 326 .M64] by Trevor Mostyn
- The Oxford Companion to Politics of the World [Ref JA 61 .O95 2001]
- Statesman's Year Book [Ref JA 51 .S7]

Almanacs & Statistical Sources

- Demographic Yearbook. (latest edition). United Nations [Ref HA 17 .D45]
- The Economist Book of Vital World Statistics [Ref HC 59 .W634]
- International Historical Statistics: Africa, Asia & Oceania, 1750-1988 [Ref HA 4675 .M55 2003]
- International Historical Statistics: Europe, 1750-1988 [Ref HA 1107 .M5 2003] by Brian R. Mitchell
- Social Indicators of Development. (latest edition) [Ref HC 59.69 .S63]
- Statistical Abstract of the World [Ref HA 155 .S7]
- Statistical Yearbook (UNESCO). (latest edition) [Ref AZ 361 .U45]
- Statistical Yearbook. (latest edition). United Nations [Ref HA 12.5 .U63]
- The Washington Almanac of International Trade and Business [Ref JX 1705 .A152]

- **A World Record of Major Conflict Areas [Ref D 842 .M86]** by David Munro & Alan J. Day
- **World Resources: A Report by the World Resources Institute and the International Institute for Environment and Development.** (latest edition). [Ref HC 59 .W6675]
- **World Tables [Ref HC 59 .W669]**

Directories

- **Europa World Year Book.** Volume 1—International Organizations. (annual) [Ref JN 1 .E85]
- **Revolutionary and Dissident Movements: An International Guide.** Second edition [Ref JC 328.3 .D43] by Henry Degenhardt

Atlases

- **Goode's World Atlas [G 1021 .G6]**
- **Hammond Atlas of the Middle East [Ref G 2205 .H3]**
- **National Geographic Collegiate Atlas of the World [G 1021 .N392]**
- **Oxford Atlas of the World [Ref G 1021 .A7545 2003]**

Biographical Sources

- **Current Biography Yearbook.** 1940- (annual) [Ref CT 100 .C8]
- **Encyclopedia of World Biography [Ref CT 103 .E56]**
- **The International Who's Who [Ref CT 120 .I44]**

Other Pertinent Reference Sources

- **Facts on File.** 1968- (weekly) Periodical Index Section
 - **Gale Country and World Rankings Reporter [Ref HA 154 .G35 1995]**
 - **Global Data Locator [Ref HA 36 .K87 1997]** by George T. Kurian
 - **The Illustrated Book of World Rankings [Ref HA 155 .K87]** by George T. Kurian
- Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications** (commonly known as the GPO Monthly Catalog) [Gov. Doc. GP 3.8:]

SUGGESTED INDEXES & DATABASES FOR LOCATING PERIODICAL ARTICLES

- [ABI/INFORM Complete](#) (online database)
- [Academic Search Premier](#) (Online Database)
- [INFOTRAC Web](#) (online database)
- [Newspaper Source](#) (online database)
- [New York Times Index](#) (periodical index)

A few frequently used PERIODICALS in **FOREIGN AREA STUDIES** are:

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| Asian Survey | Orbis |
| Current History | U.S. News & World Report |
| Diplomatic History | U.S. Department of State Dispatch |
| Foreign Affairs | World Press Review |
| Middle East Policy | World Politics |

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SUGGESTED WEBSITES

Library of Congress: Country Studies

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

CIA World Factbook

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

Business Resources

Country Economic and Trade Policy Reports

http://www.state.gov/www/issues/economic/trade_reports/index.html

Statistics Resources

U.S. Census Bureau: International Database

<http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/ipc/www/>

Bureau of Labor Statistics: Links to Statistical Departments of Other Countries

<http://www.bls.gov/bls/other.htm>

Embassies

<http://www.embassy.org/embassies/index.html>

State Department: Key Officers at Foreign Service Posts

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/biog/>

Places to Look for Official Country Websites

Bureau of Labor Statistics: Links to Statistical Departments of Other Countries

<http://www.bls.gov/bls/other.htm>

Foreign Resources on the Web (University of Michigan Documents Center)

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/foreign.html>

Political Resources on the Net

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

Governments on the WWW

<http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/>

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