Comparative Constitutional Law Research
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What we will cover

- Searching the Catalogs
  - LRC Online Catalog, Circuit & ILL
- Finding Journal Articles
- Foreign Constitutions
- Foreign Law (statutes and case law)
- Lexis & Westlaw
Searching the Catalogs:
LRC Catalog, Circuit, ILL
LRC Catalog

- The Legal Research Center's online catalog links to materials held at the LRC and the Main Library (Copley)

- The catalog can be used to find not just materials in our print collection, but also to access e-books and electronic databases

- **Access:** You can link to the catalog off of the LRC’s webpage
Catalog Examples

- Comparative legal traditions in a nutshell / Mary Ann Glendon, Learned Hand
  - LRC Reserve (K560 .G55 2016)

- Comparative constitutional law in Asia / edited by Tom Ginsburg and Rosalind Dixon
  - LRC Reading Room (KNC524 .C636 2014)

- Asia Pacific and human rights : a global political economy perspective / Paul Close and David Askew
  - CL Book Stacks (JC599.E18 C56 2004) see all

- Human rights constitutionalism in Japan and Asia [electronic resource] : the writings of Lawrence W. Beer / Lawrence W. Beer
  - Copley Internet (KNC524 .B44 2009eb)
Circuit Catalog

Because USD is a member of a library consortium called the Circuit, you can borrow materials from any of the member libraries which include SDSU, UCSD and Cal State San Marcos.

Circuit does NOT include Thomas Jefferson Law School or California Western School of Law.

Access: You can link to the Circuit catalog through the LRC catalog or http://circuit.sdsu.edu

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WorldCat and Interlibrary Loan

- If you’re looking for an item and can’t find it in the LRC Catalog or the Circuit, then check WorldCat to see if it can be interlibrary-loaned from a participating member of a worldwide network of libraries.

- To request an ILL, click here (check with a reference librarian first).
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ILLiad: LRC Interlibrary Loan

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### Book Request

Before requesting an interlibrary loan, you must first check to see if it's available on campus (check USD catalogs here) or through The Circuit (check Circuit here).

Cite-checkers should also check The San Diego County Public Law Library (SDCPL Public Law Library catalog), Thomas Jefferson (TJSL catalog), and Cal Western (CWE catalog), and go there to use the source.

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Law Journal Articles

- **Westlaw**: Journals & Law Reviews

- **Lexis-Nexis**: Law Reviews & Journals

- **Google Scholar**: Click on Settings and add USD to your library links to access all of our subscription databases

- **Hein-Online** is a database that contains digital (PDF) images of law reviews from U.S. law schools. Access through the our [Legal Research Databases](#) page.
Non-Law Articles

- Copley Library Databases (e.g. JSTOR, Academic Search Premier, SpringerLink Journals)
  - Available through the Copley Databases page

- SSRN – Social Sciences Research Network

- Google Advanced
  - https://www.google.com/advanced_search
Foreign Constitutions
World Constitutions Illustrated

- Constitutional law for over 190 countries.
- Current and historical official constitutional texts.
- Scholarly journal articles, books, and other constitutional commentary, organized by country.

Available in HeinOnline through the LRC Databases page.
Constitute (Comparative Constitutions Project)

- Constitute offers free access to the world’s constitutions that users can systematically compare across over 300 topics.

- Constitute was developed by the Comparative Constitutions Project at the University of Texas at Austin.

https://www.constituteproject.org
WIPO Lex

- WIPO Lex provides free access to global legal information, primarily in the area of intellectual property.

http://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/
Foreign Law
(statutes and case law)
Foreign Law Guide

- The Foreign Law Guide is an essential resource in researching the laws of another country.

- For each country, the FLG provides a brief overview to the law of the country, laws arranged by subject, English translations, and scholarly commentary.

Available through the LRC Databases page.
Globalex

Research guides to the legal literature of many jurisdictions throughout the world.

http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/
The Bluebook Table 2:

- **Table 2: Foreign Jurisdictions** provides citation and research help for over 35 foreign countries.

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**T2.37 South Korea (p. 454)**
*(Civil Law)*

**Romanization**


**Cases**

Citation format: «<English translation of court name>»-<[English court abbreviation]>-<[case number]>-<[date of decision]>-<[volume number]>-<[reporter abbreviation]>-<[first page]>, «[page(s)] of specific material, if desired» («country abbreviation if not evident from context»).

Reporter abbreviation, volume number, and page numbers are not common in Korean citation practice, but if available, add such information.

- Supreme Court (Sup. Cl.): 96 Da 4751, Sept. 9, 1997 (S. Kor.).
- Seoul High Court (Seoul High Cl.): 95 Na 14840, Sept. 18, 1995 (S. Kor.).
- Incheon District Court (Dist. Cl.): 2004 Ga 88803, Dec. 14, 2004 (S. Kor.).

- **Daebobwon** (S. Cl.) (Supreme Court): Cite to JIP, GONG, or SCD, if therein; **Hunbeob jaepanso** (Con. Cl.) (Constitutional Court: court of original and final jurisdiction to determine the constitutionality of laws); Cite to KCCR, KCC, or DKCC, if therein; **Godheung beobwon** (Hig Cl.) (High courts) and **Jibang beobwon** (Dist Cl.) (district courts): Cite to GODHEUNG JIP, GAKGONG, or HAJIP, if therein, adding the location of the court before the name.

**Specialized jurisdiction**:
- Teulheo beobwon (Pat. Cl.) (patent court), **Haengjeong beobwon** (Admin. Cl.) (administrative courts), and **Gajeong beobwon** (Fam. Cl.) (family courts).

**Sources**

Cases are available on the supreme court's website at [http://eng.scourt.go.kr](http://eng.scourt.go.kr).

Print reporters published by the Court Administration:
Lexis and Westlaw
Westlaw

- Secondary Sources > Law Reviews & Journals

- To navigate by specific country, click on International Materials, then select one of the main six foreign jurisdictions (Australia, Canada, European Union, Hong Kong, Korea, United Kingdom), or select Other International Jurisdictions.
Lexis

- Secondary Materials > Law Reviews & Journals

- For material from specific countries click on the International Tab. Click on View All Countries to see the full list of available countries.
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