

## International Law and Religion

### Research Resources

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#### I. Organizations

##### A. International Organizations

1. U.N.
  - a. Office of U.N. High Commissioner on Human Rights
    - (1) <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/WelcomePage.aspx>
  - b. Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief ()
    - (1) <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/religion/>
    - (2) Annual world reports, country visits
  - c. Human Rights Committee (treaty body)
    - (1) Created under ICCPR
    - (2) <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/treaty/index.htm>
2. Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)/ Office for Democratic Initiatives and Human Rights (ODIHR)/ Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion and Belief
  - a. <http://www.osce.org/odihr/20056.html>
  - b. TANDIS (tolerance and non-discrimination information system) – documents, practices and initiatives of OSCE, COE, member states
    - (1) <http://tandis.odihr.pl/index.php?p=ki-fo>
3. Council of Europe (not to be confused with European Union)
  - a. [www.coe.int](http://www.coe.int)
  - b. European Court of Human Rights (not to be confused with European Court of Justice or various war crimes tribunals)
    - (1) <http://www.echr.coe.int/echr>
    - (2) HUDOC database of judgments, decisions, etc.
    - (3) <http://cmiskp.echr.coe.int/tkp197/search.asp>
4. Other regional treaty bodies
  - a. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
    - (1) [www.cidh.oas.org](http://www.cidh.oas.org)
  - b. African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
    - (2) [http://www.achpr.org/english/info/news\\_en.html](http://www.achpr.org/english/info/news_en.html)

##### B. U.S. Governmental Offices

1. State Department Office of International Religious Liberty
  - a. Annual Report (October)
    - (1) <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/irf/>
  - b. Religion also addressed in annual Human Rights Report (March)
    - (1) <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/>
  - c. U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom
    - (1) [www.uscirf.gov](http://www.uscirf.gov)
    - (2) Hearings, Annual Report (May), special reports on problem states
2. CSCE Commission of Congress
  - a. <http://www.csce.gov/>
  - b. Periodic hearings

- C. Foreign Governmental Offices
1. Offices of Religious Affairs
    - a. E.g., <http://www.culture.gov.sk/cirkvi-nabozenske-spolocnosti> ,  
[http://www.ypepth.gr/en\\_ec\\_home.htm](http://www.ypepth.gr/en_ec_home.htm) (see links on  
[www.kirchenrecht.net/](http://www.kirchenrecht.net/) for European offices)
    - b. Location
      - (1) Executive branch
        - (a) Often under Ministries of culture, ethnicity
      - (2) Parliamentary committees
      - (3) Inter-ministerial councils
  2. Human Rights Offices/Ombudsmen
  3. Foreign Ministries (e.g., Dutch Foreign Ministry)
    - a. offices on democracy, human rights, etc.
  4. “Sect observatories”
    - a. e.g., Center for Information and Advice on Harmful Sectarian  
Movements (Belgium) [www.ciaosn.be/](http://www.ciaosn.be/)
- D. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
1. Academic/quasi-academic organizations
    - a. General index to many -
    - b. Baylor’s Institute for Church-State Studies
      - (1) [http://www.baylor.edu/church\\_state/splash.php](http://www.baylor.edu/church_state/splash.php)
    - c. Emory’s Center for the Study of Law and Religion
      - (1) <http://cslr.law.emory.edu/>
    - d. Catholic’s Law and Religion Program
    - e. BYU International Center for Law and Religion Studies
      - (1) [www.iclrs.org](http://www.iclrs.org)
    - f. University of Virginia - Religious Freedom Website
      - (1) [religiousfreedom.lib.virginia.edu/home.html](http://religiousfreedom.lib.virginia.edu/home.html)
    - g. European Consortium for Church-State Research
      - (1) <http://www.churchstate.eu/index.php>
    - h. INFORM
      - (1) <http://www.inform.ac/>
    - i. International Academy for Freedom of Religion and Belief
  2. Typical NGOs
    - a. Christian Legal Society
      - (1) [www.clsnet.org](http://www.clsnet.org)
    - b. Institute for Religion and Public Policy
      - (1) [www.religionandpolicy.org](http://www.religionandpolicy.org)
    - c. Human Rights Without Frontiers
      - (1) yearly reports
      - (2) [www.hrwf.net](http://www.hrwf.net)
    - d. Oslo Coalition for Freedom of Religion and Belief
      - (1) [www.oslocoalition.org](http://www.oslocoalition.org)
    - e. Freedom House
      - (1) yearly reports
      - (2) <http://crf.hudson.org/>
    - f. Int’l Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights

- (1) <http://www.ihf-hr.org>
- g. International Religious Liberty Association
  - (1) [www.irla.org](http://www.irla.org)
- h. Slavic Legal Center
  - (1) [www.rlinfo.ru/](http://www.rlinfo.ru/)
- i. SOVA Center (Russia)
  - (1) <http://sova-center.ru/>
- j. etc.
- 3. Religious Organizations/groups
  - a. Evangelical alliance
    - (1) [www.eauk.org/](http://www.eauk.org/)
  - b. Church of Scientology
    - (1) <http://www.investigations.freedommag.org/>
  - c. Bahá'ís
    - (1) [www.onecountry.org/listhr.html](http://www.onecountry.org/listhr.html)

## II. Written/internet resources

### A. Background Information on the Internet

- 1. General information
  - a. CIA World Factbook (vital information and statistics)
    - (1) <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>
  - b. EINnews – current news from 4,500 on-line sources broken down by country, region, or specialized topic
    - (1) [www.einnews.com/](http://www.einnews.com/)
  - c. Britannica (Encyclopedia, world atlas, timelines, subject browse)
    - (1) [www.britannica.com/](http://www.britannica.com/)
- 2. Best regional websites
  - a. Crisisweb (in-depth material on international crisis areas)
    - (1) [www.crisisweb.org](http://www.crisisweb.org)
  - b. Latin American Network Information Center (links by country and categories)
    - (1) [www.lanic.utexas.edu/](http://www.lanic.utexas.edu/)
  - c. Library of Congress Handbook of Latin American Studies (searchable bibliography of scholarly works on Latin America)
    - (1) <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/hlas/hlashome.html>
  - d. Internet Resources for Latin America
    - (1) <http://lib.nmsu.edu/subject/bord/laguia/>
  - e. Gulf2000 (detailed information on Persian Gulf countries)
    - (1) <http://gulf2000.columbia.edu/>
  - f. European Union (series of databases and websites)
    - (1) [http://europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/index_en.htm)
  - g. EU Observer (news and opinion coverage of EU issues)
    - (1) <http://www.euobserver.com/>
  - h. Transitions Online--formerly Central Europe Review (post-Communist Europe)
    - (1) <http://tol.cz>

- i. Central Eurasian Studies Worldwide
    - (1) <http://cesww.fas.harvard.edu/index.html>
  - j. Asian Studies www Virtual Library
    - (1) <http://coombs.anu.edu.au/WWWVL-AsianStudies.html>
  - k. Asia Pacific Media Network
    - (1) <http://www.asiamedia.ucla.edu/>
  - l. Africa-related Links (Univ. of Wisc. African Studies Program)
    - (1) <http://africa.wisc.edu/links/index.htm>
  - m. All-Africa (news and news archives by topic or country)
    - (1) <http://allafrica.com/>
3. Legal Information and Norms
- a. International/multi-national law metasites
    - (1) Heiros Gamos (go to "worldwide law")
      - (a) <http://www.hg.org/1table.html>
    - (2) Library of Congress' International Law metasite
      - (a) <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/international.php>
    - (3) Governments on the www: table of contents
      - (a) <http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/>
    - (4) Library of Congress' guide to law on-line for nations of the world
      - (a) <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide.php>
    - (5) American Society for International Law's Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law
      - (a) [www.asil.org/resource/home.htm](http://www.asil.org/resource/home.htm)
    - (6) Lauterpach Research Centre for International Law, Cambridge University
      - (a) [http://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/research\\_links/](http://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/research_links/)
    - (7) J. Reuben Clark Law School's Foreign and International Law Directory
      - (a) [www.law2.byu.edu/fcil/](http://www.law2.byu.edu/fcil/)
    - (8) Cornell's Legal Information Institute
      - (a) [www.law.cornell.edu/world/](http://www.law.cornell.edu/world/)
    - (9) NYU Guide to Foreign and International Legal Database
      - (a) [www.law.nyu.edu/global/researchtools/guidetoforeignandinternationallegaldatabases/ECM\\_DLX\\_013574](http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/researchtools/guidetoforeignandinternationallegaldatabases/ECM_DLX_013574)
      - (b) Globalex
      - (c) <http://www.nyulawglobal.com/globalex/index.html>
  - b. Human Rights metasites
    - (1) HURIDOCS – searches NGOs, int'l orgs, gov't HR sites for terms or documents
      - (a) <http://www.huridocs.org/>
    - (2) Minnesota human rights library - excellent
      - (a) <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>
    - (3) American Society of International Law's guide/metasite
      - (a) <http://www.asil.org/human-rights-humanitarian->



- c. country files - laws, reports
2. Religions
  - a. World Encyclopedia of Christianity
  - b. Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World
  - c. etc.
3. Human rights, International organizations
4. Theoretical issues
  - a. church-state
  - b. jurisprudence
5. Church-state general, topical
  - a. e.g., blasphemy laws, animal sacrifice, labor laws, etc.
6. CDs
  - a. Russian "Legal Library of Religious Organizations" (federal and regional norms)
  - b. Human Rights (1991) U.N. documents, bibliographic references to U.N. documents and publications
  - c. State Department Reports
7. Periodicals
  - a. European Consortium's *European Journal for Church and State Research*
  - b. Keston's *Religion, State, and Society* (focused especially on Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and Islam)  
(1) BR 738.6 .R427
  - c. Religion in Eastern Europe  
(1) BR 738.6 .022x
  - d. RCDA: Religion in Communist-Dominated Areas  
(1) BR 738.6 .R425
  - e. Baylor's *Journal of Church and State*
  - f. etc.
8. Additions welcome! (please double-check titles with us first)