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Introductory course on international human rights 2015

Central human rights web sources

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Goal for this course:

To present useful web sites for human rights documents and information from:

- United Nations
- Council of Europe and European Court of Human Rights
- Other regional organizations
- NGOs

Various human rights sources

When searching for information on a human rights topic – various document types may be relevant:

- 1. Legal documents from international and regional organizations:** treaties / covenants / conventions, statutes, protocols, resolutions etc.
- 2. Documents from monitoring bodies:** decisions, concluding observations, recommendations, country visit reports etc.
- 3. Jurisdiction:** judgments/decisions from courts and tribunals
- 4. NGOs:** reports, opinions etc.

Where and how can you find them?????

United Nations and human rights



Starting point for searches: Dag Hammarskiöld Library

www.un.org – Library

Search for UN documents and publications:

<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/>

OR

<http://www.un.org/en/documents/ods/>

Search for international UN courts and tribunals:

<http://research.un.org/en/docs/law/courts>

Search for human rights bodies:

<http://research.un.org/en/docs/humanrights>

Search in UN databases

Charter-based bodies database:

<http://ap.ohchr.org/Documents/gmainec.aspx>

Treaty-based bodies database:

http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/TBSearch.aspx?Lang=en

Universal Periodic Review database (by country):

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/Documentation.aspx>

Search in UN databases

Universal human rights index

<http://uhri.ohchr.org/en>

The database provides easy access to country-specific human rights information emanating from international human rights mechanisms in the United Nations system: the Treaty Bodies, the Special Procedures and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

UN Treaty Collection

<https://treaties.un.org/>

Preparatory works for UN treaties

There is no single access point for the preparatory works for UN treaties. The procedure depends on the body establishing the treaty

Historical archives

<http://www.un.org/law/avl/>

Proceedings of diplomatic conferences

<http://www.un.org/law/diplomaticconferences>

How to make correct references to a UN document

<http://ask.un.org/faq/14438>

The European Court of Human Rights and Council of Europe



EUROPE:

Council of Europe (CoE) and European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) – quick search

What are you looking for?	Where to find it	Direct link
CoE human rights treaties (with ratifications and signatories)	Council of Europe http://hub.coe.int/en ⇨ Treaty office ⇨ Search ⇨ Treaties ⇨ List by subject matters ⇨ Human rights ⇨ Submit	http://conventions.coe.int/?pg=/Treaty/MenuTraites_en.asp
Commissioner for Human Rights (country reports)	Council of Europe http://hub.coe.int/en Explore - 47 Member States	http://hub.coe.int/web/coe-portal
European Court of Human Rights		http://www.echr.coe.int/echr/Homepage_EN
European Court of Human Rights (cases)	European Court of Human Rights Case law HUDOC HUDOC database	http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/sites/eng/Pages/search.aspx# {

The Americas

- Inter-American Court of Human Rights
<http://www.corteidh.or.cr>
- Inter-American Commission of Human Rights
<http://www.cidh.oas.org/DefaultE.htm>

Africa

1. The African Union's Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
<http://www.achpr.org/>
2. African Human Rights Case Law Analyzer
<http://caselaw.ihrda.org/>
3. African International Courts and Tribunals Website <http://www.aict-ctia.org/>

Asia

Asian Human Rights Commission

<http://www.humanrights.asia/about>

Documents from NGOs, IGOs, NHRIs

HuriSearch <http://www.hurisearch.org/>

Some statistics / graphs web sites

The Political Terror Scale

<http://www.politicalterror scale.org/>

World Bank

<http://www.worldbank.org/>

Corruption Perceptions index

<http://www.transparency.org/research/cpi/overview>