



# **HUMAN RIGHTS WEBLIOGRAPHY:**

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**PART I: WHERE TO FIND HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS:**

U.S. Department of State, Human Rights

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/hr/>

STATE DEPARTMENT COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS are here:

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/>

U.S. Department of State, International Information Programs, Human Rights

[http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/human\\_rights.html](http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/human_rights.html)

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE): United States Helsinki Commission <http://www.csce.gov/> CSCE addresses and assesses democratic, economic, and human rights developments firsthand. One can view the commission's work by issue or country.

Human Rights Commission on International Religious Freedom: <http://www.uscirf.gov>  
The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) is a government commission monitoring religious freedom worldwide and advises the President, the Secretary of State, and Congress on how best to promote freedom of worship.

USINFO: Human Rights Global Reports: [http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/human\\_rights.html](http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/human_rights.html)

## **PART II: BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND MAJOR RESEARCH GUIDES:**

Columbia University, School of Law. Human Rights Research: Frequently Asked Questions. [http://www.law.columbia.edu/library/Research\\_Guides/internat\\_law/humrts](http://www.law.columbia.edu/library/Research_Guides/internat_law/humrts)

Getting Online for Human Rights: Using the Internet in Human Rights Work  
<http://shr.aas.org/Online/contents.htm>

Human Rights Resources on the Internet:  
[:http://www.llrx.com/features/rsd\\_bib2.htm](http://www.llrx.com/features/rsd_bib2.htm)

New York University School of Law: How To Research International Human Rights: A Research Guide:  
[http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Human\\_Rights.htm](http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Human_Rights.htm)

## **PART III: MAJOR INTERNET SITES CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS**

(A *highly* selective list)

Amnesty International: *English*: <http://www.amnesty.org/>  
*Arabic*: <http://www.amnesty.org/arabic/>

AI works to promote internationally recognized human rights.

See AI's 2007 Human Rights report at: <http://thereport.amnesty.org/eng/Homepage>

Derechos: <http://www.derechos.org/> Works for the promotion of human rights all over the world and against impunity for human rights violators. **NOTE:** Some of the material is in Spanish.

Freedom House <http://www.freedomhouse.org/>

Through a vast array of international programs and publications, Freedom House is working to advance political and economic freedom, including human rights.

Human Rights Internet: <http://www.hri.ca/index.aspx>

Purpose of this organization is to engage, educate and empower. Includes many links to educational resources and guides, and, a noteworthy category titled "Documentation and Education."

Human Rights Watch <http://www.hrw.org/>

Human Rights Watch is dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world and is an independent, nongovernmental organization supported by contributions from private individuals and foundations worldwide. It accepts no government funds, directly or indirectly.

## **PART IV: MAJOR CENTERS, COMMISSIONS AND INSTITUTES:**

The Carr Center for Human Rights Policy [pdf, Real Player]  
<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/cchrp/>

The Carr Center for Human Rights Policy is at Harvard University's Kennedy School. The mission of the Center is "to lead public policy debate, to train human rights leaders and to partner with human rights organizations to help them respond to current and future challenges." On their homepage, visitors can read about their latest news items, look over their publications and editorial pieces, and also learn about fellowship opportunities at the Center. Scholars and others will probably wish to start at the "Research & Publications" area. Here they can browse through articles and research reports that have been conducted by Center staff and affiliates. Some of the more compelling reports here include "Children in Conflict: Eradicating the Child Soldier Doctrine" and "Religion and Secular Constitution: Human Rights and the Challenge of Saria". Moving on, visitors also have the opportunity to sign up for email updates via the "News & Events" area.

The Carter Center <http://www.cartercenter.org/>

The Carter Center seeks to prevent and resolve conflicts, enhance freedom and democracy, and improve health.

The Center's Human Rights program can be found at:

[http://www.cartercenter.org/peace/human\\_rights/index.html](http://www.cartercenter.org/peace/human_rights/index.html)

Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center.cfm>

Center for Human Rights Documentation and Research at Columbia University

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/humanrights/>

One of the oldest University-based human rights institutions, committed to the education and training of emerging human rights leaders, the Center has pioneered the promotion of human rights research, through extensive documentation, education, and training at Columbia University. Includes videos, archives and extensive documentation.

### **SEE ALSO:**

**Human and Constitutional Rights Institute at Columbia University** <http://www.hrcr.org/>

and **The Human Rights Institute at the Columbia Law School:**

[http://www.law.columbia.edu/center\\_program/human\\_rights](http://www.law.columbia.edu/center_program/human_rights)

Includes web resources, country reports, curriculum, podcasts, emerging topics, national and international links, and documents

The Inter.-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

<http://www.cidh.org/DefaultE.htm>

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) is one of two bodies in the inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights. The Commission has its headquarters in Washington, D.C. The other human rights body is the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, which is located in San José, Costa Rica.

Northwestern University, School of Law. Center for International Human Rights:  
<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/humanrights/>

## **PART V: HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION, PROMOTION AND PROTECTION:**

Human Rights Education Association: <http://www.hrea.org/erc/Library/index.php>

Contains many curriculum and resource guides, and bibliographies, all freely available. Also has links to Human Rights Organizations and Resources

Human Right First: [http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/about\\_us/about\\_us.asp](http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/about_us/about_us.asp)

Emphasizes the rule of law to help ensure human dignity and encourages the end of tyranny, extremism, intolerance, and violence.

Human Rights Education: <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itdhr/0302/ijde/ijde0302.htm>

**ARABIC VERSION AT:** <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itdhr/0302/ijda/ijda0302.htm>

HRI Human Rights Internet: <http://www.hri.ca/index.aspx>

HRI is dedicated to the empowerment of human rights activists and organizations, and committed to education on human rights issues and the role of civil society.

The Inter.-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

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International Human Rights Network: <http://www.ihrnetwork.org/>

Current IHRN *Training programs* can be found at:

<http://www.ihrnetwork.org/current-programmes.htm> (Training also includes capacity building)

People's Decade of Human Rights Education (PDHRE-International):

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

A non-profit, international service organization that works directly and indirectly with its network of affiliates — primarily women's and relevant organizations --to develop human rights education.

Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights <http://www.law.uc.edu/morgan2/>

A leading institution in the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly as it relates to the education of tomorrow's leaders.

## **PART VI: UNITED NATIONS:**

UN: Human Rights and Business Learning Tools: Educational, Online Modules

<http://www.unssc.org/web/hrb/Default.asp?mod=0&sec=0&cur=0>

UN Cyberbus: Human Rights In Action: <http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/humanrights/index.asp>

UN Human Rights: <http://www.un.org/rights/>

UN Human Rights Council: <http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/>

Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

**UDHR AT 60:** The Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 60. On December 10, a milestone in the history of promoting human rights will be celebrated. This day will mark the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

**UDHR VIDEO AT:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTlrSYbCbHE>

**UDHR WEB SITE AT:**  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Pages/60UDHR.aspx>

**UDHR at 60 YEARS: an IIP E-JOURNAL:**  
<http://www.america.gov/publications/ejournalusa/1108.html>

**UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WEB SITE:**  
<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/udhr/>

**MORE RESOURCES AT:** <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/udhr/resources.shtml>

## **PART VII: VIRTUAL/ELECTRONIC LIBRARIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENTATION:**

### **The Human Rights Index for the Arab Countries**

This site, "sponsored by the United Nations Development Program on Governance in the Arab Region (UNDP-POGAR), is a repository for the entire set of United Nations documents pertaining to human rights and the responses, including reservations, by the Arab member states to the committees that monitor the core international human rights treaties." View documents by source, topic, year, or treaty committee. Also includes publications on jurisprudence, torture, and related topics. In English and Arabic.  
<http://www.arabhumanrights.org/en>

Human Rights Tools: E-Library: <http://www.humanrightstools.org/dir/>

Human Rights Treaties: Selected International and Regional Human Rights Treaties. [Amnesty International]. <http://thereport.amnesty.org/document/62> 2008.

Human Rights Web: <http://www.hrweb.org/>

International Labor Organization: Human Rights Documents by Country:  
[http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex\\_browse.subject?p\\_lang=en&p\\_classification=01.05](http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex_browse.subject?p_lang=en&p_classification=01.05)

University of Minnesota Human Rights Library: <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>  
The principal focus of the Human Rights Library is to assist human rights advocates, monitors, students, and educators. *Voted one of the top 10 Human Rights Web sites of the decade.*

## **PART VIII: LEGAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS:**

The American Society of International Law: <http://www.asil.org/resource/humrts1.htm>

The mission of the American Society of International Law is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice.

Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL)

Maintains an excellent legal guide for International Human Rights Law worldwide:

[http://www.eisil.org/index.php?sid=668522265&t=sub\\_pages&cat=185](http://www.eisil.org/index.php?sid=668522265&t=sub_pages&cat=185)

Legal Search Engine: [www.llrx.com](http://www.llrx.com)

One of the best new search engines for legal materials: can be used for finding newer/updated materials on Human Rights.

Ongoing Current Legal News: <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu>

The CURRENT AWARENESS site has a section just for HUMAN RIGHTS in the news:

<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/currentawareness/humanrights.php>

Yale University. Law Library. Collection of Human Rights Web Sites and Organizations:

<http://www.law.yale.edu/library/research/issues.html>

## **PART IX: MINORITY RIGHTS / IMMIGRATION**

Minority Rights Group International

<http://www.minorityrights.org>

Minority Rights Group International (MRG) works to secure the rights of ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities and indigenous peoples worldwide, and to promote cooperation and understanding between communities. The organizations programs are described on its site, and summaries of its publications and projects are provided.

The Minorities at Risk (MAR) Project

<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/cidcm/mar>

Monitors and analyzes the status and conflicts of communal groups in all countries with a current population of at least 500,000. Selected project materials on more than 284 groups are available through this site for researchers, public officials, journalists, students, activists, and others.

International Migration and Human Rights [pdf]

[http://www.globalmigrationgroup.org/pdf/Int\\_Migration\\_Human\\_Rights.pdf](http://www.globalmigrationgroup.org/pdf/Int_Migration_Human_Rights.pdf)

The Global Migration Group (GMG) is an inter-agency group that is dedicated to encouraging the "adoption of more coherent, comprehensive and better coordinated approaches to the issue of international migration." Their number includes representatives from UNICEF, the World Bank and various regional commissions from the United Nations. In October 2008, they released this 144-page report in order to commemorate and reflect on the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The report is divided into seven sections, including those dealing with the legal framework of migration, globalization and migration trends, migration data, and a concluding chapter which discusses some of the most pressing issues facing different migrant groups around the world. The report also includes three very useful appendices which deal with the policy instruments used in regards to human migration and the adoption of key United Nations legal instruments involved with international migration.

## PART X: GUIDES AND MANUALS:

### The Human Rights Index for the Arab Countries

This site, "sponsored by the United Nations Development Program on Governance in the Arab Region (UNDP-POGAR), is a repository for the entire set of United Nations documents pertaining to human rights and the responses, including reservations, by the Arab member states to the committees that monitor the core international human rights treaties." View documents by source, topic, year, or treaty committee. Also includes publications on jurisprudence, torture, and related topics. In English and Arabic.  
<http://www.arabhumanrights.org/en>

Concise Guide to Human Rights on the Internet

<http://www.derechos.org/human-rights/manual.htm>

Facilitative Manual for Human Rights Training in TIMOR-LESTE:

[http://bafuturu.homestead.com/TAHREguide\\_Adult\\_Web\\_Version.pdf](http://bafuturu.homestead.com/TAHREguide_Adult_Web_Version.pdf)

Human Rights Tools: <http://www.humanrightstools.org/>

Introduction to Human Rights: <http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/hrintro/hrintro.htm>

### Human rights and natural disasters: operational guidelines and field manual on human rights protection in situations of natural disaster

Brookings Institution (2008)

All too often the human rights of disaster victims are not sufficiently taken into account. Unequal access to assistance, discrimination in aid provision, sexual and gender-based violence, loss of documentation, unsafe or involuntary return or resettlement, and issues of property restitution are just some of the problems that many survivors encounter. This manual complements the 2006 Operational Guidelines on Human Rights and Natural Disasters established by the UN Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC). It presents the main human rights principles relevant in situations of natural disaster and advice on how to implement them, including:

- Background information on the human rights framework underpinning the guidelines
  - rights related to life, physical security and integrity
  - rights related to the basic necessities of life
  - other economic, social and cultural rights
  - other civil and political rights
  - Operational steps and examples for implementing the guidelines.
  - Special rights and needs of vulnerable groups
- Available online at: <http://www.eldis.org/cf/rdr/?doc=37183&em=290508c=m an>

## PART XI: HUMAN RIGHTS BLOGS:

**Human Rights Blogs:** <http://www.derechos.org/human-rights/lists/>

Derechos Human Rights links to several blogs that can be useful tools for anyone interested in human rights.

## PART XII: SEARCH ENGINES: SPECIFIC AND GENERAL:

HUMAN RIGHTS SEARCH ENGINE: HURISEARCH:

<http://www.hurisearch.org/> (Searches for specific Human Rights Document)

ELDIS: [www.eldis.org](http://www.eldis.org)

Searches manuals, projects, guides, work related issues of NGOs and Civil Society groups throughout the world; the embedded search engine is highly useful.

Legal Search Engine: [www.llrx.com](http://www.llrx.com)

World Legal Information Institute: has a highly useful embedded search engine for researching Human Rights treaties and projects around the globe :<http://www.worldlii.org/forms/search1.html>

### Alternative Search Engines other than Google:

Librarians Index to the Internet: [www.lii.org](http://www.lii.org)

Virtual Libraries: [www.vlib.org](http://www.vlib.org)

Infomine: <http://infomine.ucr.edu>

Internet Public library: [www.ipl.org](http://www.ipl.org)

Finding Government Documents through the LOUIS Project:

<http://www.louisdb.org/search.php?q=&pull=0>

(Searches Congressional Hearings, Congressional Reports, the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, Presidential Documents, GAO Reports and Bills and Resolutions.)

### POLICY RESEARCH AND ACCESS TO RESEARCH STUDIES IN HUMAN RIGHTS:

PolicyArchive (<https://www.policyarchive.org/>), is a joint project of the Center for Governmental Studies (CGS), a nonprofit organization in California, the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Library and Communications Consortium Media Center in Washington, DC.

From the July 03, 2008 Issue of ResourcesHelf: <http://www.ResourcesHelf.com>:

**“Problem:** American philanthropic foundations spend over \$1.5 billion a year on research. Spread out across the nation among diverse libraries, institutions, databases, and websites, this valuable research can be difficult or impossible to identify and obtain once it has been published. Research organizations have no central place to distribute or archive their content, and search engines cannot easily locate much policy research. Research is not optimized to appear at the top of search engine results. Existing policy websites are focused on single issues or available only upon payment of substantial fees.

**Solution:** PolicyArchive simplifies this complex research landscape by providing a universal, easy-to-use, free, and open digital archive of foundation-funded and other public policy research. The

PolicyArchive solution provides public interest organizations a low-cost electronic system for distributing, publicizing, and archiving their research. It allows research users, policy makers, the media, and the public to quickly access the depth and breadth of research in various subject matters. It also provides a direct line of communication between research providers and end-users, thus increasing public awareness of an organization's work and adding significant value to their research investment. Ultimately, PolicyArchive will indefinitely preserve the life of public policy research, substantially increase its impact, and provide society at large with long-term access to the benefits of that important research.

PolicyArchive uses a dropdown menu for browsing by topic, author, funder, or publisher. One can also search via the keyword search box next to the dropdown menu. An advanced search form offers menu-driven field searching, Boolean options, and the ability to limit your search to a particular topic or type of publication.

Topic "quick links" are available at the bottom of the home page:

- \* Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- \* Banking and finance
- \* Business
- \* Culture and religion
- \* Economics
- \* Education
- \* Energy
- \* Environment
- \* Government
- \* Health
- \* **Human rights**
- \* International relations
- \* Justice
- \* Labor
- \* Law and ethics
- \* Manufacturing and industry
- \* Media, telecommunications, and information
- \* Military and defense
- \* Politics
- \* Population and demographics
- \* Science and technology
- \* Social conditions
- \* Trade
- \* Transportation

The archive currently contains more than 12,000 documents; organizations are encouraged to register and upload their research to the site. More than 250 diverse institutions are already doing so, from Action for Children to Women's Voices for the Earth. The entire political spectrum is represented as well - from the liberal Center for American Progress, to the libertarian Cato Institute, to the conservative Heritage Foundation. About halfway down the home page, on the righthand side, you can see the latest additions to the archive. You can subscribe to an e-mail newsletter if you're interested in keeping up with what's new."

## **PART XIII: WHERE TO LOCATE FREE MASTER'S THESES and DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS**

**MIT THESES and DISSERTATIONS:** FREELY AVAILABLE:

<http://dspace.mit.edu>

An example of an MIT Thesis is the following:

Interpreting Global Justice: Variations in perspectives of U.S. Environmental Organizations on Environment, Human Rights, and Social Equity: <http://dspace.mit.edu/handle/1721.1/17684>

**DRUM: DIGITIZED REPOSITORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:**

(Includes research studies as well as Dissertations and Theses): <http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum>

## **PART XIV: FREE ELECTRONIC JOURNALS ON HUMAN RIGHTS:**

Harvard Human Rights Journal: <http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/orgs/hrj/>

Some of the articles (not all) are available online, free of charge.

Human Rights and Human Welfare: <http://www.du.edu/gsis/hrhw/>

Most of the articles are freely available online.

Human Rights Education: <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itdhr/0302/ijde/ijde0302.htm>

**ARABIC VERSION AT:** <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itdhr/0302/ijda/ijda0302.htm>

Northwestern University Journal of International Human Rights:

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/journals/jihr/>

(Some of the articles are freely available online)

SUR: International Journal for Human Rights:

<http://www.surjournal.org/eng/>

SSRN: In addition, a new index to conference papers, conference publications, and select journals from academic institutions is now available through the SSRN [Social Science Research Network] database, recently made free of charge. One needs to register to access and search this database of 150,000 conference papers [and growing in size monthly], but, registration is free of charge. A recent search on the topic "Human Rights" revealed this interesting article:

**[The Economic Effects of Human Rights](#)**

[Lorenz Blume](#) and [Stefan Voigt](#)

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Related Bibliographies on many other topics available at: <http://tinyurl.com/6dfaxn>

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