International Trade and Investment Law Research

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Searching the Catalogs:
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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 [http://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/](http://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/)
• International trade disputes and EU liability / Anne Thies
  Available at LRC Reading Room (KJE6791 .T48 2013)

• Handbook on international trade policy / edited by William A. Kerr, James D. Gaisford
  Available at CL Book Stacks (HF1411 .H2575 2007)

• BNA Resources: International Trade Reporter
  International Trade Daily, and WTO Reporter
  Available through our catalog, LRC Databases, or Bloomberg Law
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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- 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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Journal Databases & Indexes

- **Westlaw** & **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.
International Trade
World Trade Organization

  Trade Topics [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tratop_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tratop_e.htm)

- WTO Documents
  WTO Documents Online: [http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/res_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/res_e.htm)
  WTO Analytical Index [http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/analytic_index_e/analytic_index_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/analytic_index_e/analytic_index_e.htm)

- GATT Documents
  GATT Documents Online [http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/gattdocs_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/gattdocs_e.htm)
WTO Dispute Settlement

- WTO Dispute Settlement page
  Includes panel reports, appellate body reports, and adopted panel reports.
  [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/dispu_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/dispu_e.htm)

- WorldTradeLaw.net
  Provides detailed summaries and commentaries on WTO Panel and Appellate Body Reports. Some content requires a subscription.
  [http://www.worldtradelaw.net/](http://www.worldtradelaw.net/)

- GATT & WTO Decisions
  Westlaw (1948-present)
  Lexis (1948-present)
Regional Trade Organizations and Bodies

- **North and South America**
  - NAFTA
  - Mercosur
  - Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)

- **Asia and Pacific**
  - South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation Preferential Trade Agreement (SAPTA)
  - ASEAN-AFTA
  - Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)

- **Europe**
  - European Free Trade Area
  - European Economic Area
Free Trade Agreements: Finding Individual FTAs

- **Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR)**
  Individual pages for NAFTA, CAFTA-DR, and a number of other FTAs can be found at [http://www.ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements](http://www.ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements)

- **OAS Foreign Trade Information System (SICE)**
  Full texts of trade agreements in force for OAS Member States [http://www.sice.oas.org/](http://www.sice.oas.org/)

- **Bilaterals.org**
  Open publishing website for bilateral trade and investment agreements [http://www.bilaterals.org/?lang=en](http://www.bilaterals.org/?lang=en)
Foreign Investment
Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs)

- **Investment Instruments Online via UNCTAD**
  Searchable database of more than 2,500 BITs
  [https://investmentpolicy.unctad.org/international-investment-agreements](https://investmentpolicy.unctad.org/international-investment-agreements)

- **OAS Foreign Trade Information System (SICE)**
  This OAS foreign trade database also has a page specifically dedicated to bilateral investment treaties
  [http://www.sice.oas.org/Investment/main_e.asp](http://www.sice.oas.org/Investment/main_e.asp)

- **U.S. Bilateral Investment Treaties**
  [Department of State](https://www.state.gov)
  [U.S. Trade Representative](https://trade.gov)
Investor-State Arbitration

- **Italaw.com**
  Comprehensive and free database on investment treaties, international investment law and investor-state arbitration.

- **Kluwer Arbitration**
  Kluwer Arbitration's subscription database includes the full texts of bilateral investment treaties, as well as arbitral decisions and awards issued in investor-state disputes. It also provides access to secondary sources, including over 200 e-books.

- **ICSID**
  This World Bank website offers resources for conciliation and arbitration of international investment disputes, including copies of awards and decisions.
Laws of Foreign Countries - Investment

- **Investment Laws of the World (Oceana Publications) (1977-)**
  This ten-volume loose-leaf is a good source for many foreign investment laws, especially for countries whose legal system is difficult to research.
  LRC Reading Room K1112.A48 I7

- **OAS Foreign Trade Information System (SICE)**
  This foreign trade database also has a page specifically dedicated to national investment laws
  [http://www.sice.oas.org/Investment/natlegis_e.asp](http://www.sice.oas.org/Investment/natlegis_e.asp)
Laws of Foreign Countries - General

- **Foreign Law Guide**  
  An excellent starting point for locating the statutes of another country. For each foreign country there is a section listing online resources and sources of law by subject. Available through the [LRC databases page](https://lawlibguides.sandiego.edu/foreign-law)

- **LRC Libguide: Foreign Laws**  
  The LRC has compiled a country-by-country guide of online free and subscription-based foreign law research materials. [https://lawlibguides.sandiego.edu/foreign-law](https://lawlibguides.sandiego.edu/foreign-law)

- **Westlaw and Lexis**  
  Both LexisNexis and Westlaw contain legal databases for a variety of countries. **Coverage varies widely between the two databases.**
Lexis and Westlaw
Westlaw contains some international trade and investment material, as well as some foreign material.

- **International Trade:**
  - GATT & WTO Decisions (1948-present)
  - Full text of GATT, NAFTA, and other International Agreements
  - International Regulation of Trade in Services (treatise)

- **Investment**
  - International Regulation of Finance and Investment (treatise)
  - Practical Law Company ➔ International Arbitration ➔ Investment Treaty Arbitration

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Lexis

Lexis also has a fair amount of international trade and investment materials.

- International Law (under the Practice Areas tab)
  - Doing Business In (Series)
  - Getting the Deal Through (Series)
  - Lex Mundi’s Guide to Doing Business in (Series)

- Foreign Laws (under the International tab)

- Search individually for
  - GATT & WTO Decisions (1948-present)

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We are here to help!

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  http://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/about/hours-of-operation.php

- Chat https://www.sandiego.edu/law/library/
- Ref. Desk E-mail: lrcrefer@sandiego.edu
- Reference Desk Phone: 619-260-4612