

IBT Research part 1: International Trade & Business Transactions

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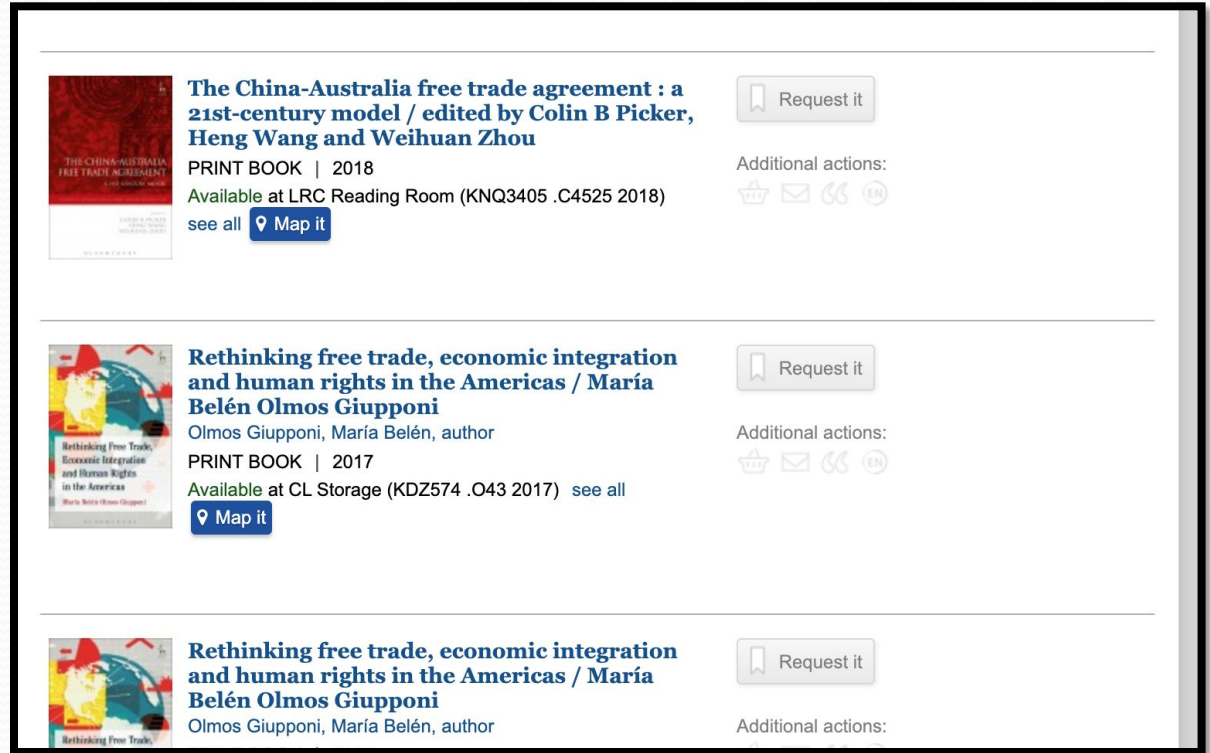
What we will cover

- Searching the Catalogs
- Finding Journal Articles
- International Trade & Business Transactions
 - World Trade Organization
 - Customs
 - Import
 - Export
- Lexis and Westlaw
 - General treatises on international trade and items specific to foreign country research (e.g. China)

Searching the Catalogs:

LRC Catalog

- The Legal Research Center's online catalog links to materials held at the LRC and the Main Library (Copley)
- Access to print and e-books
- Access to paid subscription periodicals like the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and the Economist.



The screenshot displays three book entries from the LRC Catalog. Each entry includes a book cover image, the title, author(s), publication year, and availability information. The first entry is 'The China-Australia free trade agreement : a 21st-century model / edited by Colin B Picker, Heng Wang and Weihuan Zhou', published in 2018, available at the LRC Reading Room. The second and third entries are 'Rethinking free trade, economic integration and human rights in the Americas / María Belén Olmos Giupponi', published in 2017, available at CL Storage. Each entry has a 'Request it' button and a set of 'Additional actions' icons (shopping cart, email, social media, etc.).

The China-Australia free trade agreement : a 21st-century model / edited by Colin B Picker, Heng Wang and Weihuan Zhou
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Journal Databases

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 & Business Transactions

International Trade Practice Center

Bloomberg's [International Trade Practice Center](#) includes Country Profiles, International Trade News (previously BNA's International Trade Reporter), and many other trade practice guides.

The screenshot displays the Bloomberg Law International Trade Practice Center interface. At the top, the Bloomberg Law logo is on the left, and navigation links for Research Trail, My Work, My Account, and Help are on the right. Below the logo is a 'BROWSE' button. A search bar contains 'International Trade' and a search icon, with a 'Select Sources' dropdown and a 'Go' button. The main heading is 'International Trade Practice Center', with 'Set as Home' and 'Favorite' options. A banner for the 'International Trade Reference Library' features an illustration of a port and the text 'At-a-glance access to a comprehensive collection of International Trade Resources', with a 'GO' button. Below the banner are two main sections: 'Browse All Country Profiles' with a search bar containing 'Click to browse our Country Profiles', and 'Search Country Profiles' with a search bar containing 'Type To Search Across All Country Profiles', radio buttons for 'All Country Profiles' (selected) and 'My Country Profiles', and an 'Add Country Profiles' button.

World Trade Organization

- **World Trade Organization**

Trade Topics

http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tratop_e.htm

- **WTO Documents Online**

Documents Online provides access to the official documentation of the World Trade Organization. The database contains over 100,000 documents in the three official languages from 1995 onwards and is updated daily. Search by keyword or use the [analytical index](#).

- **GATT Documents Online**

Browse on the WTO website or search using the [Stanford GATT Digital Library](#)

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
- **WorldTradeLaw.net**
Provides detailed summaries and commentaries on WTO Panel and Appellate Body Reports. Some content requires a subscription.
<http://www.worldtradelaw.net/>
- **GATT & WTO Decisions**
[Westlaw](#) (1948-present)
[Lexis](#) (1948-present)

Customs

[Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: Customs Issues](#)

- Provides information about a variety of WTO issues including customs, licensing, subsidies, and more.

[WTO Trade Topics Gateway: Customs](#)

- Customs valuation is covered by the WTO agreement on customs valuation and the Committee on Customs Valuation of the Council for Trade in Goods (CGT).

Customs- Secondary Sources

Westlaw

- Customs Law and Administration – Commentary, Statutes, and Treaties (3 separate treatises)
- Corporate Counsel's Guide to Importing Under the U.S. Customs Laws
- Practical Law: International Trade & Customs
- International Business Transactions - multiple chapters on customs, import, tariffs, and exports.

Lexis

- US Customs and International Trade Guide
- Getting the Deal Through – Trade & Customs – individual country material

Imports

[Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: Import Licensing](#)

- Provides information about a variety of WTO issues including customs, licensing, subsidies, and more.

[WTO Trade Topics Gateway: Import Licensing](#)

- The Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures says import licensing should be simple, transparent and predictable so as not to become an obstacle to trade.

Imports - Secondary Sources

Westlaw

- [Corporate Counsel's Guide to Importing Under the U.S. Customs Laws](#)
- [Practical Law](#): International Trade & Customs
- [International Business Transactions](#) - multiple chapters on customs, import, tariffs, and exports.

Lexis

- [Doing Business in the United States](#) - chapter 33
Import - Export Law

Exports

Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: Exports

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International Trade Administration

- Global Tariff Finder Tool
- Trade Compliance Center
- ITA documents on Westlaw

Exports - Secondary Sources

Westlaw

- Corporate Counsel's Guide to Export Controls, 2d
- Law and Practice of Export Trade
- Law and Practice of United States Regulation of International Trade – chapter 10

Lexis

- International Exporting Agreements
- United States Export Controls

Foreign Law

Foreign Law: Westlaw

Westlaw contain coverage of limited foreign countries.

- To navigate to specific country material, click on Content Types tab > International Materials > Other International Jurisdictions > select a country
- Use the search bar to search within a specific country area or click on a content type, e.g. treatises, [Corporate Counsel's Guide to Doing Business in China](#)

Foreign Law: Lexis

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- Then use the search bar to search within a specific country area or browse to a specific source, e.g. the China Law Database or Lex Mundi's Guide to Doing Business In China

Other foreign Law Resources

Brill Foreign Law Guide

- An excellent starting point for locating the statutes of another country. For each foreign country there is a brief introduction to the legal system and then a section listing sources of law by subject. Available through our [LRC databases list](#).

USD Foreign Law Research Guide

- A-Z Country list with resources specific to USD students

ITA, Country Commercial Guides

- In addition to subscription databases, many free government sources provide country-by-country guides specific to trade and international business.

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- Reference librarians are here M-Th 9a-6p, Friday 9a-5p, and Sunday 12-4p
- Check our website for current hours:
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