

Legal and Constitutional Challenges in the Middle East Fall 2018

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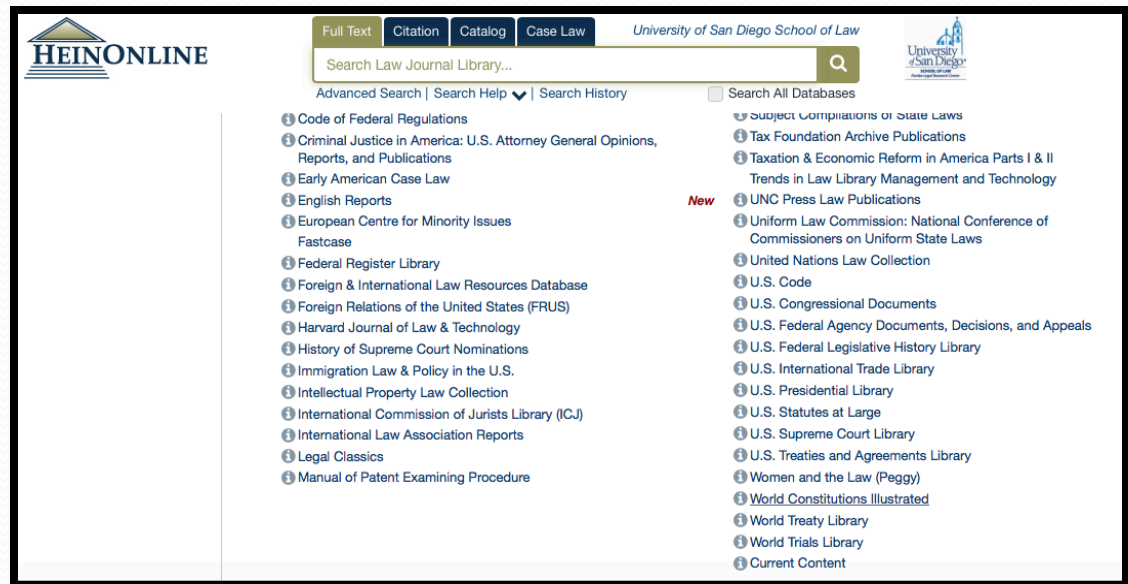
What we will cover

- Foreign Constitutions
- Foreign Law (statutes and case law)
- Lexis & Westlaw

Foreign Constitutions

World Constitutions Illustrated

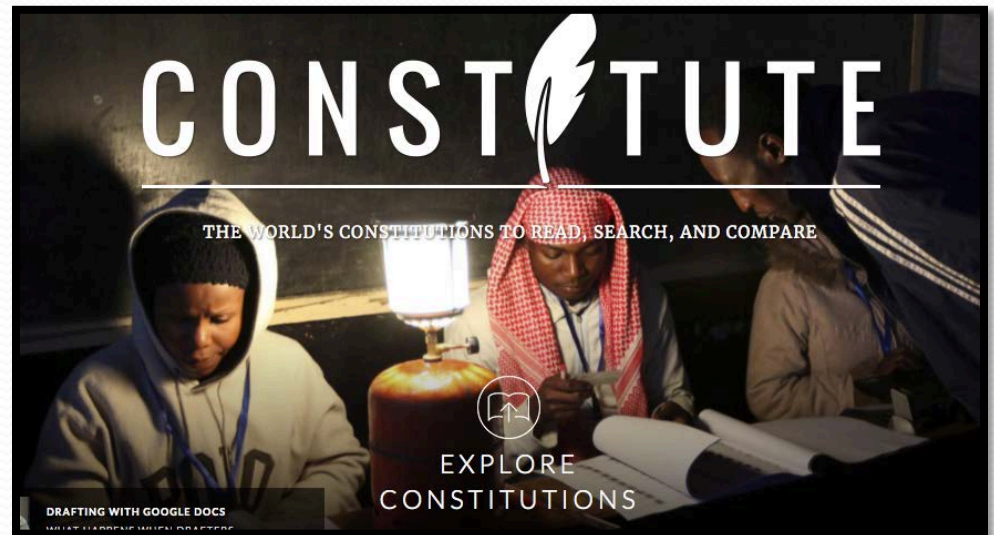
- Constitutional law for over 190 countries.
- Current and historical official constitutional texts.
- Scholarly journal articles, books, and other constitutional commentary, organized by country.



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Constitute (Comparative Constitutions Project)

- Constitute offers free access to the world's constitutions that users can systematically compare across over 300 topics.
- Constitute was developed by the Comparative Constitutions Project at the University of Texas at Austin.



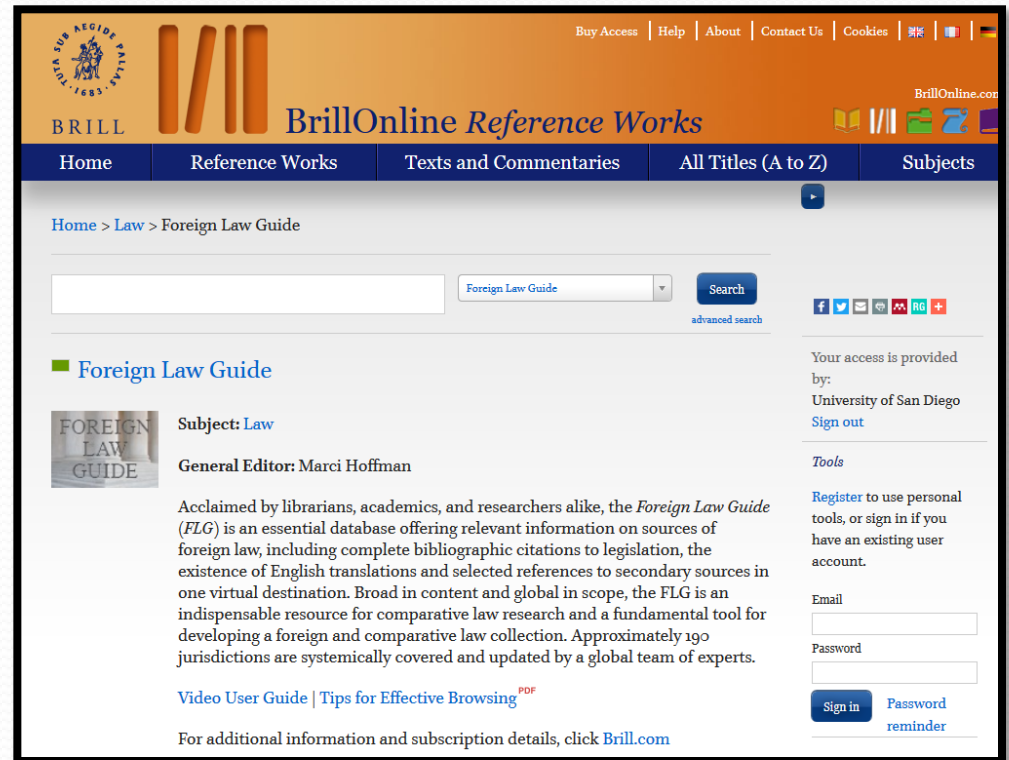
<https://www.constituteproject.org>

Foreign Law

(statutes and case law)

Foreign Law Guide

- The Foreign Law Guide is an essential resource in researching the laws of another country.
- For each country, the FLG provides a brief overview to the law of the country, laws arranged by subject, English translations, and scholarly commentary.



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LRC Foreign Law Libguide

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Foreign Law (Laws of Other Countries): Home


This guide will help users navigate the domestic laws of a foreign country. For help with treaties or international case law, please use the International Law guide

Home Multi-State Sources **Constitutions** **Official Gazettes** **A-E** F-K L-P Q-Z Citation

Introduction

Foreign Law refers to the domestic law of any country other than the United States. When beginning to research a legal system, you will want to do the following:

- 1. Understand the structure of the foreign legal system**
 - When researching the law of a foreign nation, it is helpful to begin with a research guide or overview of the legal system. *Is it a civil law system based on codes, a common law system, or another?*
- 2. Identify the sources of law**
 - Does the country publish codes, compilations of statutes, or case reporters? Please keep in mind that governments may or may not publish their sources of law and any published materials may be out of date. *If published, the sources may not be in English.* Typically, foreign governments do not provide official English translations of their statutes or cases.
- 3. Identify what you need**
 - Do you have a citation to the law, article, etc.? Do you need the complete text of the law, a summary, an English translation, or a detailed explanation or commentary?



- Use the tabs for Constitutions, Official Gazettes, and the A-Z List of Countries

<https://lawlibguides.sandiego.edu/foreign-law>

Lexis and Westlaw

Westlaw

- Secondary Sources > Law Reviews & Journals
- To navigate by specific country, click on International Materials, then select one of the main six foreign jurisdictions (Australia, Canada, European Union, Hong Kong, Korea, United Kingdom), or select Other International Jurisdictions.

Lexis

- Secondary Materials > Law Reviews & Journals
- For material from specific countries click on the International Tab. Click on View All Countries to see the full list of available countries.

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