

INTELLECTUAL AND FORMAL STANDARDS
OF SCIENTIFIC LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING
Contribution to the course *Methodology of Legal Research and Legal Writing*

concerning § 2 VI How to find all relevant literature

Diagram 2

Information on legal literature in the internet (examples)

A. Online catalogues of legal literature for sale

Amazon - extensive but not complete range of legal literature for sale, including many older publications or editions. The range differs slightly from country to country. The catalogues often provide the *table of contents* of the offered books so that you can look up which chapters are relevant for your research.

www.amazon.com (mainly American literature), www.amazon.de (mainly German and European literature), www.amazon.fr (mainly French and European literature), www.amazon.es (mainly Spanish and European literature), www.amazon.nl (mainly Dutch and European literature), www.amazon.co.uk (mainly English literature), www.amazon.cn (Chinese literature).

Book Depository - wide range of international literature

www.bookdepository.com

Verzeichnis lieferbarer Bücher (VLB) - comprehensive catalogue of all legal literature in German language (or other languages but published in Germany, Austria or Switzerland) which is still for sale

www.buchhandel.de

LGDJ - extensive range of French legal literature

www.lgdj.fr

Books.or.jp - search engine for Japanese books

www.books.or.jp

B. Online catalogues and databases of libraries

I. National libraries

Perpustakaan Nasional Republik Indonesia / National Library of Indonesia (Jakarta) - with [Bibliografia Nasional Indonesia](#) and [Katalog Induk Nasional](#) / National Master Catalogue

www.perpusnas.go.id

Library of Congress (Washington) - the largest library in the world

www.loc.gov

Bibliothèque nationale de France / National Library of France (Paris)

www.bnf.fr

Deutsche Nationalbibliothek / German National Library (Berlin, Frankfurt, Leipzig)

www.dnb.de

British Library (London)

www.bl.uk

National Diet Library (Tokyo, Kyoto)

www.ndl.go.jp

National Library of Korea (Seoul)

www.nl.go.kr

National Library of China (Beijing)

www.nlc.cn/newen

For a comprehensive list of national libraries in Europe and Southeast Asia see the [Directory of \[European\] National Libraries](#) (www.cenl.org/member-libraries) and <https://guides.lib.umich.edu/c.php?g=282805&p=1884415>.

II. Law libraries with a focus on comparative and international law

Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (Hamburg)

www.mpipriv.de/library

Max Planck Institute for Study of Crime, Security and Law (Freiburg)

<https://csl.mpg.de/en/library/profile>

Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Heidelberg)

www.mpil.de/en/pub/library/about-the-library.cfm

Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy (Munich)

www.mpisoc.mpg.de/en/library/

Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory (Frankfurt)

www.lhlt.mpg.de/library

Harvard Law School Library (Cambridge)

<https://hls.harvard.edu/library>

Yale Law Library (Lillian Goldman Law Library in Memory of Sol Goldman) (New Haven)

<https://library.law.yale.edu/>

Bibliothèques de droit de l'École de droit de la Sorbonne (Paris)

<https://droit.pantheonsorbonne.fr/pole-recherche/bibliotheques-droit> (see in particular [Catalogue Cujas](#))

C. Metacatalogues (integrated search in various library catalogues)

Karlsruhe Virtual Catalogue (KVK) - integrated search in the most important national library catalogues throughout the world and all important German, Austrian and Suisse catalogues (Univ. of Karlsruhe)

<https://kvk.bibliothek.kit.edu>

Library Hub Discover (Jisc) - integrated search in the catalogues of UK and Irish libraries

<https://www.jisc.ac.uk/library-hub-discover>

Bielefeld Academic Search Engine (BASE) - search engine for online publications (Univ. of Bielefeld)

www.base-search.net/about/en/index.php?

Système universitaire de documentation (SUDOC) - merged catalogues of French university libraries

www.sudoc.abes.fr

Internet Culturale - merged Italian library catalogues

www.internetculturale.it

Virtual Law Library for International and Interdisciplinary Legal Research - metacatalogue project of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin

<https://vifa-recht.de/en>

D. Specialised databases (selection)

GlobaLex (NYU) - database on international, comparative and foreign Law

www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex

Electronic Research Guide (ASIL) - database on international law

www.asil.org/resources/electronic-resource-guide-erg

WorldTradeLaw.net (Simon Lester; Kara Leitner) - database on world trade law

www.worldtradelaw.net

CISC Bibliography (CISG Online, Ulrich Schroeter) - database on international sales law

<https://cisc-online.org/cisg-bibliography>

Law and Religion Bibliography (AALS)

www.iclrs.org/aals-comprehensive-bibliographies-on-law-and-religion/

CommonLII (Commonwealth Legal Information Institute) - database on law in common law countries

www.commonlii.org

See also the *research guides* of American libraries on individual fields of law

(e.g. of the Library of Congress on Foreign, Comparative and Intern. Law, www.loc.gov/research-centers/law-library-of-congress/collections/digital-collections/foreign-law)

E. Scientific web repositories (articles republished and freely available)

Often milestone articles which once have shaped the scholarly debate

JSTOR (ITHAKA)

www.jstor.org

ResearchGate (ResearchGate GmbH)

www.researchgate.net/

SSRN (Elsevier)

www.ssrn.com/index.cfm/en/

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