Research Seminar
International Law

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  - Search Strategies and Search Techniques
In General

Step 1: Consult a textbook when you start with a specific topic that is still (partly) unknown to you.

Step 2: When reading textbooks etc. note down document references. A document reference is a good starting point to find literature.

Comments on different treaties are also very interesting sources for information, references etc.

Step 3: Journal articles will point to relevant sources law, key concepts and legal developments. These journal articles contain furthermore: book reviews, bibliographic information, reports of cases. Yearbooks are useful for orientation, quick reference and the development in a specific field of law.

Textbooks and Journals on International Law are to be found under the tabs: Textbooks and Journals

Commentaries International Law

Starting your Research

- ASIL INSIGHTS
- EJIL (European Journal of International law) See under: Literature for this journal
- WorldLII
- Researching Public International Law
- SSRN
- EISIL (Electronic Information System for Int Law)
- Institut de Droit International (IDI)
- Lex Mercatoria (Int Eco Business Law)
- T.M.C. Asser Institute
- IDI (Theoretical index of resolutions)
Thesis Guide and Referencing

- Thesis Guide
- Oscola 4th edition
- Oscola Quick Reference Guide
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vol. 6, issue 2, page 205-241

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a) International conventions;

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