Finding International Legal Resources
In this session

• Layout of the library
• The Law LibGuide
• Journal articles
• Academic and Legal databases
• Where to find international resources
• Useful online resources
• OSCOLA referencing
• Where to get help
Layout of the Library

Study Spaces
• Group Study
• Quiet Study
• Silent Study

Law Books on 3 East and 4 East
Law Reference on 4 East

Library Help desk on 1 East
Student IT Support on 1 West

11 Bookable Group Study Rooms
Law Reference
4 East

• Law reference books
• Law encyclopaedias
• Halsbury’s Laws
• Kemp and Kemp
• Law Report series’
Law LibGuide

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law

- Library catalogues
- Databases
- Training materials
- Contact details
- Current awareness
Journal articles

Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations

• Free resource
• Type in a legal abbreviation (eg from a citation or reference)
• Will provide the full name
  • eg WLR – Weekly Law Reports
Researching your topic: using journal databases

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law

Legal Resources

Academic Journals
Databases

- Legal Databases
  - Westlaw
  - Lexis

- Academic databases
  - SocIndex
  - Academic Search Complete
  - SAGE etc
Academic Search Complete

• Academic journal tab on Law libguide
  https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law/journals
• Academic journals
• Wide subject base
• Global reach
• Can add other databases eg. SOCIndex to search
Westlaw

Cases
- Also has full text of the Law Reports
- Weekly Law Reports and 30 specialist titles
- Most comprehensive case-finding database for England & Wales
- Brief case histories also included

Legislation
- Legislation in force, including commencement and amendment information

Journals
- Legal Journals Index - shows content of almost all UK legal journals
- 80 full text journals
Lexis Library

Cases
• 40+ specialist law reports in full text
• All England Law Reports/ The Law Reports
• Unreported cases from mid-1980s onwards
• Only source for NI case law

Legislation
• England & Wales - Public & General Acts plus Statutory Instruments
• Full Scottish Parliament Acts and SIs

Journals
• Over 60 full text journals aimed at an academic audience
Search tips

Phrase searching
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eg. child! would find child, children, childish, childhood.
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eg. manag* would find manage, manages, managing etc.
Searching for journal articles

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Finding international sources

Law databases:

Westlaw
Lexis Library

Worldlii – a free online compiled by legal experts from around the world – includes databases and catalogues

Two main databases for Law students.
Access via Legal Resources tab on Law libguide

http://www.worldlii.org/
Under each tab there is an option to search for international resources.
World Legal Information Institute
Free, independent and non-profit access to worldwide law

1839 databases from 123 jurisdictions via 14 Legal Information I

Countries

News & Database Additions
Last updated 3 May 2018

- Law via the Internet Conference 2018, Florence, Italy
- International Law Monographs 1889-1950 (WorldLII)
- Geetignen Journal of International Law 2009- (WorldLII)
- United Nations Committee Against Torture - Conclusions
- International Labour Organization Administrative Tribunals
- United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial
- United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Disciplinary
- OIC Reports 1982- (WorldLII)
- United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial
- United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Disability
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- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- American Samoa
- Andorra
- Angola
- Anguilla
- Antigua & Barbuda
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Bahamas
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Belize
- Benin
- Bermuda
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Brunei Darussalam
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Canada
- Cameroon
- Cape Verde
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Chile
- China
- Christmas Island
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Congo
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Crimea
- Cuba
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Djibouti
- Dominica
- East Timor
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Estonia
- Ethiopia
- Falkland Islands
- Faeroe Islands
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- French Guiana
- French Polynesia
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Gibraltar
- Greece
- Greenland
- Grenada
- Guinea
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Ireland
- Isle of Man
- Israel
- Italy
- Ivory Coast
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Korea, North
- Korea, South
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Macau
- Macedonia
- Madagascar
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Malta
- Marshall Islands
- Martinique
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Micronesia
- Moldova
- Monaco
- Mongolia
- Montenegro
- Montserrat
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- Nauru
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palau
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Rwanda
- Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
- Samoa
- San Marino
- Sao Tome & Principe
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Swaziland
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Tajikistan
- Tanzania
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Togo
- Tonga
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Turkmenistan
- Tuvalu
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Uruguay
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela
- Vietnam
- Virgin Islands
- Wallis & Futuna
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
- WorldLII

http://www.worldlii.org/
Searching in other jurisdictions

Use Westlaw to search for legal materials in a jurisdiction other than the UK

Westlaw – Services – International Materials
Useful online resources

**International Court of Justice**  [http://www.icj-cij.org/en](http://www.icj-cij.org/en)

The principal judicial organ of the United Nations.
You can find cases, judgements, publications and information about how the courts operate.


Official source for European Law, including the Official Journal

**WTO documents online**  [https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S005.aspx](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S005.aspx)

Provides access to the official documentation of the World Trade Organization


Presents an overview of selected UN documents, publications, databases and websites.
OSCOLA Referencing

• Used only for Law
• Footnotes
• Abbreviations

• OSCOLA bible

• Citing the Law
  https://ilrb.cf.ac.uk/citingreferences/oscola/tutorial/index.html
International OSCOLA Referencing

[https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law/oscola](https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/law/oscola)

**Legislation**

- Cite legislation from other jurisdictions as it is cited in its own jurisdiction, but without any full stops in abbreviations. Give the jurisdiction if necessary.

**Cases**

- All jurisdictions will have their own law report series’, plus there are Law Reports for international cases such as The International Law Reports, International Legal Materials, and the International and Comparative Law Quarterly.
- Cite cases from other jurisdictions as they are cited in their own jurisdiction, but with minimal punctuation.
How to get material not at LSBU

• Interlibrary loans
  • Up to 20 requests per year

• SCONUL Access
  • Access other university libraries around the UK
  • May have borrowing rights
  • Generally access to print resources only
  • Eduroam allows laptop Internet access at some institutions

Library Services LibGuide
https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/library
Further training

- Assignment Surgeries
- Workshops
  - Refworks
  - Literature searching
- Book on via the calendar on the Training tab
Where to get Help
Library and Learning Resources

Library
Helpdesk – 1 East
library@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6607/6615

IT Support
Helpdesk – 1 West
llr-ithelpdesk@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6678

Digital Skills
Digital Skills Centre
digitalskills@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6610
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Academic Liaison Team (ALT)

Law and Social Sciences
LLRlss@lsbu.ac.uk

Research Helpdesk, 3 Bridge
Mon-Fri 12.00-4pm
Student Services

Disability and Dyslexia Support (DDS)

disability@lsbu.ac.uk
0207 815 6454

Student Life Centre
Borough Road

MyLSBU link

Skills for Learning

S4L@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6454
MyLSBU link
Social Media

Search in Facebook for LSBU Library and Learning Resources

Search Twitter for @LLRlsbu

Read our blog: https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/llrblog/generalblog

Find us on Instagram  LLR@LSBU
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