

Research Tools & Resources

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1. Writing Papers

[Duke University on Academic Integrity](#)
[Avoiding Plagiarism](#)
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2. Research Tools

[The Intelligent Scholar's Guide to the use of Human Subjects in Research](#): from Harvard University
[Social Research Update](#): Topic-based bulletin on social research technique
<http://gsociology.icaap.org/methods>: Resources for methods in evaluation and social research
[Sampling Guide](#): Guide to the practicalities of drawing a statistical sample
[Search statistics newsgroups](#)
[Directories of Online Journals](#)

3. Internet Policy Sites

[policylibrary.com](#): The internet's largest policy news and information service offering daily, in-depth policy news and analysis from the world's leading think tanks
[The Policy Action Network](#): A great link to reports by institutes, foundations, commissions and journals, mainly of liberal orientation
[Eldis Development Reporter](#): A gateway to development-related information and analytic reports
[Policy Documentation Center](#): Online collection of policy proposals, analyses and background reports produced by think tanks and research institutes from Central and Eastern Europe and countries of the former Soviet Union; fully searchable
[www.iisd.org](#): Publications and links related to sustainable development
[www.etown.edu/vl/](#): A directory of over 2600 annotated links on a wide range of international affairs, international studies and international relations topics
[C-Span Organization](#): Daily discussions on "hot" U.S. and international policy issues
[Global Social Change Project](#): Contains links to studies of development and economic growth, the World Social Change reports, reviews of main world demographic and political changes and a review of theories of change
[Primary Source Media](#)
[World Bank's Development News](#)
[International Development Policy debates on the internet](#)

4. Issue-Specific International Policy Sites

[Africa Research Central](#)
[Child Poverty in Rich Nations - UNICEF](#)
[Human Development Indicators \(United Nations Development Program\)](#)
[International Data Base - IDB](#)
[Measuring Progress](#): from Friends of the Earth; new ways of measuring economic and social activity
[OECD Development Assistance Committee \(DAC\) Statistics](#)
[Trade Statistics-World Trade Organization](#)
[YAHOO Global Economy- Development](#)
[Foreign Trade Information System](#)
[World Institute for Development Economics Research](#)
[The Child Rights Information Network](#): Provides access to a vast array of organizations working on the rights of children around the world. You can search by world region or theme, and there are

searchable databases/recommendations of relevant NGOs within each category. It also has a publication search mechanism and a latest news feature. Content is available in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

Environmental Sustainability and Energy Resources

[Earth Trends](#): Great overviews of climate changes issues and searchable database of empirical data.

There are country specific profiles on issues ranging from Climate and Atmosphere and Energy and Resources to Environmental Governance and Institutions. The website has a “3-for free” policy when users access information, after which free registration is required.

[Linking Climate Adaptation](#): Analyzes current documents on climate adaptation and provides a space for members to post their own issue relevant documents

[Science and Development](#): Policy Briefs on subjects like climate change and malaria as well as research ethics and indigenous knowledge

[Climate Change Knowledge Network](#): Good website for understanding international mechanisms for dealing with climate change. Access to relevant links of issue related law and policy.

[Environmental Security Study: Emerging International Definitions, Perceptions and Policy](#)

[Considerations](#): Executive summary of a study conducted by the Millennium Project; Provides an overview of the various definitions of the phrase “environmental security,” as well as an overview of types of environmental security threats and associated policy responsibilities.

[Safe and Secure: Meeting America’s Electricity Needs](#): Security has become a key issue in the energy debate in the post-September 11 U.S. There is general agreement that policies encouraging independence from foreign oil are needed, but what domestic energy sources should the United States encourage? This report makes the case for redirecting our energy investment to safer, cleaner resources. Written by Jim Marston, J.D., Dan Kirshner, B.A., Nancy Ryan, Ph.D., Mark MacLeod, M.S., M.A., Elaine Smith, B.S., Audrey Bowers, B.A. Copyright 2002, Environmental Defense.

[State Energy Information](#): Click on a state on the map at this site for information on renewable energy projects in that state, statistics on that state’s energy use and efficiency, emission and other data, state energy policies and contact information.

[Securing the Energy Future of the United States](#): This combined issue of IEER’s “Science for Democratic Action” and “Energy & Security” newsletters focuses on the links between U.S. energy and security policy, and includes a “roadmap for action” for securing the nation’s energy future plus an analysis of the vulnerabilities to the current U.S. energy system. Also available in HTML format at http://www.ieer.org/sdfiles/vol_10/10-2/index.html. (PDF Format; Length: 16 pages)

Conflict and Conflict Resolution Resources

[International Crisis Group](#): Easy access to ICG reports by country. Users can also search by world region and thematic issues. Under “Database and Resources” there are current and crisis history search engines. This is a great resource for background information a given conflict situation.

[UN Peacemaker](#): Targeted toward "peacemaking professionals" and registration is required, but free. The website provides links to all peace agreements and is intended as a tool to aid professionals as they work on current peace processes. It contains relevant literature on peace related topics, an online "legal library" and extensive links section.

[Search for Common Ground](#): The largest organization in the world working on international conflict resolution. They emphasize cooperative solutions, pursued on a realistic scale and with practical means to deal with problems of an ethnic, environmental, or economic nature.

[The Carter Center](#), in partnership with Emory University, is committed to advancing human rights and alleviating unnecessary human suffering. The center's staff wage peace, fight disease and build hope by both engaging

with those at the highest levels of government and working side by side with poor and often forgotten people

[CDR Associates](#): An organization of professionals with over 25 years of experience in providing effective conflict resolution services, decision making assistance, dispute resolution systems design, and training. They provide these services domestically and internationally in six program areas.

[George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution \(ICAR\)](#): Academic materials specializing in conflict resolution. At (ICAR), faculty and students are committed to the development of theory, research, and practice that interrupt cycles of violence. ICAR

[Institute for Security and International Studies](#): Information about science and policy issues affecting international security. Its efforts focus on stopping the spread of nuclear weapons, bringing about greater transparency of nuclear activities worldwide, and achieving deep reductions in nuclear arsenals. ISIS's projects integrate technical, scientific, and policy research in order to build a sound foundation for a wide variety of efforts to reduce the threat posed by nuclear weapons to U.S. and international security.

[The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#): A private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States.

[The Canadian Military](#): Provides information on peacekeeping and conflicts.

<http://www2.hawaii.edu/powerkills>: Rests on the principles of Freedom, Democracy, Peace; Power, Democide, and War. It makes available the theories, work, results, and data that empirically and historically, quantitatively and qualitatively, support conclusions about the importance of freedom.

Regional Conflict Resources

i. South Africa

- * [SANGONet](#): Forum linking different NGOs in South Africa to raise awareness about conflict prevention.

ii. Palestine

- * [The Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs \(PASSIA\)](#) seeks to present the Palestinian Question in its national, Arab and international contexts through academic research, dialogue and publication. The research undertaken under its auspices is specialized, scientific and objective and strives to develop and clarify its own and others' understanding of international relations as they affect the Palestinian struggle for justice and peace.

iii. Bosnia

- * [The Balkans Pages](#): Deal with the part of the Balkans formerly known as the Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia and tries to answer questions such as: Why did the country collapse? Why was that collapse followed by the bloodiest conflict in Europe since the World War II? Why the world stood by to mass murder of civilian population and systematic rape of women? Is the war ever going to end? Will countries that emerged there from the collapse ever be able to live together in peace? Is the UN or NATO assisted "ethnic cleansing" the only humane way to peace?
- * [Office of the High Representative](#): The mission of the High Representative (who is also the European Union's Special Representative) is to work with the people of BiH and the International Community to ensure that Bosnia and Herzegovina is a peaceful, viable state on course to European integration.

iv. **Iraq (Gulf War)**

- * [MERIP](#) (The Middle East Research and Information Project): Original conception of MERIP was to provide information and analysis on the Middle East that would be picked up by the existing media. The Middle East Report provides news and perspectives about the Middle East not available from mainstream news sources. The magazine has developed a reputation for independent analysis of events and developments in the Middle East.
- * [The Iraq Foundation](#): Non-profit, non-governmental organization working for democracy and human rights in Iraq, and for a better international understanding of Iraq's potential as a contributor to political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.
- * [UNSOM](#) (The United Nations Special Commission): Was set up to implement the non-nuclear provisions of the resolution and to assist the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in the nuclear areas.

Economic Development Resources from an NGO/Civil Society Perspective

[Reality of Aid](#): This organization is a coalition of NGOs and civil society groups in the Americas, Africa and Asia who are involved in examining and analyzing the effectiveness/dissemination of aid in developing countries. There are yearly reports by region, and links to the sites of relevant NGOs. Many research materials are available for download, and most in English and French.

[The International Development Research Centre](#): Canadian organization that provides extensive resources. Their thematic development dossiers are a good place to start, and there is a substantive collection of free online books.

[OxFam](#) : Provides a gateway to the work done by the Oxfam organization. Under “What We Do” their work is broken down by sector, and there are archived reports dating back several years available for download under each subheading.

[Capacity Building](#): An online version of a professional magazine with interesting and current articles on issues of capacity building and policy; archived issues are available on the website. Check out their “resource corners” and “CD networks” pages for links to other important capacity building websites.

[Commanding Heights](#): Provides links to PDF interviews, profiles, essays and debate issues arising from the PBS documentary series, Commanding Heights. The site has a wide range of information from leaders in development and economic reform

[Jubilee Research](#): Part of the National Economics Program of the New Economics Foundation. This website provides a good resource for relevant empirical data concerning developing countries and debt. You can search for statistics by country, as well as more general statistics. There is also a section to track the progress of the HIPC initiative.

[Q Squared](#): Provides both a quantitative and qualitative approach to poverty analysis, and includes information on their training programs, partner organizations and PDFs of the organization’s interdisciplinary publications. An interesting, multifaceted way of approaching poverty studies.

5. Major International Organizations and Institutions

[Embassy World](#): Locations of embassies around the world

[The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations](#)

[International Labor Organization](#)

[Islamic Development Bank](#)

[OECD](#)

[UNCTAD](#)

[UNESCO](#)

[United Nations](#)

[United Nations Development Programme](#)

[World Bank- IBRD](#)

[World Trade Organization](#)

[Millennium Development Goals](#): The standards by which international development initiatives are measured. This site provides a comprehensive overview of each goal, with updates on recent work done in the respective sector.

[International Monetary Fund](#): An easily daunting website: click on 'first time visitors' to get an explanation of how to access the data, statistics, publications and other of the numerous resources available.

6. Regional Integration (other than Europe)

[ASEAN](#)

[Economic Commission on Latin America and The Caribbean \(CEPAL\)](#)

[MERCOSUR](#)

[Organization of American States](#)

7. United States Policy Sites

[US Agency for International Development](#)

[US Government Documents Ready Reference Collection--CU DSC](#)

[Bureau of Economic Analysis](#)

[Department of Agriculture-World Agriculture Board](#)

[Department of Commerce \(STAT-USA\)](#)

[Energy Information Administration](#)

[International Trade Administration-U.S. Department of Commerce](#)

[International Programs Center-U.S. Census Bureau](#)

[National Bureau of Economic Research](#)

8. Policy Sites for European Countries

[European Union](#)

[European Community \(EC\) EUROSTAT](#)

[European Integration Current Contents](#): Tables of contents of 101 journals relevant in European Integration research (offered by the Academy of European Law and the Harvard Jean Monnet Chair)

[United Kingdom Office for National Statistics](#)

[UK Department of International Development](#)

9. General Reference

[Encyclopedia of Law and Economics](#)

[Microsoft Encarta Dictionary, Encyclopedia and Atlas](#)

[Online Dictionary of the Social Sciences](#) from the Athabasca University, Canada

[The Pew Global Attitudes Project](#): Report on recent changes in global public attitudes, plus more polls and surveys from the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

10. Citation Guides

[Capital Community College Guide to Grammar & Writing](#)

[Long Island Univ.'s Guide to APA, Chicago, MLA and Turabian Styles](#)

[Standards for Archival Description: A Handbook](#)

[Duke Guide to Library Research](#)

[Writing and Citing a Research Paper Using MLA](#)