

INTRODUCTION TO SCIENTIFIC LEGAL RESEARCH  
- a practical and methodological instruction  
for doctoral students, master's students and young researchers -

concerning § 2 III Gathering and management of information and materials

## Overview

### 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; the range differs slightly from country to country

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (American literature), [www.amazon.de](http://www.amazon.de) (German literature), [www.amazon.fr](http://www.amazon.fr) (French literature), [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) (English literature), [www.amazon.cn](http://www.amazon.cn) (Chinese literature)

*Books.or.jp* - search engine for Japanese books  
[www.books.or.jp](http://www.books.or.jp)

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

[www.hugendubel.de/1/deuerlich/buchhandlung-deuerlich.html?wea=8150871](http://www.hugendubel.de/1/deuerlich/buchhandlung-deuerlich.html?wea=8150871)

*LGDJ* - extensive range of French legal literature  
[www.lgdj.fr](http://www.lgdj.fr)

#### B. Online catalogues and databases of libraries

##### I. National libraries

*Thư viện quốc gia Việt Nam / National Library of Vietnam* (Hanoi)  
<http://nlv.gov.vn> / <http://nlv.gov.vn/ef/en>

*Library of Congress* (Washington)  
[www.loc.gov/index.html](http://www.loc.gov/index.html)

*Deutsche Nationalbibliothek / German National Library* (Berlin, Frankfurt, Leipzig)  
[www.dnb.de](http://www.dnb.de) / [www.dnb.de/EN/Home/home\\_node.html](http://www.dnb.de/EN/Home/home_node.html)

*Bibliothèque nationale de France / National Library of France* (Paris)  
[www.bnf.fr/fr/collections\\_et\\_services.html](http://www.bnf.fr/fr/collections_et_services.html) / [www.bnf.fr/en/tools/lsp.site\\_map.html](http://www.bnf.fr/en/tools/lsp.site_map.html)

*British Library* (London)  
[www.bl.uk/catalogues/listings.html](http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/listings.html)

*National Diet Library* (Tokyo, Kyoto)  
<http://www.ndl.go.jp/en>

*National Library of Korea* (Seoul)  
[www.nl.go.kr/english/index.jsp](http://www.nl.go.kr/english/index.jsp)

*National Library of China* (Beijing)  
<http://www.nlc.gov.cn/newen>

For a comprehensive list of national libraries in Europe and in Southeast Asia see [www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/tel4/discover/contributors](http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/tel4/discover/contributors) and [www.consall.org/index.php?option=com\\_sobi2&catid=12&Itemid=81](http://www.consall.org/index.php?option=com_sobi2&catid=12&Itemid=81).

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

*Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law* (Hamburg)  
[www.mpipriv.de/en/pub/library.cfm](http://www.mpipriv.de/en/pub/library.cfm)

*Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law* (Freiburg)  
[www.mpicc.de/ww/en/pub/bibliothek.htm](http://www.mpicc.de/ww/en/pub/bibliothek.htm)

*Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law* (Heidelberg)  
[www.mpil.de/ww/en/pub/library/about.cfm](http://www.mpil.de/ww/en/pub/library/about.cfm)

*Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy* (Munich)  
[www.mpisoc.mpg.de/100101/Allgemeines](http://www.mpisoc.mpg.de/100101/Allgemeines)

*Max Planck Institute for European Legal History* (Frankfurt)  
<http://www.rg.mpg.de/en/bibliothek.cfm>

Note concerning American legal literature: For a comprehensive list of American law libraries see [www.washlaw.edu/lawcat](http://www.washlaw.edu/lawcat).

## C. Metacatalogues (integrated search in various library catalogues)

*Karlsruhe Virtual Catalogue* (KVK) - integrated search in all important German, Austrian and Suisse catalogues and in the most important library catalogues throughout the world (Univ. of Karlsruhe)  
[www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/kvk\\_en.html](http://www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/kvk_en.html)

*Bielefeld Academic Search Engine* (BASE) - search engine for online publications (Univ. of Bielefeld)  
[www.base-search.net/about/en/index.php?](http://www.base-search.net/about/en/index.php?)

*Copac academic and national library catalogue* - merged catalogues of major university and national libraries in the UK and Ireland  
<http://copac.ac.uk>

*Système universitaire de documentation* (SUDOC) - merged catalogues of French university libraries  
[www.sudoc.abes.fr](http://www.sudoc.abes.fr)

*Internet Culturale* - merged Italian library catalogues  
[www.internetculturale.it](http://www.internetculturale.it)

*Virtual Law Library* - metacatalogue project of the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin  
[www.vifa-recht.de/en/index.html](http://www.vifa-recht.de/en/index.html)

## D. Specialised databases (selection)

*GlobaLex* - database on international, comparative and foreign Law (NYU),  
[www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex](http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex)

EISIL and ERG - databases on international law (ASIL)  
[www.eisil.org](http://www.eisil.org), [www.asil.org/resources/electronic-resource-guide-erg](http://www.asil.org/resources/electronic-resource-guide-erg)

United Nations Treaty Collection - database on international treaties (UN)  
<http://treaties.un.org/Pages/Home.aspx?lang=en>

WorldTradeLaw.net - database on world trade law (*Lester, Simon; Leitner, Kara*)  
[www.worldtradelaw.net](http://www.worldtradelaw.net)

CISG Database and CISG-Online - databases on intern. sales law (Pace Law School / Schwenzer, Ingeborg)  
[www.cisg.law.pace.edu](http://www.cisg.law.pace.edu), [www.globalsaleslaw.org/index.cfm?pageID=28](http://www.globalsaleslaw.org/index.cfm?pageID=28)

*Leitsatzkartei des deutschen Rechts* (LSK) - commercial database on articles published in German law journals (edited by the publishing house C.H. Beck)  
<http://beck-online.beck.de/default.aspx?modid=58> (also available as DVD)

*CommonLII* - database on law in common law countries (Commonwealth Legal Information Institute)  
[www.commonlii.org](http://www.commonlii.org)

See also the references at the Virtual Law Library ([www.vifa-recht.de/en/databases](http://www.vifa-recht.de/en/databases)); see also the *Foreign and International Law Research Guide* of the Library of Congress ([www.loc.gov/law/help/foreign.php](http://www.loc.gov/law/help/foreign.php)).

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