

East Asian Legal Research at UW: the Basics

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Web Home: <http://lib.law.washington.edu/eald/eald.html>

Quick Reference Guide: <http://guides.lib.uw.edu/law/eald/ealaw-quickref>

Services Provided

Reference Assistance

Rob Britt is available for in-person, email or phone consultation on East Asian legal research projects. He is happy to provide detailed information on online and print resources available at UW for your project.

Access to Online Research Resources

With your UW NetID, you have access to a wide range of online East Asian legal resources, including statutes, court decisions, and legal periodicals and monographs for East Asian jurisdictions.

Print Collection

The library has collected East Asian legal materials since the 1940s. We have one of the largest Japanese law collections in the North America, including over 100 current subscriptions to major Japanese legal periodicals. Our print collections for China, Korea and Taiwan are also very substantial. The collection is located on L1 and L2 in the library.

Books are arranged by Library of Congress call numbers. East Asian legal materials are located in these areas on library floors L1 and L2:

L1: [K: Comparative \(World\)](#) | [KNC: Asia](#) | [KNN: Historical China](#) | [KNP: Taiwan](#) | [KNQ: China](#)

L1/ L2: [KNX: Japan](#)

L2: [KPA: South Korea](#) | [KPC North Korea](#)

East Asia Library Area Studies Experts

The UW East Asia Library, located in Gowen Hall has a great collection on many law-related topics including political science and history. See area guides by EAL staff here: <http://guides.lib.uw.edu/research/eastasia>

Chinese Japanese and Korean (CJK) Character Display and Input on Public Computers in the Law Library

All Gallagher Law Library public computers support the display of Chinese (both simplified and traditional), Japanese and Korean text. No special settings are necessary to display CJK text, whether in the Gallagher Law Library catalog, or websites in East Asia. If you have a laptop or other mobile device, you can use it to view and input CJK text on websites or the Law Library online catalog.

Major Resources Available

See the Gallagher Law Library's "East Asian Law Quick Reference" guide for links to major online resources for China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan:

<http://guides.lib.uw.edu/law/eald/ealaw-quickref>

Here are a few of the resources linked to in the Guide:

East Asia

- IFLP | Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals
Indexes legal periodicals published outside North America. Most are English language journals, but some are not.
- WorldLII: English translations of statutes for many countries, including China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, and Taiwan (Republic of China)
- PAIS International
Social and public policy literature from thousands of periodicals, government documents, books, and other sources.
- JSTOR
Scholarly journals and books in all disciplines.

China

- pkulaw.cn | 北大法宝 | Bei da fa bao
Chinalawinfo Co Ltd Database. Includes full-text court decisions, many bilingual English and Chinese.
- China Academic Journals - CAJ 中国学术期刊数据库
In Chinese. Full-text. Includes hundreds of legal periodicals
- China Core Newspapers 中国重要报纸全文数据库
Full text. Includes legal information
- E-Books
SuperStar Chinamaxx Digital Library Collection 超星中文电子书集献
Massive collection of Chinese books, mostly 1949 to present.
- Citation Guidelines for Chinese Language Materials (PDF)
How to cite legal materials from China and Taiwan. Created By University of Washington School of Law LL.M and Ph.D students in 2013.

Japan

- Westlaw Japan
In Japanese. Full text of Japanese court decisions, from the late 19th century to the present. Has full-text laws, regulations, and decisions of regulatory agencies. Indexes legal periodicals, and provides the latest legal news.
- 雑誌記事索引集成データベース | Zasshi Kiji Sakuin Shusei Database | Index to Periodicals
Comprehensive Japanese periodical database
- Nikkei telecom 21 | 日経テレコン 21 | Nikkei terekon 21
Major Japanese newspaper, Nihon Keizai Shinbun, in full text
- Yomidasu Rekishikan | ヨミダス歴史館
Online Yomiuri Newspaper (Japanese), Yomiuri Daily (English); Includes Meiji / Taisho / Showa archive of Yomiuri

Korea (South)

- Thomson Reuters LAWnB
In Korean. Detailed information about the Republic of Korea legal system, including 138,200 precedents, 4,900 current ordinances, treaties, and statutes. Includes detailed commentaries and other information. (Available now, but license may end.)
- Statutes of the Republic of Korea
Bilingual Korean/English statutes of the ROK (South Korea), available for download. Free database. Requires registration for full services.
- KISS Hanguk ui haeksim chisik chongbo chawon
Korean language academic journal articles.
- DBpia
Korean language academic and professional journals, conference proceedings, e-books, WebDB, and video lectures covering a wide range of subjects.
- KSI e-Book / 한국학술정보
Korean books on all subjects from KSI

Korea (North)

GlobalLex: North Korea: http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/North_Korea.html

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Taiwan

- Laws and Regulations Database of the Republic of China
In English. Full-text ROK laws.
- Quan guo fa gui zi liao ku | 全國法規資料庫
In Chinese. Laws and Regulations Republic of China. Full-text Taiwan laws
- Zui gao fa yuan | 最高法院
In English and Chinese. Supreme Court of the Republic of China. Full-text of Taiwan court decisions
- Si fa yuan nei bu yu wai bu jing guan tu pian dong hua | 司法院內部與外部景觀圖片動畫
In English. Constitutional Court of Taiwan. Full-text decisions, with commentary