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## ASIL deFORD LIBRARY and INFORMATION SERVICES

### Resources for International Law

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#### *History*

The ASIL Library opened to the public in 1961, coinciding with the Society's first year in Tillar House. Manley O. Hudson, a scholar, teacher, and jurist on the World Court donated an initial gift of 1,000 volumes to the Society. Additional gifts from ASIL members and exchanges of the Society's publications with academic institutions and other organizations have contributed to the unique collection of over 20,000 volumes. Development of electronic resources began in the mid-1990's expanding use of ASIL Library resources and services by a wider, global audience of international lawyers, researchers, and students.

#### *Scope and Organization Print Collection*

The focus of the print collection is on public and private international law, with a small comparative law section. The print collection is organized of using Kurt Schwerin's *Classification of International Law and Relations*. An online catalog is available. Resources of the deFord Library are available to the public including onsite access to selected databases. Members of ASIL and Library Patrons may borrow materials.

#### *Core Collection Resources*

**Arbitrations and International Claims.** Including *Moore's International Arbitrations*, *Tribunaux Arbitraux Mixtes (TAM)*, *Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal Reports* and *UN Reports of International Arbitral Awards (UNRIAA)*.

**Collected Essays.** *Recueil des Cours*, 1923 to present. Also a specialized collection of *Liber Amicorum*.

**Digests of International Law.** Documents of state practice including statements of government officials, judicial decisions, legislation, and other documents.

**Documents.** Primary documents from organizations including: LN, UN, WTO, and OAS. Also see primary documents in *Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL)*, *International Legal Materials (ILM)*, and *International Law in Brief (ILIB)*.

**Journals.** Print collection and also onsite access to journal databases: *Hein Online*, *INTLEX*, & *JSTOR*.

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**Judicial Decisions.** Decisions of international courts and tribunals, arbitrations, and judgments of national courts including *ICJ* and *PCIJ Reports*, and *International Law Reports*.

**Reference.** International law encyclopedias and dictionaries.

**Society Publications.** Archive of *AJIL*, *ILM*, *Proceedings*, monographs and other ASIL publications. Also see *ASILEX*, an electronic bibliographic database of ASIL publications.

**Texts and Treatises.** Secondary source materials for commentary, analysis, and collections of basic instruments. Introductory textbooks, casebooks, and *Classics of International Law*.

**Treaties.** Selected documents, *UNTS*, and access to *UN Treaty Database*.

**Yearbooks.** Collection of articles, documents, and cases of international law by country and subject area. Representative titles: *British Yearbook of International Law*, *UN Yearbook*, and *Yearbook of Commercial Arbitration*.

**Electronic  
Research  
Tools**

***Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL)*.** A database containing over 2,000 records providing links to selected international law instruments, web sites, and research resources covering the entire spectrum of international law. Designed to assist novices as well as experts, *EISIL* allows users to browse by subject, and/or search by keywords, dates, and resource type. (<http://www.eisil.org>)

***ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law (ERG)***

An eleven-chapter electronic book designed to assist researchers of international law on the web. Each narrative chapter describes the scope of the topic, offers tips and caveats on online research and resources, and provides live links to useful primary and secondary materials on the web. (<http://www.asil.org/resource/home.htm>)

***ASIL Publications Index (ASILEX)*.** The ASIL Library has maintained this searchable database of journal articles, books, and occasional papers since 1990. Articles from ASIL's print and electronic publications are indexed from 1990 to the present. Books and occasional papers produced in cooperation with other publishers are indexed from 1964 to the present. (<http://www.dccdata.com/asil/asil.htm>)

**Research Assistance**

Assistance on identifying relevant resources throughout the research process is available by contacting the Library by phone or email: [kvinopal@asil.org](mailto:kvinopal@asil.org).

**Library Patrons**

Members of ASIL's deFord Library Patrons and Supporters program receive borrowing privileges and other special benefits.

