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REGIONAL STUDY RESOURCES

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GENERAL

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY – THE WORLD FACTBOOK

Data on countries, territories, and sovereignties, including government, economy, and military information. Updated bi-weekly online.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook>

COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ONLINE (CIAO)

Comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. Includes working papers from university research institutes, conference proceedings, and occasional papers series from NGOs, books, journals, and policy briefs.

[Database for current USAWC students, faculty, and staff](#)

COUNTRY STUDIES

Online versions of the Country Studies/Area Handbooks series published by the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress. A basic resource for an overview of a particular country. Note: The Handbooks found here are electronic versions of studies published between 1988 and 1998, when Congress withdrew funding for this program. Funding was restored for 2004 and work continues on several new editions, as well as updates.

Country Studies - <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

Country Profiles - <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/profiles.html>

COUNTRY WATCH

Offers country-specific political, economic, historical, cultural, environmental, and business information.

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EUROPA WORLD PLUS

Offers general surveys of regions, and analytical articles on issues of regional importance. Also included are individual country surveys detailing physical and social geography, political and economic affairs, and statistical surveys.

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MILITARY POLICY AWARENESS LINKS (MIPALS) and REGIONAL POLICY OVERVIEWS

Published by the National Defense University, these links provide current awareness for U.S. policy statements on the topic or region of choice.

<http://merln.ndu.edu/index.cfm?lang=EN&pageID=3&type=page>

NEWSPAPERS – USA AND WORLDWIDE

Maintained by Refdesk as a source of English and foreign language newspaper web sites.

<http://www.refdesk.com/paper.html>

STRATFOR

Provides strategic intelligence on global business, economic, security, and geopolitical affairs. Also includes discussion forums.

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UNITED NATIONS DATA PAGE

Compiles information from databases offered by the United Nations. Includes data on energy, industry, information and communication technology, population, trade, and more.

<http://data.un.org>

UNITED NATIONS TREATY COLLECTION

Contains information on the status of over 500 multilateral instruments, 158,000 historical and current treaties, and supporting documentation, including photographs and a glossary.

<http://treaties.un.org>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AMERICA.GOV compiled by the Bureau of International Information Programs, covers issues and topics of regional or local interest.

<http://www.america.gov/world.html>

BACKGROUND NOTES compiled from regional bureau reports to provide detailed information about a country's people, history, government, political conditions, economy, and foreign relations.

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn>

KEY U.S. GOVERNMENT REPORTS and CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE REPORTS and ISSUE BRIEFS are selectively presented at the Foreign Press Centers web site.

<http://www.fpc.state.gov/c18183.htm>

WORLD TODAY SERIES

Published annually for information about individual countries, including their history, culture, political system, foreign policy, defense policy, economy, and concise assessments of their future:

AFRICA (DT1 .D6)

CANADA (F1001 .C34)

EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA (DS518.1 .H51)

LATIN AMERICA (F1408 .C69)

MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA (DS44 .C55)

NORDIC, CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE (JN7042 .T35)

RUSSIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (DK266 .S4471)

USA AND THE WORLD (JK274 .K23)

WESTERN EUROPE (D967 .W47)

CULTURAL

COUNTRYWATCH COUNTRY REVIEWS

The *Social Overview* section of each country provides information about the people, status of women, culture, cultural etiquette, a travel guide, and more.

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CULTUREGRAMS

Contains cultural, ethnic, religious information, and more about the national identities of the countries of the world.

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ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MODERN ETHNIC CONFLICTS (GN496 .E53 2003)

Features 38 ethnic conflicts, including a timeline, background, summary of the conflict, suggested readings, and more.

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KISS, BOW, OR SHAKE HANDS (HF5389 .M67 2006)

Written by Terri Morrison and Wayne A. Conaway, this book covers business etiquette, including background information, greetings, gestures, and more, for over 60 countries.

ECONOMIC

COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ONLINE (CIAO) ATLAS

Data in this section of the CIAO Database is provided by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Includes country data on the economic background, structure, outlook, and forecast.

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THE ECONOMIST

Authoritative weekly periodical that focuses on international politics and business.

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

WORLD ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SURVEYS

Contains data compiled by the International Monetary Fund, including GDP and Population statistics, for over 180 countries. Data is updated in April and September of each year.

<http://www.imf.org/external/ns/cs.aspx?id=41>

WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK REPORT (HC51 .I54)

Provides key data and analysis on global and regional economic trends.

<http://www.imf.org/external/ns/cs.aspx?id=29>

WORLD ECONOMIC DATABASES

Selected data from the World Economic Outlook Report are available in a database format.

<http://www.imf.org/external/ns/cs.aspx?id=28>

ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (OECD) ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (HC240 .O745)

Released twice a year, these reports comprise a general assessment of member countries, reviews on key non-member economies, topical economic issue chapters, and key statistics.

[Available for current USAWC students, faculty, and staff](#)

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DATA BASE

The International Data Base contains demographic and socio-economic data for over 220 countries and areas of the world.

<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb>

WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT (HC59 .W6)

Published by the World Bank, these yearly reports each focus on a different topic of development economics.

Linked at <http://econ.worldbank.org/>

WORLD ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SURVEY: CURRENT TRENDS AND POLICIES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY (HC59 .U6)

Published annually by the United Nations for analysis of the state of the world economy and emerging policy issues.

MILITARY

JANE'S

Jane's Sentinel Country Risk Assessments provide information about nations' political, security, and military affairs. Each region is organized by country profiles, and includes analysis of the latest trends and events; detailed analyses of internal and external threats; and overviews of armed forces, security, and foreign forces.

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MILITARY BALANCE (UA15 .I5)

Published annually by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) to provide quantitative assessment of the military capabilities and defense expenditures of 170 countries.
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STRATEGIC SURVEY: THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS (UA15 .I51)

Produced by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), this reference work offers current strategic, political, and defense assessments of world regions.
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POLITICAL

POLITICAL HANDBOOK OF THE WORLD (JF37 .P6)

Examines political developments and provides economic facts about nations, dependent territories and major intergovernmental organizations such as NATO, OPEC, and UN affiliates.

POLITICAL RISK GUIDE

Hosted by LexisNexis, the risk guide provides economic forecasts for 100 individual countries. These country reports examine regime scenarios, and are highly valued for future planning, calculating risk ratings for turmoil, as well as financial transfers, export markets, and direct investments. To access, select from the *Country* drop down menu in the *Research Countries* search box. Then select *PRS Risk Guide & Service* in the *Source* drop down menu.
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SIPRI YEARBOOK: WORLD ARMAMENTS AND DISARMAMENT (JX1974 .S775)

Reviews recent regional and worldwide developments in weapons, military spending, international arms trade and other issues related to armaments, disarmament, and international security.

TREATIES AND ALLIANCES OF THE WORLD (KZ1301 .T74)

Identifies, in a one-volume guide, major treaties and alliances currently in force.

TREATIES IN FORCE

A comprehensive list of treaties and other international acts of the United States currently in force.

<http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/tif/>