

# Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals on HeinOnline

## “Cheat Sheet”

This is an overview of *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* on HeinOnline. To learn about features not discussed here, and for help and advice specific to your research, call 415.422-6773 or contact a research librarian via <http://legalresearch.usfca.edu/~iejResearchHelp>.

### Coverage and Content

*Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (IFLP)* on the HeinOnline is fully searchable from 1985 to the present. Researchers can also browse and (to a degree) search PDFs of the full print version, which began in 1960. IFLP has *citations* to articles published worldwide, in various languages, in law journals and similar periodicals. It covers comparative law, public international law, private international law, and the “municipal” law of countries other than the U.K., Canada, the USA, and Australia. IFLP itself does not have the full text of articles. “View Article...” or “Available in HeinOnline” links connect to articles available elsewhere in HeinOnline.

### Access

*Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* is available to researchers using USF campus libraries, and to current USF students, faculty and staff using remote logins.

### Log-in

Go to *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* at <http://0-heinonline.org.ignacio.usfca.edu/HOL/Index?collection=iflp>. If you're off campus, enter your USF network (MyUSF) login information.

### Search Options

The default search for IFLP from 1985 allows searching by keywords, author, article title, journal title, subject, “country heading,” and several other parameters. The “Search Help” and “Help” links at the top of the page leads to useful documentation.

IFLP uses the “operators” AND, OR, and NOT — *which must be capitalized*. A form of proximity searching is also possible. This is a sample IFLP proximity search for documents that have the words “universal” and “jurisdiction” and “criminal” all within 25 words of one another:

"universal jurisdiction criminal"~25

### Display of Results

IFLP displays results 20 citations at a time, with the option of displaying up to 100 citations at a time.

### Emailing and Saving Results

*To email citations from your results list*, check the boxes next to the article citations you want, and select “Email Selected Results” from the “My Hein Bookmarks” pull-down menu at the bottom of the page.

*To save citations*, check the boxes next to the article citations you want, and click the “Save” button to the right of the “My Hein Bookmarks” pull-down menu. *To save a search*, select “MyHein Search Queries” from the “My Hein Bookmarks” pull-down menu and click “Save.”

HeinOnline users who register for and log into a MyHein account can save both searches and search results indefinitely. Users without MyHein accounts can save searches and results only for a single session.

## **Specific Searches Useful for Legal Research or Preemption Checking**

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### **Subject Search / Browsing by Subject**

In the search template, enter a word or a phrase, *e.g.*, **terrorism** — or — **"forced labor"**

Then, select "Subject/Country Heading" from the adjacent pull-down menu.

You can also browse by subject, by clicking the "Subjects" button at the top of the search template.

### **Key Word Search — Basic**

In the search template, enter any key words and connectors, *e.g.*, **piracy** — or — **"child labor"** — or — **maritime AND pollution** — or — **"derechos humanos"** — or — **"diversite culturelle"**. Then, select "Keywords (All fields)" from the adjacent pull-down menu. (Using languages other than English will retrieve citations to articles written in those languages.)

Use **?** to retrieve plurals (*e.g.*, **combatant?**). Use **\*** to retrieve all forms of a word (*e.g.*, **discrim\***).

IPLP is not case sensitive, and you do not need to include accents or diacritical marks.

If your search finds useful citations, click the title to see the full citation, note the words in the "Subject Heading" category, and consider using some of them in a new key word or subject search.

### **Complex Key Word Searches**

When your issue involves multiple concepts or fact patterns, and when there are synonyms or alternatives for your descriptive key words, you can use the search template to build complex key word searches.

For example, to build a search to find citations to articles about Islamic family or marriage law:

Enter **islam\* OR muslim?** in the first text box, then select "Keywords (All fields)" from the adjacent menu.

Select "AND" from the pull-down menu to right of the first text-box.

Enter **famil\* OR marriage?** in the next text box, then select "Keywords (All fields)" from the adjacent menu.

### **Author Search**

In the search template, enter the author's last name (or last name and first initial, without commas), *e.g.*, **mankou\*** — or — **"serrano c\*"** — or — **"louis jacques\*"** [for the last name "Louis-Jacques"].

Then, select "Author" from the adjacent pull-down menu.

### **Case Name Search**

In the search template, select "Keywords (All fields)" from the menu next to the text box, then enter, *e.g.*, **pinochet** [for one party's name]

**forti AND "suarez mason"** [for two parties' names, as in the case *Forti v. Suarez-Mason*]

### **Statute or Treaty Name Search**

In the search template, enter a descriptive phrase from the statute or treaty name, *e.g.*, **"torture victim protection act"** — or — **"forced disappearance"** — or — **"convention on the rights of the child"** then select "Keywords (All fields)" from the adjacent pull-down menu.

### **Searching by Jurisdiction / Browsing by Country**

In the search template, follow these steps:

In the first text box, enter terms related to your issue, *e.g.*, **"money laundering"** — or — **copyright** — or — **treaties**, then select "Keywords (All fields)" from the adjacent pull-down menu.

Select "AND" from the pull-down menu to right of the first text-box.

In the second text box, enter the country or jurisdiction name, *e.g.*, **switzerland** — or — **"european union"** — or — **usa**, then select "Subject/Country Heading" from the adjacent pull-down menu.

Use "USA" for the United States.

You can also browse by country by clicking the "Country Subject" link at the top of the search template.