

## GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SOURCES FOR LAS 290--INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH METHODS

### General Economic and Political Conditions

**Market Research Library - Export.gov** (U.S. International Trade Admin. (ITA) and U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS)) (<http://www.buyusainfo.net/>)  
Information on the business and economic situation of foreign. Includes Country Commercial Guides (CCG) and Industry Sector Analysis (ISA) Reports. In the "Search Export.gov" box, enter the product (e.g., cosmetics) and country (e.g., argentina).

**Global Insight** (Database: <http://myinsight.globalinsight.com/>)  
Provides economic and financial forecasting for over 200 countries. Includes same-day reaction analysis and commentary; key monthly, quarterly, and annual economic indicators; risk assessments; economic developments and trade profiles by country; and historical data going back to 1970.

**Country Studies** (U.S. Library of Congress). (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/>)  
Covers history, economics, politics, demographics, and other information.

**Export.gov** (<http://www.export.gov/>)  
The U.S. Government's Export Portal. Brings together resources from across the U.S. Government to assist American businesses in planning their international sales strategies and succeed in today's global marketplace. Includes Export Basics section, market research, and trade leads.

**Political Database of the Americas** (<http://pdba.georgetown.edu/>)  
Country summaries, constitutions, laws, government, elections, parties, & groups. Includes reference materials, primary documents, comparative studies and statistical data for countries in the Western Hemisphere.

**Political Handbook of the World**, 1928-. (Database: <http://library.cqpress.com/phw/>; Latest in READY REF JF 37 .P6--Bookcase 1)  
Recent political history for each country, including information about parties, legislature, and cabinets.

**Regional Surveys of the World: South America, Central America and the Caribbean** (Latest in READY REF F 1408.29 .S68--Bookcase 1)  
Covers major and smaller countries and territories, including geography, recent history and politics, economy, statistical survey, directory, and selected bibliography.

### Economic Analysis – International Sources

**World Bank e-Library** (Database)  
Contains World Bank publications (books, reports, and other documents) in full-text, as well as Policy Research Working Papers. Selected titles from the 1980's and 1990's, and all publications since 2000. No wild card or truncation symbol.

**World Bank Group Documents and Reports.** [Database: <http://www-wds.worldbank.org>]  
Access to more than 14,000 World Bank documents, including country economic and sector Work (in-depth background, strategic priorities, and direction for lending activities), project loan documents, and research and working papers.

**World Trade Organization (WTO)** (Database: <http://www.wto.org/>)  
The only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. The WTO goal is to help producers of goods and services, exporters, and importers conduct their business.

**Includes Trade Policy Review by country:**

[http://www.wto.org/english/tratop\\_e/tpr\\_e/tp\\_rep\\_e.htm#bycountry](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tpr_e/tp_rep_e.htm#bycountry).

**Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)** (United Nations )

(<http://www.eclac.cl/default.asp?idioma=IN>)

General information; recent reports and resolutions, meetings, projects, databases, and news. Also includes links to major publications: and *Social Panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean*.

**Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean** (U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), 1948-. ([http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/de/agrupadores\\_xml/aes252.xml&xsl=/agrupadores\\_xml/a161-i.xml&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xml](http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/de/agrupadores_xml/aes252.xml&xsl=/agrupadores_xml/a161-i.xml&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xml)); GOVT HC161.U525; **Database** at Central Workstations only)

Economic trends for the entire area and for individual countries. Includes narrative and statistics on economic policy, structural reforms, financial systems, growth and inflation, investment and saving, employment and wages, and the external sector.

**Foreign Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean** (U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), 1998-. (<http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/publicaciones/xml/1/12151/P12151.xml&xsl=/ddpe/tpl-i/p9f.xml&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xml>); GOVT-LC HG5160.5 .A2 I5813)**Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Economy** (U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), 1998-. (<http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/publicaciones/xml/5/11665/P11665.xml&xsl=/comercio/tpl-i/p9f.xml&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xml>); GOVT-LC HF1480.5 .L38; **Database** at Central Workstations only)

The current international environment and their impact on the region's economies; international trade trends in the various countries; trends in regional integration; and World Trade Organization (WTO) multilateral trade negotiations.

**Social Panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean** (U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), 1993-. ([http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/dds/agrupadores\\_xml/aes31.xml&xsl=/agrupadores\\_xml/a161-i.xml&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xml](http://www.eclac.cl/cgi-bin/getProd.asp?xml=/dds/agrupadores_xml/aes31.xml&xsl=/agrupadores_xml/a161-i.xml&base=/tpl-i/top-bottom.xml)); GOVT-LC HN110.5.A49)

Labor market, household income, poverty, government social spending, teacher pay, and other variables.

**Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)** (<http://www.iadb.org/>) Includes:**Economic and Social Progress in Latin America** (Inter-American Development Bank), 1972-. (<http://www.iadb.org/occe/index.cfm?fuseaction=Publications.Ipes>; Latest in GOVT-LC Ref Alcove HC125.I514--West Wall)

Regional overview, covering integration, development financing, and other topics. Also includes short reports about each country and a statistical appendix.

**Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)** ([http://www.ftaa-alca.org/alca\\_e.asp](http://www.ftaa-alca.org/alca_e.asp))

A proposed agreement to extend the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to eliminate or reduce the trade barriers among all countries in the Americas.

**Organization of American States (OAS)** (<http://www.oas.org/>)

All 35 independent countries of the Americas are members of the OAS.

<b>Statistics</b>
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## International Statistical Databases

Database	Distributed by	Years of coverage	Types of Series	Topic/Focus of database	Remote Access Available
<b>WDI</b>	World Bank	1960 -	Annual	Social Indicators	Y
<b>EIU</b>	Economist Intelligence Unit	1980 -	Monthly Quarterly Annual		Y
<b>IFS</b>	IMF	1948 -	Monthly Quarterly Annual		Y
<b>GDF</b>	World Bank	1970-	Annual	External Debt/ International Financial Flows	Y

When using any of these statistical databases, you will need to select:

- (1) Country or World Region
- (2) Subject Series
- (3) Years

**World Development Indicators (WDI) (World Bank) ([Database](#))**

A database of 526 economic time series, social indicators, and population projections for more than 200 countries from 1970 to present. Replaces *World Tables*. Results can be printed, downloaded in various formats, or saved to VU web space. For toy stores, for example, the relevant variables include birth rate, population under 15, and private (household) consumption.

**EIU Country Data ([Database](#))**

Annual, quarterly, and monthly economic indicators and forecasts: 278 series on 117 countries or 40 regional aggregates.

**International Financial Statistics (IFS) (International Monetary Fund). ([Database](#))**

Provides time-series data covering approximately 26,000 economic concepts that show major economic aggregates used in the analysis of economic developments. Includes almost all series appearing on the *IFS* country pages and world tables.

**Global Development Finance (GDF) (World Bank ). ([Database](#))**

Tracks the annual movement of international capital flows to developing countries.

**Current National Statistical Compendiums (GOVT Microfiche 705)**

Official national statistical reports from many different countries. Includes current and retrospective compendiums since 1970; also includes some countries' retrospective data before 1970. We also have paper versions in GOVT REF with call numbers beginning with HA).

**LANIC: Statistics (Latin American Network Information Center [LANIC]) (<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/statistics/>)**

Includes links to regional sources and to country sources for statistics.

**LexisNexis Statistical, 1973-. ([Database](#))**

LexisNexis Statistical indexes statistical publications issued by the U.S. government (American Statistics Index – ASI) and by some 100 international intergovernmental organizations since 1983 (Index to International Statistics - IIS).

**STAT-USA: Globus and NTDB [National Trade Data Bank]** (U.S. Dept. of Commerce) ([Database](#))

*Globus and NTDB (National Trade Data Bank)* covers demographic, political, and socio-economic conditions in over 200 countries. (Obtain ID and password from GIMS office.)

## World Trade Statistics

**U.S. International Trade Statistics (U.S. Census Bureau) (Database:**

[http://censtats.census.gov/naic3\\_6/naics3\\_6.shtml](http://censtats.census.gov/naic3_6/naics3_6.shtml))

**Provides monthly and year-to-date statistics for 3-digit and 6-digit NAICS by country and Country by 3-digit and 6-digit NAICS. Choose year from 2000 to present. Use December monthly report to get yearly figures for that year.**

See also *Foreign Trade Statistics* (U.S. Census Bureau. Foreign Trade Division) (<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/www/>) Includes

**Country and Product Trade Data** (<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/country/index.html>)

See especially *END-USE: 5-Years of Imports and Exports* (<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/product/enduse/>)

Provides 5-digit trade data statistics by Country. Choose imports or exports, then choose the country, then use the "find on this page" to search for the term (e.g., cosmetics). The 5-digit end-use code for computers is (21300).

**Codes** (<http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/reference/codes/index.html>)

Products, countries, customs districts, tariff, and trade codes. 213 is the general end-use code for computers, peripherals and semiconductors; 21300 for computers; 21301 for computer accessories, and 21320 for semiconductors. 334 is the NAICS code and 847 is the Schedule B code for computers.

**International Trade Statistics Yearbook** (United Nations. Statistical Office), 1950-. (GOVT-LC HF91.U473)

Annual trade statistics arranged by country (v. 1) and by three-digit SITC code (v.2).

## Government Information Online Databases

**U.S. Congressional Serial Set. (Database)**

**Contains Documents and Reports from the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Includes committee reports related to bills and other matters, presidential communications to Congress, treaty materials, as well as some executive department publications and non-governmental publications.**

**LEXIS-NEXIS Congressional**, 1789-1969; 1970-. ([Database](#))

Indexes U.S. Congressional hearings and committee prints and documents from other Congressional units. Includes text and status of Congressional bills; information about members of Congress and their districts, text of prepared statements before Congressional hearings, and text of *Congressional Record*, which contains the floor speeches of members of Congress. Also includes **Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports**, 2004-. Use the ! (exclamation mark) to substitute for word endings.

**Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) – (Database:**

[http://heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=forrel&set\\_as\\_cursor=clear](http://heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=forrel&set_as_cursor=clear)) (HeinOnline)

The official documentary historical record of major U.S. foreign policy decisions and significant diplomatic activity. Volumes published over the last two decades increasingly contain declassified records from all the foreign affairs agencies. Full text covers 1861-1976.

**Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States – (Database:**

<http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=presidents>) (HeinOnline)

Contains the papers and speeches of the President of the United States that were issued by the Office of the Press Secretary. Includes addresses and remarks, statements, vetoes, communications to Congress and federal agencies, interviews, letters, meetings with leaders of other countries and interenational officials.

## Vanderbilt Internet Subject Guides

At the Vanderbilt Library home page (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/>), click on “Get help with research,” then on “Subject Guides,” and choose the guide you want.

**Government Information** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/govt/>)

**Latin American Studies** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/latam.html>)

**Political Science** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/polsci/>)