

## ECON 355: SEMINAR ON RESEARCH IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### Country Profiles

#### ***Business Source Premier* [Online]**

Provides full-text country reports and profiles for selected countries. The reports are delayed six months. At the Basic Search screen click the Country Reports link (on the right) -> then the Publisher tab -> then EIU: Economist Intelligence Unit. **Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.**

#### ***EIU Country Profiles* - The Economist Intelligence Unit. [Online]**

Provides an *annual* analysis of the current economic and political situation for about 30 selected countries, including economic structure, economic policy and performance, consumer prices, and the external sector. Also has key exports and imports and main trading partners (% of total).

#### ***EIU Country Reports* - The Economist Intelligence Unit. [Online]**

Provides *monthly* and/or *quarterly* reports (frequency varies) for about 30 selected countries. Includes the political outlook, economic policy outlook, and economic forecasts with basic data. **If you do not find a report for a country here, see Business Source Premier (above).**

#### ***Market Research Library* - U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS). [Online:**

**<http://www.buyusainfo.net/adsearch.cfm>**

Information on the business and economic situation of foreign countries and the political climate as it affects U.S. business. Covers marketing, trade regulations, investment climate, and business travel. Includes *Country Commercial Guides (CCG)*, *Market Research Reports*, and *Best Market Reports*. Choose your Country and choose *Country Commercial Guides (CCG)* as the report type.

#### ***World Factbook* - Central Intelligence Agency. [Online: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>]**

Basic information on communications, defense, economy, geography, government, people, and transportation for each country.

### Journal Articles & Papers

#### ***CIAO: Columbia International Affairs Online* [Online]**

Includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, conference proceedings, journal abstracts, books, policy briefs and economic indicators, and maps and country data. **Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.**

#### ***EconLit*, 1969-. Produced by the American Economic Association. [Online]**

A comprehensive, indexed bibliography with selected abstracts of literature on economics from over 400 major economic journals. **Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.**

#### ***International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS)*, 1951-. [Online]**

Includes bibliographic records for articles and reviews from more than 600 current economics journals and 200 economics journals no longer being published. Also indexes books and selected chapters from multi-authored books. **Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.**

#### ***World Bank e-Library* [Online]**

This e-Library 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.**

**Worldwide Political Science Abstracts (WPSA), 1960-. [Online]**

Cites international serials literature in political science and its complementary fields including international relations, law, and public administration / policy. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.

## Statistics

**Current National Statistical Compendiums** (Govt Information Services, 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.

**Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook, 1974 -.** - International Monetary Fund.

Provides commercial statistics. Data are available for approximately 180 countries and includes estimated data from 1981. (latest year in Govt Ref HF91 .I65; 1989 -2006 in Central Stacks HF91 .I65; 1974 -1988 in Annex)

**EIU CountryData, 1980 to current, and forecasts.** - The Economist Intelligence Unit [Online]

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

**Global Development Finance (GDF), 1970 to current, and forecasts.** - World Bank [Online]

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

**Index to International Statistics (IIS), 1983 -.** (Govt Ref HA154.I544)

Indexes statistical publications by international intergovernmental organizations since 1983.

**International Financial Statistics (IFS), 1948 -.** - International Monetary Fund. [Online]

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. Data can be downloaded in comma-separated, Excel, HTML, and TAB Delimited formats.

**International Trade Statistics Yearbook** - United Nations. Statistical Office, 1950-.

Annual trade statistics arranged by country (v. 1) and by three-digit SITC code (v.2). (Govt Information Services HF91.U473)

**LABORSTA: The Labour Statistics Database** - International Labour Organization, 1945-. [Online]

Covers economically active population since 1945, un/employment, hours of work, wages, labor cost, consumer prices, occupational injuries occupational accidents, and strikes and lockouts, since 1969.

**LexisNexis Statistical [Online]**

Click link for 'Search Tables Research Edition'. Indexes statistical publications issued by the U.S. government from 1973 (from American Statistics Index [ASI]) and about 2,000 indispensable titles from some 100 international intergovernmental organizations since 1983 (from Index to International Statistics [IIS]). Use the ! (exclamation mark) to substitute for word endings.

**United Nations Statistics Division (Online: [http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/inter-natlinks/sd\\_natstat.htm](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/inter-natlinks/sd_natstat.htm))**

National Statistical Offices Websites.

**World Development Indicators (WDI), 1960-.** - World Bank [Online]

Access to more than 500 economic and social indicators, with time series for more than 200 countries.

## Internet Sites

**Current News** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/news.html>)

**Economics (Vanderbilt Subject Guide)** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/econ.html>)

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

**PovertyNet** - World Bank ([www.worldbank.org/poverty](http://www.worldbank.org/poverty))

**World Bank Documents and Reports** (<http://www-wds.worldbank.org>)

## Acorn

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**Example:** Turkey and debt (WORDS anywhere)

To search a set of words as a phrase, enclose the words in single quotes.

**Example:** Peru and 'informal sector' (WORDS anywhere)

**Use the \$ (dollar sign) to substitute for word endings.**

**SUBJECT HEADING SEARCH:** To find books by subject headings, select **'SUBJECT begins with'** in **BASIC SEARCH**. (Replace Turkey with your country.)

**Example:** Turkey economic conditions (SUBJECT begins with)

**More subject heading examples:**

Turkey economic policy

Turkey forecasting

Turkey foreign economic relations

Turkey population

Turkey rural conditions

Turkey social conditions

income distribution Turkey

labor Turkey

poverty Turkey

rural development Turkey

rural poor Turkey

sex role economic aspects Turkey

wages Turkey

**STATISTICS SEARCH:** To find statistics on a country, select **'SUBJECT keyword'** in **BASIC SEARCH**.

**Example:** Peru and statistics (SUBJECT keyword)

**TIP:** As you find titles of interest, click on the subject heading links in the ACORN records to find more books on your topic.

## Citing Sources

*Style Guides for Writing* ([http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/ref/rr\\_styleguides.shtml](http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/ref/rr_styleguides.shtml))