

## PSCI236 - POLITICS OF GLOBAL INEQUALITY

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### Major Country Profiles – All Regions

#### ***Business Source Premier*** [Database]

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 bottom) and then in the lower box type your country name. Then click on the country name. Choose which Country report you want. When the record comes up, do NOT click on the latest issue listed on the right. Instead, click on the link to the right of “full text.” **Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.**

#### ***Country Studies (Library of Congress)*** (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>)

Covers social life, economy, history, government and politics, and national security. Issued for more than 70 countries.

#### ***EIU Country Profiles (Economist Intelligence Unit)*** [Database]

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 (Economist Intelligence Unit)*** [Database]

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])***. (<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.

### Other Country Profiles and Other Reports – All Regions

#### ***Comparative Democratization Project (Stanford Univ.)*** (<http://democracy.stanford.edu/>)

Offers internet resources organized by topic (such as civil-military relations, economic development, and elections) or by region.

#### ***Countries (U.S. Dept. of State)*** (<http://www.state.gov/countries/>)

Statements, communiqués, speeches, and testimony, related sites, embassy contacts, and other country/regional information.

#### ***Foreign Government Resources on the Web (Univ. of Michigan Document Center)*** (<http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center/foreign.html>)

#### ***Freedom House*** (<http://www.freedomhouse.org/>)

Non-governmental organization that promotes the advance of freedom around the globe. On the left column click on publications such as Nations in Transit, Freedom in the World, and Freedom of the Press.

#### ***Global Distribution of Poverty*** (<http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/povmap/>)

Global, national, and subnational datasets and maps.

#### ***Human Rights Watch (HRW)*** (<http://www.hrw.org/>)

Dedicated to protecting human rights around the world – to protect victims from discrimination, inhumane treatment, wartime abuses, and to protect political freedom worldwide. Look at “Info by Country” and “Global Issues” in the left column.

#### ***IMF Publications (International Monetary Fund)*** (<http://www.imf.org/external/pubind.htm>)

Enter your country name in the “subject/keyword” search box and search.

***Political Handbook of the World (CQ) [Database]***

Covers major aspects of each country's government and political party system.

***Political Resources on the Net* (<http://www.politicalresources.net/>)**

Links to political sites sorted by country, with links to parties, organizations, governments, & more

***Politics & Social Sciences - Oxford Reference Online [Database]***

Look up your country in *A Guide to Countries of the World* and in *The Oxford Companion to the Politics of the World*.

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

Poverty assessments, country documents, and impact evaluation by country.

***United Nations. Development Programme (UNDP)* (<http://www.undp.org/>)**

Advocates for change and connects countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. Works with 166 countries on their own solutions to global and national development challenges. Includes *Human Development Reports* and *Democratic Governance* (<http://www.undp.org/governance/>).

***U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)* (<http://www.usaid.gov>)**

Administers international economic and humanitarian foreign aid, including famine relief, medicines, energy development, literacy training, and small business assistance to developing countries.

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

Downloadable documents, including operational documents (project documents, analytical and advisory work, and evaluations), formal and informal research papers, and most Bank publications.

***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. You can browse by region and if you do an advanced search, you can narrow to "poverty" and "poverty and poverty reduction."

## Paper Sources

***The Europa World Year Book*, 1959-. (Latest in READY REF JN1.E85--Bookcase 1)**

Covers international organizations and both European and non-European countries. For each country, reports on constitution, government, political parties, religion, the media, finance, trade and industry, transportation, tourism and culture, and atomic energy, and gives a statistical summary. Annual.

***Regional Surveys of the World.***

*Africa South of the Sahara* (Latest in READY REF DT 351 .A37)

*Central and South-Eastern Europe* (Latest in READY REF HC244 .A1 C46)

*Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia* (Latest in READY REF HC244 .A1 E293)

*Middle East and North Africa* (Latest in READY REF DS 49 .M5)

*South America, Central America and the Caribbean* (Latest in READY REF F 1408.29 .S68)

*South Asia* (on order)

*USA and Canada* (Latest in READY REF HC101 .U548)

*Western Europe* (Latest in READY REF HC240 .W488)

***The Handbook of Country Risk: A Guide to International Business and Trade* (Latest in GOVT REF HG 4538 .R475)**

For each country gives some or all of these: strengths and weaknesses, risk assessment, conditions of access to the market, opportunity scope, standard of living, main economic sectors, payment and collection practices.

***The World Guide: A View from the South* (Latest in REF JF60 .G8413)**

Focus on historical and political background.

## Country Profiles – Single Region

### AFRICA

***African Development Bank (AFDB)* (<http://afdb.org/>)**

Africa's premier development finance institution dedicated to combating poverty and improving living conditions across the continent. The ADB is also engaged in mobilizing resources for the economic and social progress of its Regional Member Countries.

***African Studies: The WWW Virtual Library* (Columbia Univ.) (<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/africa/cuv1/>)**

***Sub-Saharan Africa Government Information* (Univ. of California, Berkeley)**

([http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/foreign/gov\\_africa.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/foreign/gov_africa.html))

## ASIA

***Asia & Pacific Government Information (Univ. of California, Berkeley)***  
[http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/foreign/gov\\_asia.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/foreign/gov_asia.html)

***Asian Studies: The WWW Virtual Library*** (<http://vlib.org/AsianStudies>)

***Asian Development Bank (ADB)*** (<http://www.adb.org>)

ADB is an international development finance institution whose mission is to help its developing member countries reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of their people. Look under “Countries” for information from Asian Development Outlook and under “Economics and Statistics” for information from Asian Development Outlook.

## LATIN AMERICA

***Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*** (<http://www.iadb.org>)

Provides financing, leverage, policy advice, research, and technical assistance to carry out development projects in 26 countries of the region. The main source of multilateral financing for the region.

***LANIC: Latin American Network Information Center (Univ. of Texas at Austin)*** (<http://lanic.utexas.edu>)

One-stop search site that covers countries, economy, education, government, humanities, media, regions, society and culture, sustainable development, and other topics.

***Latin American Government Information (Univ. of California, Berkeley)***  
([http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/foreign/gov\\_latamgvt.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/govinfo/foreign/gov_latamgvt.html))

***Political Database of the Americas (Georgetown University Center for Latin American Studies / Organization of American States (OAS))*** (<http://pdba.georgetown.edu/>)

Country summaries, constitutions, laws, government, elections, parties, and groups. Includes reference materials, primary documents, comparative studies and statistical data for countries in the Western Hemisphere.

## MIDDLE EAST

***MENIC: Middle East Network Information Center (Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas, Austin, Texas)***  
(<http://menic.utexas.edu/>)

***Middle East and Islamic Studies: The WWW Virtual Library (Columbia Univ.)***  
(<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/cuvlm/>)

## **Globalization**

***A Fair Globalization - Making It Happen (International Labour Organization [ILO])***  
(<http://www.ilo.org/fairglobalization/lang--en/index.htm>)

***Globalization (World Bank)*** (<http://www1.worldbank.org/economicpolicy/globalization/>)

Downloadable documents, including operational documents (project documents, analytical and advisory work, and evaluations), formal and informal research papers, and most Bank publications.

***Globalization 101: A Student's Guide to Globalization (Levin Institute, State University of New York)***  
(<http://www.globalization101.org/>)

News and issue briefs, news analyses, blogs, and useful links.

***The Globalization Website (Emory Univ.)*** (<http://www.sociology.emory.edu/globalization/>)

Starting point for general information on topics such as theories, issues, news, organizations and people, as well as a glossary. Also includes links to other websites related to globalization.

***YaleGlobal Online Magazine (Yale Center for the Study of Globalization)*** (<http://yaleglobal.yale.edu/globalization/>)

Articles on political, economic, and cultural globalization.

***YouThink!: Globalization (World Bank)*** (<http://youthink.worldbank.org/issues/globalization/>)

General overview of globalization designed to encourage reader action and activism

## Statistical Databases

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

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

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

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

**International Financial Statistics (IFS)**, 1948 -. - 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.

**LABORSTA: The Labour Statistics Database** - International Labour Organization, 1945-. (<http://laborsta.ilo.org/>)

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.

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

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

## Statistical Indexes and Other Statistical Sources

**LexisNexis Statistical** [Database]

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.**

**EarthTrends Poverty Resource** (<http://earthtrends.wri.org/povlinks/>)

Explores the dimensions of human well-being through a combination of maps, datasets, resources, and short articles on the linkages between poverty and the environment.

**Information on National Statistical Systems (United Nations Statistical Division)**

([http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/inter-natlinks/sd\\_natstat.asp](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/inter-natlinks/sd_natstat.asp))

Provides links to national statistical offices websites

**NationMaster.com** ([www.nationmaster.com](http://www.nationmaster.com))

Compilation of data from such sources as the CIA *World Factbook*, UN, and OECD. Using the form above, you can generate maps and graphs on all kinds of statistics.

## General Periodical and Newspaper Articles

Start in a periodical database like Proquest, which provides both popular and scholarly articles on many topics.

**Vanderbilt Library home page** → “Find Articles and Databases” (upper right) → “Top Databases” (near top)

**Proquest.** (Database)

Provides citations and summaries of articles from over 4,000 publications, with many in full-text. Indexes a broad range of sources: general-interest magazines, political news magazines, scholarly social sciences journals, and major newspapers. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: articles.**

**Search Tip #1:** Before you search, you can limit the number of databases you look at: click on the downward arrow to the right of “Databases:” and choose “[Interdisciplinary: Proquest Research Library](#).”


**Search Tip #2:** Before you search, you can specify a “[date range](#)” in the box below the main search box.”

**Search Tip #3:** After entering your basic search, look at the “[suggested topics](#)” above the results you get. Those provide only the items that focus most on each topic listed.

**Search Tip #4:** After entering your basic search, look at the list of results. From the titles of the articles listed, you may see [other words or terms](#) that will focus your topic better.

**Search Tip #5:** After entering your basic search, click on “magazines” or “scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed.”

**Some articles are available in full-text** (the whole article is in ProQuest) **directly on Proquest. You must look up others by**

clicking on “Find a copy” and then on the  button. See if the article is available online through another database or in print in the library. Also, click on “Cite this” and choose the citation style you want from the pull-down list, to find out how to cite the article.

## Specialized Databases for Articles

### *CIAO (Columbia International Affairs Online)* [Database]

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. To search for more than one term, put a plus sign in front of each. Provides links to more than 160 related sites and to the home pages of contributing institutions. **Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.**

### *EconLit* (American Economic Association), 1969-. [Database]

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.**

### *Worldwide Political Science Abstracts (WPSA)*, 1975-. [Database]

The political science database, including international relations, law, and public administration / policy.

**Search Tip:** Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: citations.**

### *PAIS International*, 1972-. [Database]

Covers current events, public policy issues, and the social sciences in general--including economic and social conditions, government and politics, and international relations. Indexes a broad range of materials--books, pamphlets, and publications of the U.S. government and of international organizations. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: citations.**

### *IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences*, 1951-. [Database]

Includes bibliographic records for articles and reviews, books, and selected chapters from multi-authored books dealing with the social sciences. **Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.**

## ACORN and Books

ACORN is the Library's online catalog <http://acorn.library.vanderbilt.edu>

**KEYWORD SEARCH:** To find books on a topic, select 'WORDS anywhere' in **BASIC SEARCH** and enter the keywords. Use "and" (without quotes) between keywords to retrieve **only** records that contain all of the search terms.

**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	income distribution Turkey
Turkey forecasting	labor Turkey
Turkey foreign economic relations	poverty Turkey
Turkey population	rural development Turkey
Turkey rural conditions	rural poor Turkey
Turkey social conditions	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.