

Global Political Economy:
Internet and Library Research Manual

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Opening Remarks

The Global Political Economy (GPE) Research Manual was created to assist students, primarily GPE students, in finding data sources for research/thesis projects. The bulk of the manual lists and describes Internet links to relevant sources on the 28 topics listed in the table of contents. The final section of the manual contains information on data that is available through the Elizabeth Dafoe Library and/or Data Library Services at the University of Manitoba. The manual was created between August 2003 and April 2004, and updated between October 2007 and April 2008.

For the section of the manual on Internet sources, web addresses are provided for the majority of items. The only exceptions are when subsidiary links may be easily accessed directly from the main site. Website annotations are taken mainly from their own descriptions (for example, 'about this site' links) and sometimes from outside commentary.

To simplify the organization of the manual and to avoid overlap, the vast majority of links appear in only one topic area or section. Of course, there are many links which could be listed in numerous places throughout the manual. To assist the reader in locating all relevant data sources, there are notes at the end of some sections which direct the reader to consult other relevant topic areas. For example, the *Association for Women's Rights in Development* is listed in section 23 on Women and there is a note at the end of Section 6 on Development which directs the reader to this source. Similarly, The Latin American Working Group is presented in Section 17 on Foreign Policy and International Relations and is also listed at the end of Section 1 (Latin America).

In addition, the online manual includes a separate 'search function' which allows researchers to look for specific words, phrases, topics, etc. which may be contained in the manual.

Materials contained in the manual are freely available for research purposes. If you wish to reprint specific annotations or any portion of the manual, we ask that appropriate credits or citations be given.

Enjoy your Research!

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(1) Information/Statistics on Countries and Regions / Area Studies

(a) General Information / Aggregate Data

International Monetary Fund (IMF): Country Information

Web Address at: <http://www.imf.org/external/country/index.htm>

- Most countries have a page with links to a variety of IMF documents. Some country's pages provide a link to the *Joint BIS-IMF-OECD-World Bank Statistics on External Debt*, which provides debt information for that particular country.

Penn World Tables

Web Address At: <http://dc1.chass.utoronto.ca/pwt/>

- The Penn World Tables provide data for 178 countries for some or all of the years 1950 – 2000. This site presents basic time series statistics for each country. Its expenditure entries are denominated in a common set of prices in a common currency so that real quantity comparisons can be made, both between countries and over time. It also provides information about relative prices within and between countries, as well as demographic data and capital stock estimates.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA): World Factbook 2007

Web Address at: <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

- This site provides basic statistics and maps for most countries of the world. The categories of data include: Geography, People, Government, Economy, Communications, Transportation, Military and Global Issues.

World Bank Data and Statistics: Data by Country

Web Address at: <http://go.worldbank.org/66BG7LBJ10>

Two features of this site offer general information about countries of the world:

- (i) **Data Profile Tables**

- The data profiles are drawn from the World Development Indicators database. The profiles cover 208 countries (184 World Bank members and 24 other economies with populations of more than 30,000) and 18 country groups. The tables contain information on people, the environment, the economy, technology and infrastructure, and trade and finance.

(ii) **Country at a Glance Tables (AAG'S)**

- These tables present two pages of key indicators tracing the trends in social and economic development over the last three decades. Aggregates for each country's regional and income groups are also included. The headings include: Poverty and Social, Key Economic Ratios and Long-term Trends, Structure of the Economy, Prices and Government Finance, External Debt and Resource Flows, Balance of Payments and Trade. Contains information from country unit staff (on the ground) that may not be included in the World Development Indicators database or that may differ from officially published data.

U.S. Library of Congress: Global Gateway

Web Address at: <http://international.loc.gov/intldl/intldlhome.html>

- A comprehensive website containing a huge amount of information on countries and regions of the world.

Some of the key resources of this site include:

(i) **Centers for International Research**

Web Address at: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/int-gateway.html>

- The Library's 'reading rooms' offer in-depth reference materials and give substantive briefings on a wide range of subjects relating to the countries, languages, and cultures represented within their collections. Overall, a wide range of Internet resources are provided for countries and regions of the world.

(ii) **International Exhibitions**

Web Address at: <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/>

- Many exhibits on international themes are accessible through the Library's International Exhibitions website.

(iii) **Portals to the World**

Web Address at: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>

- Extensive electronic resources on the nations of the world broken down by country and subject area. Subject areas include (but are not limited to) the following: the Economy, Culture, Education, Geography, the Environment, Government, Politics, Law, Health, History, Language, Literature, Media, National Security and Religion.

(iv) **Country Studies**

Web Address at: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/>

- The Country Studies series is composed of online versions of books previously published in hard copy by the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress. Each study describes and analyzes “the historical setting, and the social, economic, political, and national security systems and institutions of countries throughout the world and examines the interrelationships of those systems and the ways they are shaped by cultural factors.” At present, 101 countries and regions are covered.

(v) **International Webcasts**

Web Address at: <http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/>

- Videos of many public programs on international issues are available.

Economist.com: Information on Countries

Web Address at: <http://economist.com/countries/>

- Provides *Country Briefings* for 60 countries and links to recent articles on each (published by The Economist Group). Each country also has a profile that includes the following:
 - (a) Forecast: brief statement on political and economic outlook.
 - (b) Factsheet: basic data on GDP, inflation, political structure, foreign trade, etc.
 - (c) Economic Data: 10 economic indicators over 4 years.
 - (d) Political Structure: briefly describes the political system and includes names of all cabinet ministers.
 - (e) Political Forces: information on political parties and groupings, plus the names and roles of key political actors.
 - (f) Economic Structure: economic strengths and weaknesses, products and markets, and comparisons with similar countries.

United Nations Online Network in Public Administration and Finance (UNPAN)

Web Address at: <http://www.unpan.org/>

- Information resources on a variety of social and economic issues are organized under seven categories: International, Africa, Arab States, Asia and Pacific, Europe, Latin America and Caribbean, and North America. These resources include analytical reports, case studies, country profiles, trends analysis and statistical databases.
- A particularly good collection of data and information is found in the *Statistical Databases & World Reports*, which is located in the 'International' section of the website. It contains information from many organizations in the areas of international development, economic and social statistics, population trends, labour market trends, education, etc. It can be accessed at the following address:
http://www.unpan.org/statistical_database.asp

The WWW Virtual Library

Web Address at: <http://vlib.org/>

- The WWW Virtual Library is a comprehensive collection of Internet links to resources in many subject areas including: Agriculture, Business and Economics, Computing, Communications and Media, Education, Humanities, Law and Regional Studies. Within these main links, users can access information on a wide range of different topics and sub-topics.

U.S. Department of State

(i) Country Commercial Guides Index

Web Address at: <http://www.buyusainfo.net/>

- Country Commercial Guides are prepared annually by U.S. embassies with the assistance of several U.S. government agencies. These reports present a comprehensive look at countries' commercial environments using economic, political and market analysis. A lengthy pdf file for each country is available for public use.

(ii) Background Notes

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

- Background Notes “are factual publications that contain information on all the countries of the world with which the United States has relations. They include facts on the country's land, people, history, government, political conditions, economy, and its relations with other countries and the United

States.” Each country also has an individual ‘country page’ containing additional information. Users can access a country's page by clicking on the country name link under ‘Official Name’ at the beginning of each Background Note.

Global Edge

Web Address at: <http://globaledge.msu.edu/ibrd/ibrd.asp>

Three key features of this site include:

(i) **Country Insights**

- This section provides current information on the business climate, history, political structure, economic landscape, and relevant statistical data for 196 countries. It allows for the comparison of countries using multiple statistical indicators and the ranking of countries based on single selected indicators. A rich collection of country-specific international business links is also available.

(ii) **Global Resources**

- A directory of global economic and trade resources for many countries and regions of the world. Resources are categorized by specific orientation and content. See the *International Resources* section for annotated links to online sources of economic and social data.

Area Studies Research Services and Collections

Web Address at: http://www.library.yale.edu/area_studies/

- This resource is provided by Yale University Library. The collections of area studies located on the right side of the home page contain links to many useful online resources. There are ten different collections of area studies including: [Africa](#), [East Asia](#), [Judaica](#), [Latin America](#), [Near East](#), [North America](#), [Slavic & Eastern European](#), [South Asia](#), [Southeast Asia](#) and [Western Europe](#). Some of the material is restricted to Yale students, faculty and staff but each collection also contains some freely accessible research materials and links to online resources.

NationMaster

Web Address at: <http://nationmaster.com/>

- NationMaster.com is a massive data source on countries of the world. Users can create graphs, maps, and country rankings for a broad range of

social, economic and cultural statistics. This site also provides for easy country comparisons.

- Major categories of data include: Crime, Currency, Democracy, Economy, Education, Energy, Environment, Geography, Government, Health, Labour, Language, Media, Military, People, Religion, Sports and Transportation.

The Global Development Research Center (GDRC)

Web Address at: <http://www.gdrc.org/index.html>

- The Global Development Research Center (GRDC) is a virtual organization that carries out initiatives in education, research, and practices in different ‘knowledge spheres.’ Each sphere provides information resources that are organized within several distinct themes:
 - (1) Environment sphere: Environmental Decision-making, Sustainable Development, Oceans, Coasts and Small Islands.
 - (2) Urban sphere: Urban Environmental Management, Urban Governance, Urban Heritage and Conservation.
 - (3) Economy sphere: Microfinance, Informal Sector, Technology Transfer and Sustainable Business.
 - (4) Community sphere: NGOs and Civil Society, Gender and Development.
 - (5) Information sphere: Internet and ICTs, Knowledge Management and Information Design.
- Complementing the broad range of themes and issues covered in GDRC activities, the organization also provides a ‘geographical focus,’ providing data on different regions of the world.

Political Science and Public Policy Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/govdocs/areastud.htm#>

- This site provides a huge collection of political science and public policy links to hundreds of different websites organized by world region. It also lists these links alphabetically and most include a short annotation explaining the contents of the site. A useful resource for those looking for information on particular countries and regions of the world.

WorldViews

Web Address at: <http://worldviews.igc.org/>

- WorldViews “gathers, organizes, and publicizes information and educational resource materials that deal with issues of peace and justice in world affairs.” Its primary regions of focus include Africa, Asia and the

Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East. WorldViews is composed of four regional divisions within these regions which offer specialized publications and services. Each division contains a resource center and provides access to publications.

Information Please

Web Address at: <http://www.infoplease.com/index.html>

- 'Infoplease' is a comprehensive reference source containing information on many topics including countries of the world. Among other features, this site provides an atlas with maps and detailed profiles of all 192 countries, as well as several almanacs loaded with statistics, facts and historical records.

Galaxy: World Communities

Web Address at:

<http://galaxy.einet.net/galaxy/Community/WorldCommunities.html>

- Galaxy is a searchable index of thousands of Internet sites. The World Communities section provides links to a wide variety of country-specific information.

World – World

Web Address at: <http://www.worldworld.com/>

- Links to country statistics, news resources, governments and other information sources.

Mansfield University Online Resources: International and Area Studies

Web Address at: <http://lib.mansfield.edu/country.html>

- This site contains a large collection of annotated links to websites containing statistics and other information on countries and regions of the world.

Academic Information: Area and Country Studies

Web Address at: <http://www.academicinfo.net/subarea.html>

- Numerous links to information on countries and regions of the world.

Yahoo Country Listings

Web Address at: <http://dir.yahoo.com/Regional/Countries/>

- This search engine provides a huge collection of online links to information for every country of the world – from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

Other relevant sources might include *OECD: Statistics Portal* in Section 2, *United Nations Statistics Division* in Section 2, *UNESCO: Institute for Statistics* in Section 2, *United States Census Bureau: International Data Base (IDB)* in Section 2, *GeoHive: Global Statistics* in Section 2, *InfoNation: United Nations Cyberschoolbus* in Section 2, *OECD: Statistics Directorate* in Section 3, *EconData* in Section 3, *Macroeconomic Time Series* in Section 3, *EconStats* in Section 3, *Statistical Data Locators* in Section 3, *UNCTAD* in Section 5, *One World (Country Guides)* in Section 6, and *Regional and Country-Specific Human Rights Resources* in Section 15, *Economist Intelligence Unit* in the Library Research Manual, Section C, points (f), (g), and (h).

(b) Europe

Eurostat

Web Address at: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/>

- Eurostat provides an abundance of free statistical information on the member countries of the European Union organized by different themes: General Statistics, Economy and Finance, Population and Social Indicators, Industry, Trade and Services, Agriculture and Fisheries, External Trade, Transport, Environment and Energy, and Science and Technology. It also provides a large collection of online publications, working papers and studies related to the same themes.
- One key feature of the site is called *Statistics in Focus*. It contains hundreds of free statistical publications in the areas listed above.

European Central Bank (ECB): Statistics

Web Address at: <http://www.ecb.int/index.html>

- This site provides economic statistics and datasets which focus primarily on European countries. One of the key features of the site is *ECB Statistics online* which affords access to the *ECB Statistical DataBank*. Users can search, display and save statistical series online, as well as subscribe to and download datasets.

Database Central Europe

Web Address at: <http://www.databasece.com/index.htm>

- Database Central Europe deals with economic development, living standards, labour costs and cost of living in Central and Eastern Europe.
- The statistical section contains the most recent macroeconomic indicators (latest indicators), a recent summary of major economic data for 18 countries of the region (summary update), as well as macroeconomic, social and standard of living time series data (database).

Russian and East European Network Information Center (REENIC)

Web Address at: <http://reenic.utexas.edu/>

- Collection of general resources dealing with Eastern and Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union.

U.K. Data Archive

Web Address at: <http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/>

- The U.K. Data Archive at the University of Essex houses the largest collection of accessible digital data in the social sciences and humanities in the United Kingdom. It is a national resource centre, disseminating data throughout the United Kingdom and internationally (by arrangement with other national archives). The organization also houses the qualitative data service known as *Qualidata* and the *History Data Service*.
- The Archive houses several thousand datasets of interest to researchers from many different disciplines. Most datasets are numeric and are derived from social surveys. Most of the major series, and each new release, are available for immediate download. Datasets are available in a range of formats, such as SPSS, STATA, SAS and ASCII tab-delimited.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE): Trends in Europe and North America

Web Address at: <http://www.unece.org/stats/trends/>

- By clicking on any of the names of the ECE's 55 member countries, users can access short 'country profiles' in statistics. Highlights from the book, *Trends in Europe and North America* can also be accessed. The following headings correspond to separate book chapters: Population, Families and Households, Education, Employment, Economy, Health, Housing, Transport and Tourism, Energy, Environment, Communication, Participation, and Crime and Safety.

Western European Studies Section (WESS)

Web Address at: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~wessweb/index.html>

- The Western European Studies Section (WESS) is part of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. WESS is professionally involved in the acquisition, organization and use of information sources originating in or related to Western European countries. This site provides an online collection of regional and historical resources.

The United Kingdom National Statistics Online

Web Address at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/>

- This site is “the U.K.’s home of official statistics, reflecting Britain's economy, population and society at the national and local levels.” Summary stories, news and detailed data releases are published here and available free of charge. Users can browse for information organized under different themes, located on the left of the home page.

The MZES

Web Address at: http://www.mzes.uni-mannheim.de/fs_mzes_e.html

- The MZES is an interdisciplinary research institute at the University of Mannheim. Since its founding in 1989, the MZES has investigated social and political developments in Europe and European integration, with a focus on comparative research. This site provides comprehensive basic information as well as numerous databases for research on Europe. These databases are available for downloading.

EuReporting: European System of Social Indicators

Web Address at:

http://www.gesis.org/en/social_monitoring/social_indicators/EU_Reporting/eusi.htm

- This subproject of EuReporting includes a selection of social indicators which can be used to analyze the development of welfare and quality of life, as well as changes in the social structure at the European Level. The indicator system covers the European Union countries, as well as Norway, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. For comparative purposes, the United States and Japan are also included. Time series data covers the period from the beginning of the 1980s onwards. Up to this point, indicators and data are available for 3 out of 13 life domains – ‘Population, Households and families,’ ‘Housing’ and ‘Labour Market and Working Conditions.’ Data in the other domains will be added as they become available.

Other relevant sources might include *United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)* in Sections 9 and 23.

(c) Asia and the Pacific

Asian Development Bank (ADB): Economic and Social Statistics

Web Address at: <http://www.adb.org/Economics/default.asp>

- This site provides data and information on developing Asian and Pacific countries. ADB is a multilateral development finance institution “with a mandate to reduce poverty in Asia and the Pacific.”

(i) Economic Research

Web Address at: <http://www.adb.org/Economics/Research.asp>

- The economic research conducted by the ADB provides publications and data in four broad areas: a) Macroeconomic Studies; b) International Trade Policy Research; c) Poverty Research; and d) Microeconomic Policy Studies.

(a) Within Macroeconomic Studies:

Country Economic Reviews considers economic trends and developments in individual countries. These reviews describe the current economic situation in the country, analyze short and medium-term economic prospects, assess economic performance and analyze macroeconomic trends.

Asian Development Outlook provides a comprehensive analysis of 41 economies in the Asia-Pacific region. It also gives a diagnosis of macroeconomic conditions and growth prospects as they relate to progress in poverty reduction.

Key Indicators provides a large quantity of individual country and regional tables covering a wide range of economic, social and environmental indicators.

(b) Within International Trade Policy Research:

The Doha Round and Development Project is being carried out in two stages:

Phase 1 General Studies: provides research papers on trade-related intellectual property rights (TRIPS), trade and development, and trade and investment for developing countries.

Phase 2 Country Studies: addresses the issues of foreign direct investment (FDI) and intellectual property rights in six different

developing countries – China, India, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. The country studies on foreign direct investment are currently underway. The country studies on intellectual property rights will follow soon after.

(c) Within Poverty Research:

Web Address at: <http://www.adb.org/Poverty/knowledge-products.asp>

The *Poverty Database* provides statistics on selected poverty and related socioeconomic and socio-demographic indicators. Data is broken down by country and regional.

The *2001 Forum on Poverty* brought together various stakeholders and policymakers to share their views on poverty reduction in the Asia-Pacific region. This site provides links to conference speeches, papers, presentations, etc.

(ii) Economic Analysis

Web Address at: <http://www.adb.org/Economics/analysis.asp>

- Contains a series of reports and handbooks which address the macroeconomic context, sector diagnosis, and assessment of the likely impact of policy reforms, as well as provide guidelines for economic analysis.

(iii) Statistics

Web Address at: <http://www.adb.org/Statistics/default.asp>

(a) Key Indicators: Regional and country tables provide a comprehensive statistical portrait of ADB developing member countries. A thematic chapter examines the population and human resource trends and challenges in the region.

(b) Millennium Development Goals Statistical Indicators: Provides statistical data on the eight millennium development goals in Asia.

(c) Poverty and Development Indicators: The *Country Knowledge* link takes you to the Poverty Database described in (i) (c) above. Regional tables are extracted from the *Key Indicators 2002* publication, which contain many additional regional and country tables of economic and financial indicators.

(d) The International Comparison Program For Asia and the Pacific: The International Comparison Program (ICP) has been established as a system for comparing GDP and its components, converted to a single currency using Purchasing Power Parities (PPP). PPP data are also used in poverty research. The data are available from the World Bank ICP website, located at the following address: <http://www.escwa.org.lb/icp/index.htm>

(e) Environment Statistics: ADB has produced a Handbook on Environment Statistics, a manual on Development of Environment Statistics, and a working paper on Environment Statistics in Central Asia. The site also contains country tables which offer a collection of common environmental indicators for the 11 participating countries.

(iv) **Knowledge Dissemination**

Web Address at: <http://www.adb.org/economics/knowledge.asp>

- This section contains a number of publication series, as well as information on seminars and conferences on various topics involving the ADB. It also includes links to other economic databases and research bibliographies.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Web Address at: <http://www.aseansec.org/home.htm>

- This site provides information relating to the member countries of ASEAN: Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Brunei Darussalam.
- See *ASEAN Statistics* for information on trade, investment, and other economic data. For example, when clicking on the subheading ‘investment’ one can find the *Statistics of Foreign Direct Investment in ASEAN* – a comprehensive 2005 dataset on FDI in ASEAN member countries.

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Web Address at: <http://www.unescap.org/index.asp>

- Information and data for countries is grouped together in the following categories: [Poverty and Development](#), [Statistics](#), [Development of Pacific Island Countries and Territories](#), [Environment and Sustainable Development](#), [Information, Communication and Space Technology](#), [Trade and Investment](#), [Transport and Tourism](#), and [Emerging Social Issues](#).

For population databases dealing with population statistics, family planning and reproductive health, see:

<http://www.unescap.org/pop/database/index.htm>

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Web Address at: <http://www.escwa.org.lb/index.html>

- Disseminates information through press releases, publications and meetings. The *Publications* link provides an extensive list of free and sales publications and an online ordering service. In addition, the online library houses a collection of resources in the fields of economic and social development that provides research, bibliographical and reference services to online users.

Asian Network Information Center (ASNIC)

Web Address at: <http://asnic.utexas.edu/asnic.html>

- Collection of online resources dealing with the countries of Asia.

Pacific Regional Information System (PRISM)

Web Address at: <http://www.spc.int/prism/index.htm>

- This site contains extensive comparative tables of economic, social, demographic and environmental data from the individual South Pacific islands. Links to their corresponding national data websites provide additional country information.

Asia-Pacific Policy Program

Web Address at: <http://www.ap.harvard.edu/>

- In 1997, the John F. Kennedy School of Government established the Asia-Pacific Policy Program. This site provides links to online resources for Asian countries.

Asia Source

Web address at: <http://www.asiasource.org/>

- Asia Source is an online resource developed by the Asia Society to provide timely information regarding the cultural, economic, social, historical and political dimensions of Asia.

UCLA Asia Institute: Asian Studies Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.international.ucla.edu/asia/>

- The Asia Institute is a consortium of UCLA's Asia-focused research centres and programs. Some of the Institute's online resources include the following:

(i) ***AsiaMedia***

- AsiaMedia is a daily updated resource of selected Asian media. It also provides commentary on Asia-related issues from scholars and others.

(ii) ***Asia Pacific Arts***

- Explores Asian film, media, television, literature, arts, exhibitions and festivals.

Portal to Asian Internet Resources (PAIR)

Web Address at: <http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/PAIR/>

- PAIR contains a catalogue that provides free Internet resources for the study of East, Central, South and Southeast Asia. The collection covers a broad range of disciplines such as business and economics, education, political science, and sociology and topics such as banking and finance, demography and population, the environment, education, gender, health, human rights, industry and trade, labour, politics, government, and international relations. Resources are drawn from various sources including academic, government, commercial, trade and industry, and non-governmental organizations. The catalogue includes current information and data such as bibliographies, datasets, newspapers and journals, government reports and organization sites. Resources are in English and/or one or more of 27 Asian languages.

Japan Information Network (JIN)

Web Address at: <http://jin.jcic.or.jp/>

- The Japan Information Network (JIN) is an Internet site operated by the Japan Centre for Intercultural Communications. It offers a wide range of information about Japan including current events, regional information,

statistical information, and an index to Japanese web resources.

- One of the many resources offered by JIN is a comprehensive selection of statistical data on Japan including demographic, health, political and social statistics. For direct access, see: <http://web-japan.org/>

Other relevant sources might include *Focus on the Global South* in Section 6 and *College of Population Studies* in Section 9.

(d) Latin America and the Caribbean

North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA)

Web Address at: <http://www.nacla.org/>

- The North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA) is an independent non-profit organization that provides information on U.S.-Latin American relations and a host of political, social and economic issues in the Americas. Over the past decade, NACLA has focused on the rising resistance to neoliberal economic policy in Latin America and the diversity of social movements at the center of this struggle. With a focus on U.S. foreign policy, NACLA examines the causes of militarism, human rights violations, environmental destruction and poverty in the region. In upcoming issues, NACLA plans to explore the economic and political alternatives to neoliberalism being developed by social movements throughout Latin America.
- The core of NACLA's work is its bimonthly magazine *NACLA Report on the Americas*, one of the most prominent English language publications on Latin America. A limited number of articles are made available online by clicking on Back Issues/Archive. The rest are available for purchase.

U.S. Library of Congress: Handbook of Latin American Studies

Web Address at: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/hlas/>

- This resource is a bibliography on Latin America consisting of works selected and annotated by scholars. Each year, more than 130 academics from around the world choose over 5,000 works for inclusion in the Handbook. The multidisciplinary Handbook alternates annually between the social sciences and the humanities and is an excellent guide to available resources.

Oxford Latin American Economic History Database

Web Address at: <http://oxlad.qeh.ox.ac.uk/>

- The Oxford Latin American Economic History Database (OxLAD) contains statistical series for more than 40 economic and social indicators, covering 20 countries in the region. It brings together available data for the period of 1900 to 2000 from a wide range of official publications.

United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Web Address at: <http://www.eclac.cl/estadisticas/default.asp?idioma=IN>

- One of the key features of this site is the *Statistical Information* link located at the left of the page. It provides access to a number of statistical publications dealing with economic/social conditions and trends of the countries of the region.

University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center: Latin American Migration Project Data (LAMP)

Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/lamp/>

- In addition to basic demographic data on Latin America, survey methods are used to gather information on family composition, fertility, infant mortality, marital history, labour history and ownership history of properties and businesses. This site also contains detailed data on internal migration as well as migration to the United States. Data from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Paraguay and Peru are available and can be downloaded from this website.
- Note: If you would like to receive an email announcement when LAMP releases new public data, register as a LAMP user and specify so on the registration form.

LatinFocus

Web Address at: <http://www.latin-focus.com/>

- “The leading source for Latin American economies,” this site includes online statistical databases of the seven largest Latin American economies: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela. Data includes economic growth patterns, inflation rates, fiscal accounts, external balances, as well as information on each unique political environment. A list of links is also available.

Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC)

Web Address at: <http://www.lanic.utexas.edu/>

- LANIC facilitates access to web-based information on Latin America. Information is provided in the following categories: Countries, The Economy, Education, Government, Humanities, Internet and Computing, Libraries and Reference, Media and Communication, Recreation, Regional

Resources, Science, Social Sciences, Society and Culture, and Sustainable Development. It has an extensive regional resources section well worth checking out in each category.

- Another useful LANIC site is called *Latin America and the Caribbean: Selected Economic and Social Data*. It contains data (in html tables) on economics, politics, education, poverty, and more. Data from previous years (1994 and 1996) are also available by changing the year in the link (e.g., /aid98/ to 94 or 96). Some of the data includes time series information. For example, the ‘freedom index’ contains data for 1981 through 1997. Web Address at: <http://www.lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/aid/aid98/>

Center for Latin American Studies

Web Address at: <http://www.georgetown.edu/sfs/programs/clas/>

- The Center for Latin American Studies at Georgetown University provides a series of online publications as well as a number of research programs dealing with different areas of the Americas. Four of these research programs include:

i) Political Database of the Americas

Web Address at: <http://www.georgetown.edu/pdba/>

- The Political Database of the Americas “is a non-governmental Internet-based project that provides reference materials, primary documents, comparative studies and statistical data for countries in the Western Hemisphere.” The information is provided free of charge and has been organized under the following themes: Constitutions and Constitutional Studies, Electoral Systems and Election Data, Decentralization, Political Parties, Executive Institutions, Legislative Institutions, Judicial Institutions and Civil Society.

(ii) Brazilian Studies Program

Web Address at: <http://www.georgetown.edu/sfs/programs/clas/Brazil/>

- The Brazilian Studies Program provides information and resources on Brazil in areas such as history, politics, culture, the economy and the environment.

(iii) The Mexico Project

Web Address at: <http://clas.georgetown.edu/mexico/>

- Information and resources dealing with Mexico and U.S.-Mexican relations.

(iv) **Columbia Program**

Web Address at: <http://clas.georgetown.edu/Colombia/>

- Information and resources on Columbia.

(v) **Venezuela Program**

Web Address at <http://clas.georgetown.edu/Venezuela.html>

- Information and resources on Venezuela.

Latin American Working Group (LAWG)

Web Address at: <http://www.lawg.org/index.htm>

- The Latin America Working Group is dedicated to the analysis of U.S. foreign policy objectives and actions in Latin America. The organization attempts to “encourage U.S. policies towards Latin America that promote human rights, justice, peace and sustainable development.” LAWG represents the interests of over 60 major religious, humanitarian, grassroots, and policy organizations to policy-makers in the United States. Some of LAWG’s publications are available online, along with other resources.

Other relevant sources might include *Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)* in Section 5, *Data Used in Publications by Michael Coppedge: Data on Latin American Party Systems* in Section 7, *University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center: Mexican Health and Aging Study Data* in Section 14 and *Latin American Working Group (LAUG)* in Section 17.

(e) Africa

World Bank Data and Statistics: African Development Indicators

Web Address at: <http://devdata.worldbank.org/hnpstats/>

- African Development Indicators 2002 provides a detailed collection of data on Africa, presenting data from 53 African countries arranged in separate tables or matrices for more than 500 development indicators.

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP): African Population Database

Web Address at: <http://grid2.cr.usgs.gov/globalpop/africa/>

- The development of this database was supported by UNEP/GRID and the World Resources Institute (WRI). It is comprised of 4,700 administrative units with associated population figures for Africa. For each of these units a population estimate was compiled for 1960, 1970, 1980 and 1990 which provides an indication of past population dynamics. A summary version in html format provides total country population counts for the same years. Data is available upon request.

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Web Address at: <http://www.uneca.org/>

- Provides information in the form of publications, documents and databases relating to economic and social issues facing the countries of Africa.

University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center: African Census Analysis Project Data

Web Address at: http://www.acap.upenn.edu/CensusData_frameset.htm

- This site contains African census micro-data for academic research. Data can be used to examine demographic trends in several key areas such as population growth, mortality, urbanization and migration. The current collection consists of more than 40 censuses from over 20 countries.

The Norwegian Council for Africa: Index on Africa

Web Address at: <http://afrika.no/index/>

- The Index on Africa is a gateway to online information on Africa. It contains over 2,000 links sorted by country, subject and news coverage. The Index was created in 1996 by The Norwegian Council for Africa as a part of its efforts to raise awareness about Africa and African affairs.

African Studies Center

Web Address at: <http://www.africa.upenn.edu/>

- This site is produced by the African Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania and includes a comprehensive selection of annotated web links on contemporary and historical Africa. See *Country Pages* for links to online resources for individual African nations. See *Web Links* for resources broken down by subject area.

Encyclopaedia of the Orient

Web Address at: <http://i-cias.com/e.o/>

- This site provides maps, as well as economic, political, and other country information for North Africa and the Middle East.

All Africa

Web Address at: <http://allafrica.com/>

- All Africa Global Media “is a multi-media content service provider, systems technology developer, and the largest electronic distributor of African news and information worldwide.” This website is large and comprehensive, posting over 800 daily stories (in English and French) and offering a diversity of multi-lingual programming. It also offers over 750,000 articles in the searchable archive. Search for information by country or topic.

African Development Bank

Web Address at: <http://www.afdb.org/>

- The African Development Bank’s statistics page contains data on human development, macroeconomic and other economic indicators. There are tables showing cross-country comparisons and individual country tables. The main site also provides a collection of publications, reports and research papers. On the right side of the main page are collections of resources by topic.

(f) The Middle East

Middle East Network Information Center (MENIC)

Web Address at: <http://menic.utexas.edu/menic.html>

- MENIC is an online guide to Middle East-related websites and databases. Subject categories include: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economy, Countries and Regions, Government, Health and Science, News and Media, Society and Culture, Education and Social Science.

The Middle East Information Network

Web Address at: <http://www.mideastinfo.com/index.html>

- The Middle East Information Network is an American organization based in Boston. Their goal is to provide “the best the Internet has to offer in the way of websites, accurate, and clear information about the Middle East.” They provide a concise listing of links to all major universities in the Middle East.

Encyclopaedia of the Orient

Web Address at: <http://i-cias.com/e.o/>

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Al-Bawaba

Web Address at: <http://www.albawaba.com/>

- Al-Bawaba, The Gateway in Arabic, is a comprehensive Middle East portal on the Internet. It provides information on the Middle Eastern economy and business sectors, as well as politics, culture, legal issues, health, and more. News reporting, detailed reports and analysis on all of these topics are undertaken daily. The site also includes a keyword search facility.

Middle East Virtual Library (MENALIB)

Web Address at: <http://ssgdoc.bibliothek.uni-halle.de/vlib/html/>

- The Middle East Virtual Library (MENALIB) is an information portal for Middle East and Islamic Studies. MENALIB “provides access to online

information and to digital records of printed and other offline media, and thus supports the concept of a ‘hybrid library’ for Middle East and Islamic Studies.” Search the subject catalogue of *Almisbah* – the database of online information – for a large selection of resources dealing with all regions of the Middle East.

- Note: websites and online resources for Israel are included only if they are related to the Arab-Israeli conflict. For other electronic resources specific to Israel, users can visit the following website:
<http://www.stub.uni-frankfurt.de/webmania/lisrael.htm>

Other relevant sources might include *The Electronic Intifada* in Section 21.

(2) International Social Statistics / Socioeconomic Indicators

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD): Statistics Portal

Web Address at:

http://www.oecd.org/statsportal/0,3352,en_2825_293564_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

- The Statistics Portal provides links to information and data organized under the following headings: Agriculture and Fisheries, Demography and Population, Development, Education and Training, Energy, Environment, Finance, Health, Industry and Services, Information and Communication Technology, International Trade, Labour, Leading Indicators and Tendency Surveys, National Accounts, Prices and Purchasing Power Parities, Public Management, Science, Technology and Patents, Short-term Economic Statistics, Social and Welfare Statistics, Territorial Statistics, Transport and Non Member Countries.
- For information about a specific country, the Statistics Portal allows you to search 'Information by Country.'
- There is also a link to *Worldwide Statistical Sources* located at: <http://stats.oecd.org/source/>. The 'Statistical Sources List' and the 'External Databases' options provide access to a wide variety of statistical databases for member and non-member countries.

World Bank Data and Statistics: Data by Topic

Web Address at: <http://www.worldbank.org/data/databytopic/databytopic.html>

- Each topic includes a sample of indicators (overview of statistics) and data tables, as well as a list of websites related to the topic in question. Topics include: Agriculture, Aid, Childhood Development, Debt, Education, Environment, Finance, GDP/GNI, Gender, Globalization, Governance, Health, Information Technology, Infrastructure, Industry, Labour and Employment, Macroeconomics and Growth, Population, Poverty, Purchasing Power, Private Sector, Public Expenditure, Rural Development, Social Development, Urban Development and Trade.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): Human Development Reports

Web Address at: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/>

- The *Human Development Report* (HDR) was first launched in 1990. Its primary purpose is to assess the state of human development around the world and provide a critical analysis of a specific theme each year. It combines thematic policy analysis with detailed country data. Since the introduction of the first HDR, four new composite indices for human development have been developed: the Human Development Index, the Gender-related Development Index, the Gender Empowerment Measure, and the Human Poverty Index. Each report focuses on a topical theme in the current development debate, providing analysis and policy recommendations.

United Nations Statistics Division

Web Address at: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/>

- Much of the statistical information on this site must be subscribed to or paid for. However, it does provide some free data grouped in the following categories: Demographic, Social and Housing Statistics, Energy Statistics, Environment Statistics and Industry Statistics.
- For a comprehensive listing of national and international data sources and links provided by the Statistics Division, see the following site: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/methods/inter-natlinks/sd_natstat.htm
- <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/databases.htm> provides 15 global datasets for public use, including:
 - (a) The Millennium Indicators Database: Presents 48 social and economic indicators and related series by country and year since 1985.
 - (b) The Social Indicators Dataset: Provides information on a wide variety of social indicators for the countries of the world. Topics include: Population, Youth and Elderly Populations, Human Settlements, Water Supply and Sanitation, Housing, Health, Child-bearing, Education, Illiteracy, Income and Economic Activity, and Unemployment.

United Nation Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO): Institute for Statistics

Web Address at:

http://portal.unesco.org/uis/ev.php?URL_ID=2867&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201

- This site provides global and internationally comparable statistics organized under four central headings: Education, Literacy, Culture and Communication, and Science and Technology.

- Country profiles featuring key statistics and indicators on education, culture and communication, and science and technology on a country by country basis.
- See 'Fast-Facts' for easy, ready-to-use data and indicators.

United States Census Bureau: International Data Base (IDB)

Web Address at: <http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/>

- The International Data Base (IDB) is a computerized data bank containing statistical tables/graphs of demographic and socioeconomic data for 227 countries and areas of the world. In some cases, the IDB provides information dating back as far as 1950, and projections to 2050. The major categories of data available in the IDB include: Population by Age and Sex, 'Vital Rates, Infant Mortality and Life Tables,' Fertility and Child Survivorship, Migration, Marital Status, Family Planning, 'Ethnicity, Religion and Language,' Literacy, 'Labour Force, Employment and Income,' and Households. Data may be downloaded directly or viewed by use of a spreadsheet.
- Note: Another organization has reformatted the original dataset to create a new, more user-friendly dataset containing several of the variables (population size, births, deaths, net migration and infant mortality) in a lotus spreadsheet. This is available at: <http://gsociology.icaap.org/dataupload.html>

Human Settlements Programme: Global Urban Observatory (GUO)

Web Address at: <http://ww2.unhabitat.org/programmes/guo/>

- The Global Urban Observatory (GUO) seeks to “improve the world-wide base of urban knowledge by helping Governments, local authorities and organizations of the civil society develop and apply policy-oriented urban indicators, statistics and other urban information.” Its primary area of work is the analysis and dissemination of global, regional and national urban indicators and statistics.
 - (a) Urban Indicators: The *Global Urban Indicators Database 2* contains detailed socioeconomic indicators for 237 cities in 110 countries, mostly in the Third World. Data includes poverty levels, family income distribution, per capital gross city product, size of school classrooms, per capita murder rates, home ownership and land use. The results have been analyzed and incorporated into the *State of the World's Cities Report 2001*.

(b) Statistics: Data analysis and reporting at the national, city and rural levels in order to monitor human settlement conditions and trends. Databases contain national and city level data. Data are published and disseminated through the *Compendium of Human Settlements Statistics*, statistical annex to the Global Report and the State of the World's Cities Report 2001.

(c) Publications: the GUO publishes monitoring guides and statistical data. The Publications link contains a selection of GUO publications, most of which are freely available online.

Statistical Resources on the Web

Web Address at: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html>

- This site provides a huge collection of links to online statistical resources dealing with a broad range of topics. These topics include (but are not limited to) the following: Agriculture, Business and Industry, Foreign Trade, Government Finances, Health, Housing, Cost of Living, Labour, Demographics, Politics, Military, Education, Energy, Environment, Sociology, Transportation, Finance and Currency, and Economics.

GeoHive: Global Statistics

Web Address at: <http://www.geohive.com/>

- There are four main parts to the site. One dealing with the whole world and its regions, a second with the major regions, a third with all major countries separately, and a fourth with rankings (largest, longest, wealthiest, etc.). Most data on this site concerns the population of regions, countries, provinces and cities. Next to that there are some statistics on economic factors like wealth and infrastructure.

Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISSTAT)

Web Address at: <http://www.cisstat.com/eng/index.htm#statinfo>

- CISSTAT was established in December 1991 to coordinate the activities of statistical organizations within CIS countries. The Committee creates and maintains common statistical databases. This site provides statistics for each member country of the CIS: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

Davidson Data Center & Network (DDCN)

Web Address at: <http://ddcn.prowebis.com/>

- Davidson Data Center and Network (DDCN) is a fully searchable database on ‘transition and emerging markets’. DDCN archives and provides free access to socioeconomic micro and macro data on transition economies. Datasets that are made available to the public are downloadable directly from this site free of charge. To save files from this site, registration is required. The DDCN also serves as a portal to data from other research organizations.

Economic and Social Data Service (ESDS) International

Web Address at: <http://www.esds.ac.uk/International/Introduction.asp>

- ESDS International provides access to a range of international datasets, both macro and micro sources. The service “aims to promote and facilitate increased and more effective use of international datasets in research, learning and teaching across a range of disciplines.”

(i) Macro Data

- The macro databanks in ESDS International contain socioeconomic time series data for a range of countries over a substantial time period. Some of the databanks include the current releases of major statistical publications produced by organizations such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and United Nations. Subject areas include national accounts, industrial production, employment, trade, demography and human development.

(ii) Micro Data

- Micro Data consist of survey or questionnaire datasets collected from a variety of sources within different countries. A few of the international micro datasets include *Eurobarometer*, *Latinobarometro*, the *International Social Survey Programme* and the *World and European Values Surveys*. The surveys cover a variety of social science topics including household and demographic information, income and employment, education and housing.

Social Statistics Briefing Room (White House)

Web Address at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/ssbr.html>

- The purpose of this site is to provide access to current U.S. federal social statistics; the latest demographic, educational, health and crime statistics in summary form. The site also provides links to information produced by a number of different federal agencies.

Global Policy Forum (GPF)

Web Address at: <http://www.globalpolicy.org/>

- The Global Policy Forum (GPF) is a non-profit organization with consultative status at the United Nations. Its mandate is broad, focusing on a wide range of issues including United Nations policy-making, international peace and security, social and economic policy, 'globalization' and international justice. This site provides a massive collection of online GPF resources including publications (policy papers, reports, articles, etc.), Internet links, Internet search tools, and tables and charts organized by subject. In total, the site contains over 20,000 text files and posts 60 – 80 new documents each week. Given the large amount of information found on this site, users should consult the 'site map' for specific information needs or use the GPF search function.

InfoNation: United Nations Cyberschoolbus

Web Address at: <http://www.cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation/info.asp>

- InfoNation allows users to view and compare socioeconomic and other statistical data for all U.N. member states.

University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center: Links to Statistical Agencies and Surveys Online

Web Address at: <http://www.pop.upenn.edu/>

- A useful series of links to U.S. and international statistics, statistical agencies, websites, surveys and other online data resources.

The Urban Institute

Web Address at: <http://www.urban.org/>

- The Urban Institute is a non-profit economic and social policy research organization that focuses on the United States. This site contains many of the research and policy papers produced by the Institute. Research covers a broad range of topics and subtopics including: Children, Crime and Justice, the Economy, Education, Health, Housing, Immigration, Labour, International Issues, Race and Ethnicity, Gender, and Tax Policy. The Institute's research sometimes results in the development of new databases, which can also be accessed through this site.

Other relevant sources might include *Global Development Research Center (GDRC)* in Section 1 (General Information).

(3) International Economic Data and Indicators

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

(i) World Economic Outlook Databases

Web Address at:

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2007/02/weodata/index.aspx>

- The WEO database is created during the biannual World Economic Outlook (WEO) exercise. This site provides the most frequently requested information from the WEO database consistent with the data found in the *World Economic Outlook* publication.
- World aggregates for the following annual series are provided from 1970: real gross domestic product (annual percent change), gross domestic product (values at market exchange rates and purchasing power parity [PPP] exchange rates), inflation (annual percent change), world trade volume of goods and services (annual percent change), world exports of goods and services (billions of U.S. dollars), and world imports of goods and services (billions of U.S. dollars).
- To view a data table, click on the CSV link that is located just to the right of the table name.

(ii) Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board

Web Address at: <http://dsbb.imf.org/Applications/web/dsbbhome/>

- The International Monetary Fund's Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board (DSBB) provides access to the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS), the General Data Dissemination System (GDDS), and the Data Quality Reference (DQRS) sites.
- See the Special Data Dissemination Standard Site (SDDS) for economic and financial data (including data on external debt) disseminated by member countries that subscribe to the SDDS.

Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD): Statistics Directorate

Web Address at:

http://www.oecd.org/department/0,2688,en_2649_33715_1773767_1_1_1_1,00.html

- The Statistics Directorate provides comparable statistics required for the analysis of economic developments. Most statistical outputs are made available through electronic and paper publications. For information about specific member or non-member countries, the Statistics Directorate allows you to search for ‘Information by Country.’
- The Statistics Directorate provides statistical information, publications and documents organized under the following headings: Economic Accounts for Agriculture, Financial Statistics (balance of payments and external debt of developing countries), Industry and Services Statistics, International Trade Statistics, Labour Statistics, Leading Indicators and Tendency Surveys (business tendency and consumer opinion indicators), National Accounts (annual and quarterly national accounts, input-output tables), Prices and Purchasing Power Parities, and Statistics for non-member countries.

United States Government Printing Office (GPO): Economic Indicators

Web Address at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/indicators/browse.html>

- This site provides access to monthly U.S. economic indicators from 1998 to the present. Documents are available in ASCII text and pdf formats. Indicators include output, income, spending, employment, unemployment, wages, production, business activity, money and prices, credit, security markets, federal finance, as well as some statistics on U.S. international trade.

B&E Data Links

Web Address at: <http://www.econ-datalinks.org/search.html>

- This site provides links to economic and financial data sources of interest to economists, business statisticians and other researchers. Users can access hundreds of links to online data sites, along with an annotated assessment of the quality of each site. Data links are grouped into four categories including: Macroeconomics, Labour and General Microeconomics, Business Datasets and Finance. A keyword search engine is also provided.

EconData

Web Address at: <http://inforumweb.umd.edu/econdata/econdata.html>

- This site is a source of Economic Time Series Data from INFORUM, at the University of Maryland. The series include: national income and product accounts (NIPA), labour statistics, price indices, business indicators, industrial production statistics, information on states and regions, and international data.

Galileo Internet Resources: Economic Data

Web Address at: <http://galileo.usg.edu>

- This site provides links and sources for U.S. and global economic data.

Macroeconomic Time Series

Web Address at:

<http://www.fgn.unisg.ch/eumacro/macrodatabase/macroeconomic-time-series.html>

- This site includes a compilation of 19 time series macroeconomic indicators for each of 19 countries including: Austria, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, Japan and the United States.

EconData.Net

Web Address at: <http://www.econdata.net/>

- EconData.Net is designed to help researchers gain access to relevant socioeconomic data. Much of the information sources focus on the United States, but there are also many links to international data.

EconStats

Web Address at: <http://www.econstats.com/>

- A source of free U.S. economic and financial data. The data include information on Gross Domestic Product, Inflation, Money Supply, Unemployment, Trade, Government Spending and Deficits, Interest Rates, Finance Data, and other historical macroeconomic and financial time series.

- The site also includes a *Global Economic Data* link that provides yearly, quarterly and monthly data for the countries of the world.
- The site also hosts a unique virtual chat room for users currently on the website. Users provide each other with assistance in acquiring and interpreting statistics.

Economics Web Institute

Web Address at: <http://www.economicswebinstitute.org/>

- This site provides time series, comparative economic datasets on a variety of topics including commodity prices, exchange rates, inflation rates, interest rates, wages, labour market trends, prices, taxation and consumption expenditure. See the *Economic Data* link for a detailed list of available datasets (some include over one hundred countries). The data are available in Excel or pdf formats.

Statistical Data Locators

Web Address at: <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/lib/stat/stateuaf.htm>

- A useful source for statistics focusing on economic data for countries worldwide.

Economic History Services (EH.NET)

Web Address at: <http://www.eh.net/>

- EH.NET provides a wide range of online services including an ‘Ask the Professor’ service, research abstract and book review series, a collection of course syllabi, a directory of economic historians, the EH.NET Encyclopedia of Economic and Business History, several databases, numerous links to websites related to economic history, and the ‘How Much Is That’ service which allows users to look up historical prices, interest rates, wage rates, GDP statistics, exchange rates and inflation rates.

Economic Statistics Briefing Room (White House)

Web Address at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/fsbr/esbr.html>

- The purpose of this service is to provide public access to current U.S. federal economic indicators. It provides links to information produced by a number of different federal agencies. All of the information included in

the Economic Statistics Briefing Room is maintained and updated by the statistical units of those agencies.

Economagic: Economic Time Series Page

Web Address at: <http://www.economagic.com/>

- Economagic is a comprehensive site of free, easily accessible economic time series data. There are more than 100,000 time series for which data and custom charts can be retrieved. Much of the information is available through Excel files. The majority of the data is US-based; the core datasets incorporate U.S. macroeconomic and employment data.

The McKeever Institute of Economic Policy Analysis

Web Address at: <http://www.mkeever.com/welcome.html>

- This site includes ratings of economic policies for 27 countries including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United States, Venezuela, and Vietnam. It contains a description of recommended policies together with student evaluations of a number of individual countries. Specifically, the ratings look at whether the policies facilitate or obstruct ‘wealth creation.’

Economic Freedom of the World

Web Address at: <http://www.freetheworld.com/book.html>

- Developed by the Canadian Fraser Institute, this summary index is based on 23 components designed to identify the consistency of institutional arrangements and policies with ‘economic freedom’ in seven major areas including size of government, structure of markets, and freedom to trade with foreigners. This site lists the 2007 report, earlier reports, and research generated from the project including articles and other publications.

Alta Plana: International Economic Gateway

Web Address at: <http://altaplana.com/gate.html>

- This gateway page provides links to information in a number of areas relevant to international economics. Users can access websites in the following categories: resource pages and data archives, international organization pages, national government pages, and corporate servers.

Other relevant sources might include *Economist.com: Information on Countries* in Section 1 (General Information), *WebEC: World Wide Web Resources in Economics* in Section 4, *Resources for Economists on the Internet* in Section 4 and *Selected Internet Resources for Economists* in Section 4.

(4) Social Science Data and Resources

Inter-University Consortium for political and Social Research

Web Address at: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/>

- The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) was established in 1962. The organization “maintains and provides access to a vast archive of social science data for research and instruction, and offers training in quantitative methods to facilitate effective data use.” ICPSR also provides user support to assist researchers in identifying relevant data and in conducting their research projects.
- The *ICPSR Thematic Categories* divide the data holdings into seventeen broad subject areas. Selecting a particular thematic category allows users to retrieve a large theme-related subset of the entire archive, which can then be searched. These categories include the following: Census Enumerations, Community and Urban Studies, ‘Conflict, Aggression, Violence and Wars,’ Economic Behaviour and Attitudes, Education, Elites and Leadership, Geography and Environment, ‘Government Structures, Policies and Capabilities,’ Health Care and Facilities, Instructional Packages, International Systems, Legal Systems, Legislative and Deliberative Bodies, Mass Political Behaviour and Attitudes, Organizational Behaviour, Social Indicators, Social Institutions and Behaviour, Publication-Related Archive and External Data Resources.
- In addition, ICPSR hosts a number of *Topical Archives*, including the Health and Medical Care Archive (HMCA), the International Archive of Education Data (IAED), the National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA), the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD), the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Data Archive (SAMHDA), and the Child Care and Early Education Research Connections (CCEERC).
- Data access procedures differ according to the type of data being downloaded and whether the user is affiliated with an ICPSR member institution. Non-affiliated users may still obtain data for an access fee by contacting ICPSR's user support unit at netmail@icpsr.umich.edu. All ICPSR technical documentation is freely available to all users.

Social Sciences Data Collection (SSDC)

Web Address at: <http://ssdc.ucsd.edu/>

- This site is a product of the Data Services Unit at the University of California, San Diego. Its mission is “to provide easy access to raw numeric data, allowing each user to identify, locate, and obtain the data needed as quickly as possible.” Browse through the available datasets and links to other data resources. Some data is restricted to the University of San Diego community only.
- One particularly useful and comprehensive resource is called *Data on the Net* which allows users to Search or browse links to over 700 internet sites for social science statistical data, data catalogues, data libraries, social science gateways, addresses and more.
Web Address at: <http://3stages.org/idata/>
- Another useful series of links to social science gateways on the net can be found at the following location:
<http://3stages.org/c/es2.cgi?search=ssgateways&file=/data/data.html&print=notitle&header=/header/gateway.header>

Internet Crossroads in Social Science Data

Web Address at: <http://dpls.dacc.wisc.edu/newcrossroads/index.asp>

- Internet Crossroads contains over 670 annotated links to data-related social science resources on the Internet.
- Search for information using a search engine or browse the following categories: Agriculture, Crime and Justice, Education, Reproduction and Fertility, Geography and Environment, Historical, Labour, Organizations and Associations, Politics and Government, Public Opinion and Attitudes, Religion, Transportation, Countries, Economic, Elections, Finance, Health, Housing, Migration, Philanthropy, Population and ‘Sociological.’

WebEC: World Wide Web Resources in Economics

Web Address at: <http://www.helsinki.fi/WebEc/>

- WebEc is an effort to categorize and describe free information in economics on the Internet. Users may browse WebEc contents or search for specific items.
- Useful for archived data prior to 2007.

Political Science Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.psr.keele.ac.uk/>

- Political Science Resources is a gateway to an enormous number of resources relevant to the study of politics and government. Search through thousands of online links using the *Quick Index*.
- In many cases, information is organized by country. See the *Area Studies* link for access to information on individual countries. This may be used to access all the information on the site for a given country, since the sub-pages for each country have links to all other pages. See the *Political Parties* section for information on each nation's political parties and the *Elections* link for country-specific information on elections and electoral systems.

Social, Economic and Political Change

Web Address at: <http://gsociology.icaap.org/>

- This site is supported by the International Consortium for the Advancement of Academic Publication (ICAAP) and contains links to various economic resources. These resources deal with long-term, large-scale changes in social, political and economic systems at the national and international levels. This site also presents links to sites with theories, approaches, data and research. The principal aim is to explain historical change, growth and development.

Resources for Economists on the Internet

Web Address at: <http://www.aeaweb.org/>

- This guide is sponsored by the American Economic Association (AEA). It lists approximately 1,500 economics-related resources in 97 sections and sub-sections available on the Internet. See the Table of Contents for a list of all resources in the guide. From there users can access the resources by simply clicking on the available links.

Council of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA)

Web Address at: <http://www.nsd.uib.no/cessda/index.html>

- CESSDA “promotes the acquisition, archiving and distribution of electronic data for social science teaching and research in Europe” It provides an integrated data catalog allowing users to search up to eleven social science data catalogs located all over the world. These include catalogs in Israel, Australia, the United States and Europe. In addition, the site supplies three accessible international maps that link users to the sites

of 32 other data archives in Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, South Africa and Uruguay.

Research Resources for the Social Sciences

Web Address at: <http://www.socsciresearch.com/>

- Browse through a huge collection of online social science resources. Topics include (but are not limited to) the following: Sociology and Anthropology, News and Journalism, Psychology, Law and Law Enforcement, Demography, Political Science, Economics, Geography and Women's Studies.

Intute: Social Science Information Gateway

Web Address at: <http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/>

- The Intute Social Science Information Gateway is “a freely available Internet service which aims to provide a trusted source of selected, high quality Internet information for students, academics, researchers and practitioners in the social sciences, business and law.” It is part of the U.K. Resource Discovery Network.

Two key features of this site include:

(i) **Internet Catalogue**

- The Internet Catalogue is an online database of Internet resources. It offers users the opportunity to read descriptions of resources available over the Internet and to access those resources directly. The Catalogue directs users to thousands of different sources of information, each selected and described by a librarian or academic. The Catalogue is also searchable by subject area.

(ii) **Social Science Search Engine**

- This is a database of over 50,000 social science web pages. You can choose to either search the pages which have been selected by subject experts, or search those in the Social Science Search Engine which have been collected by software called a 'harvester.'

Poly-Cy: Internet Resources for Political Science

Web Address at: <http://www.polsci.wvu.edu/polycy/>

- This site provides a set of useful links for navigating the Internet in the areas of political science, international affairs, and public policy. It is updated frequently and is still under development.

Survey Documentation and Analysis (SDA)

Web Address at: <http://csa.berkeley.edu:7502/>

- SDA is a set of programs that were developed for the documentation, analysis and distribution of survey data on the Internet. The programs are maintained by the Computer-assisted Survey Methods Program (CSM) at the University of California, Berkley. The SDA Archive includes several datasets, such as the *General Social Survey (GSS)* and the *American National Election Study (ANES)*. Data is primarily U.S. based.
- Quick start instructions:
 - Choose demonstration SDA Archive on the home page
 - Choose the survey you would like
 - Under 'Select an action' choose the 'Browse codebook' option; start
 - Choose 'Alphabetical Variable List'
 - Choose your variables and write down their corresponding code names
 - Go back to the previous screen and under 'Select an action' choose the type of statistical analysis you wish to run; start
 - Imagine the output as a spreadsheet and type in the desired vertical and horizontal code names; also choose output as statistics or percentages
 - Run the table

Social Science Research Institute: Web Resources in the Social Sciences

Web Address at: <http://athens.pop.psu.edu/allen/Links.cfm>

- This site provides hundreds of links to online resources in the social sciences. All links are grouped into particular categories which include (but are not limited to) the following: Aging, Anthropology, Area and Country Studies, Crime and Justice, Demography, Economics, Education, Ethnic Studies, Geography, Health, Immigration and Migration, Indigenous Studies, Political Science, Religion, Rural Sociology, and Women's Studies.

Social Science Data Services (SDSS)

Web Address at: <http://www.library.northwestern.edu/data/index.html>

- SSDS acquires and maintains an extensive collection of numeric computer data files used for secondary analysis in the social sciences. Thousands of data files – most acquired from the Inter-University Consortium for

Political and Social Research (ICPSR) and the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research – are contained in the current data collection, ready for immediate access.

Adherents.com

Web Address at: <http://www.adherents.com/>

- Adherents.com is a collection of over 41,000 adherent statistics and religious geography citations. It contains references to published statistics for over 4,200 religions, churches, denominations, religious bodies, faith groups, tribes, cultures, movements, etc. Researchers can use this site to answer questions such as ‘What are the major religions of India?’ or ‘What percentage of the world is Hindu?’ Data is provided from both primary research sources such as government census reports, statistical sampling surveys and organizational reporting, as well as citations from secondary literature.

Social Science Research Network (SSRN)

Web Address at: <http://www.ssrn.com/index.html>

- The Social Science Research Network (SSRN) is “devoted to the rapid worldwide dissemination of social science research and is composed of a number of specialized research networks in each of the social sciences.” The *SSRN eLibrary* consists of two parts: an Abstract Database containing abstracts of over 60,000 scholarly working papers and forthcoming papers and an Electronic Paper Collection currently containing over 38,000 full text documents in pdf format. If the paper is included in the Electronic Paper Collection (indicated on the search results by a red diamond symbol next to the abstract), users may download it from the Public Abstract Page.

Selected Internet Resources for Economists

Web Address at: <http://www.american.edu/academic.depts/cas/econ/resource.htm>

- This site contains a large collection of Internet links and resources on economic matters including search resources, research papers and books, statistical resources, research centres, economic ‘megasites’ and more.

Research Papers in Economics (RePEc)

Web Address at: <http://repec.org/>

- RePEc is a volunteer-driven initiative to create a public access database that promotes scholarly communication in economics and related

disciplines. The database contains information on more than 207,000 items, including:

- 3,000 individual professionals (their contact information and associated publications).
- 6,900 institutions (economics departments, research institutes, and governmental organizations).
- Bibliographic information on 116,000 working papers published by institutions and individuals.
- Bibliographic citations for 80,000 articles from the leading journals in the discipline.
- Bibliographic citations for 500 books and chapters.
- 940 software descriptions and programs.

More than 104,000 of these items are available online

- Note: although RePEc does not contain full text journal articles, it does provide links to many full text articles from other sources. Users may need a personal or institutional subscription to follow some of these links. If a working paper or journal article is not indicated as 'downloadable,' contact the author or publisher for assistance.
- All RePEc information is freely available from web-based RePEc services such as:
 - IDEAS: <http://ideas.repec.org>
 - EconPapers: <http://econpapers.repec.org>
 - Socionet Personal Zone: <http://spz.socionet.ru/index-en.shtml>
 - Inomics: <http://www.inomics.com/cgi/show>

The World Values Survey (WVS)

Web Address at: <http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/>

- The World Values Survey (WVS) "is a worldwide investigation of sociocultural and political change." The survey is performed on nationally representative samples in approximately 80 countries. It covers a broad range of subject matter including attitudes to life, the family, opinions on social and political issues, and general satisfaction. It also includes sections on religion, morals and beliefs. Four waves have been conducted: 1981-82, 1990-91, 1995-97, and 1999-01. Information on these waves for each participating country can be found by clicking on the *Surveys* link.
- Data from the first 4 waves of the World Values Survey are available from the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) survey data archive, located at:
<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/ICPSR/STUDY/04531.xml> (contact

Mary Morris at morris@icpsr.umich.edu) and from other survey data archives.. A combined dataset containing the 1981-82, the 1990-91 and the 1995-97 waves can be analyzed or downloaded from the following site: <http://nds.umdl.umich.edu/cgi/s/sda/hsda?harcWEVS+wevs>

A Glossary of Political Economy Terms

Web Address at: <http://www.auburn.edu/~johnspm/gloss/index.html>

- This is the online edition of *A Glossary of Political Economy Terms* by Dr. Paul M. Johnson of Auburn University. Use the alphabetical index at the left of the page to select an entry to view.

The History Guy

Web Address at: <http://www.historyguy.com/index.html>

- This site contains links and content pages useful for researching politics and history. Most of the information is organized under five broad subject headings: American Politics and Government, Historical Personalities, Governments of the World, Military History, and Conflicts of the World.

Working Paper Sites of Political Science

Web Address at: <http://workingpapers.org/>

- This site strives to be a central Internet location for political science, law, sociology, gender, and history working papers. Titles of working papers available online have been provided in link annotations. There is a search tool on the homepage that can be used to find a particular author. Names of authors, departments and institutions are in alphabetical order.

The Avalon Project

Web Address at: <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm>

- The Avalon Project at Yale Law School provides online access to primary source materials in the fields of Law, History, Economics, Politics, Diplomacy and Government. From the homepage, users can access lists of documents organized by time period (centuries), author/title, subject or event. A search tool is also provided. From any of the seven sub-pages (the five century pages, the alphabetical list or the major collections page) users can move to a menu page for a subject area, historical event or historical timeframe. From the menu pages users can access a variety of full text documents.

Internet History Sourcebooks Project

Web Address at: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/>

- The Internet History Sourcebooks Project “is an online project designed to provide easy access to primary sources and other teaching materials in a non-commercial environment.” The Sourcebooks are collections of public domain historical texts for educational use. In addition to the three main sourcebooks – *Ancient History Sourcebook*, *Medieval Sourcebook*, and *Modern History Sourcebook* – there are also numerous *Subsidiary Sourcebooks* which consist of thematically based subsets of texts of the three main sourcebooks, along with some additional documents and links. Topics of these subsidiaries include African History, East Asian History, Global History, Indian History, Islamic History, Jewish History, History of Science, Women’s History, as well as a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual Online Guide.

Global Issues

Web Address at: <http://www.globalissues.org/>

- This site provides information and analysis on important global issues and events. It features over 3,000 links to other websites, external articles, reports and analysis. The information is organized into four key topics with a number of corresponding subtopics:
 - (a) *Trade-Related Issues*: causes of poverty, Third World debt, free trade and globalization, corporations, consumption and consumerism, sustainable development, and ‘fair trade.’
 - (b) *Human Rights Issues*: human rights and justice, mainstream media, women’s rights, and racism.
 - (c) *Environmental Issues*: biodiversity, genetic engineering of food, human population, animal and nature conservation, and global warming.
 - (d) *Geopolitics*: arms control, arms trade, international law, the Middle East, the ‘war on terror,’ foreign policy, military expansion, etc.

World Directory of Think Tanks

Web Address at: <http://www.nira.go.jp/ice/nwdtt/2005/index.html>

- The National Institute for Research Advancement’s (NIRA) *World Directory of Think Tanks* is an introduction to some of the world’s most prominent public policy research institutes. The directory provides information on 320 think tanks selected from 77 countries and regions. Each entry includes contact information, areas of research/focus, history, staffing, funding sources and publication information. In addition to

providing information on each institute, the current edition of the World Directory includes figures and tables that represent a selected overview of the global think tank community.

Anthro.Net

Web Address at: <http://home1.gte.net/ericjw1/index.html>

- Use the unique research engine on this site to locate links and references for anthropology, archaeology, history, linguistics, psychology, sociology and other social sciences. The Anthro.Net database contains thousands of reviewed websites and bibliographic references. Overall, it queries a database of over 40,000 reviewed sites.

Social, Economic, and Political Change

Web Address at: <http://gsociology.icaap.org/>

- This site is supported by the International Consortium for the Advancement of Academic Publication (ICAAP). It provides information that looks at major long-term changes in social, political and economic systems at the national and international levels. It also presents links to other sites containing data, theory, national profiles, history, research, and other useful information.

Some of the key features of this site include:

- (a) Reports: Includes a summary/review of theories of change, analysis of the current world order, and reports on global socio-demographic and political change.
- (b) Theory: Links to theories and general essays about social change.
- (c) Data: Links to sites with free data on population, economics and political systems.
- (d) Research: Investigations of social change, economic growth and related topics. This section also includes discussion papers and essays.
- (e) National Profiles: These sites offer profiles of countries and regions, and provide links to similar materials.
- (f) History: These sites present historical information on countries and regions, as well as links to more detailed history. They also contain lists of history books and articles.

History Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/discipline/history/other.html>

- This resource guide at the University of Waterloo contains history resources organized into the different historical subject areas. These include American,

British/Irish, Canadian, European, Holocaust, Medieval, Military, and Women, along with a Miscellaneous section.

Resources for Social Researchers

Web Address at:

<http://lib.colostate.edu/research/sociology/web.html#generalsociology>

- This site provides a large collection of Internet links designed for those interested in the field of sociology and related disciplines. The site is organized into sections that include: General Sociology, Criminology, Environmental Affairs, Human Ecology, Associations and Organizations, Demography, Globalization, and Social Change and Development.

Social Science Libraries and Information Services: Subject Guides

Web Address at: <http://www.library.yale.edu/socsci/>

- Although most of the social science databases linked through this site are restricted to Yale University students, faculty and staff, the *Subject Guides* located on the left side of the home page provide links to freely accessible online materials and resources. The different subject guides include: Business, Finance and Management, Census 2000, Demography, Economics, Education, Emerging Markets, International Affairs, Political Science, Psychology, Public Opinion, and Sociology.

Social Science Data Archives

Web Address at: <http://socsci.colorado.edu/LAB/datasets.html>

- Social Sciences Data Archives is one section of Internet resources collected by the University of Colorado at Boulder. This useful site contains links to dozens of social science datasets and other data resources, many of which provide annotated descriptions of their data.

University of Wisconsin – Madison Centre for Demography and Ecology: Data Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/library/datares.htm>

(i) Social Science Data Extractors

Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/library/extractor.htm>

- This page describes a selection of websites that allow users to extract social science data in raw or summary form. Subjects include population studies, health, education, justice and crime, poverty, income, economic indicators, and more. Data is available at the national (mainly U.S.) and international levels. Extraction systems can be interactive websites, software systems that must be downloaded and installed, or both. In some cases, interactive graphing and mapping are available. Some sites allow users to download the entire dataset.

(ii) **Social Science Data Archives**

Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/library/collect.htm>

- This page describes a selection of social science data archives including both multiple subject and single subject sites. Each site carries a variety of social science datasets. Archives have different policies with regard to cost, availability, and restrictions (if any) on the use of the data.

(iii) **Public Health Data Resources**

Web address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/library/pubhealth.htm>

- This page describes a selection of public health related data resources. Included are sources of raw data as well as extractable data from websites or downloadable programs.

(iv) **Data Sources for Research in Aging**

Web address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cdha/data/dataresources.html>

- This page is designed to aid researchers in aging find cross-sectional studies, time series, contextual data, and other data relevant to their research. About 55 studies and datasets have been highlighted in order to provide easy access to some of the most well known and useful studies of the sociological, economic, and medical aspects of aging.

System of Factual Information on Sociological Topics (SOFIST)

Web Address at: <http://sofist.socpol.ru/index.shtml?en=1>

- This site provides an archive of survey data from Russia. Presently, the archive houses over 60 studies conducted by Russian sociological agencies, including surveys that are part of the International Social Survey Program (ISSP). All survey data is freely available to the public, although users must complete a short 'data request' form to obtain it.

Academic Information: Social Sciences

Web Address at: <http://www.academicinfo.net/subsoc.html>

- Includes a large collection of web links in the following fields: Anthropology, Archaeology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Gay and Lesbian Studies, Geography, History, Mental Health, Political Science, Sociology, Statistics, and Women's Studies.

Regard: An ESRC Research Service

Web Address at: <http://www.regard.ac.uk/>

- Regard is “an online database containing information on social science research funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).” It is freely available online. Regard contains over 65,000 records (dating back to the mid-1980's) and is updated daily to include the most current research. The database contains the following: initial research projects, called ‘awards’ (details of researchers, institutions, award period and an abstract); research outputs (books, journal articles, conference papers, etc.); and research findings (summary and full report of the research activities and results).

Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

Web Address at: <http://www.ssrc.org>

- The Social Science Research Council is an independent research organization founded in 1923. Over the past two decades, the SSRC has launched over thirty projects on a wide range of topics related to globalization, political and economic development, health, international security, human migration and information technology. Through this site, users can access a large number of online articles and essay collections. Essay collections include: *Contemporary Conflicts*; *After September 11th Archive*; *Information Technology and International Cooperation*; and *Global Security and Cooperation*.

Poly-Cy: Internet Resources for Political Science

Web Address at: <http://www.polsci.wvu.edu/PolyCy/index.htm>

- This site provides a large collection of useful links for navigating the Internet in the areas of political science, politics, international affairs and public policy.

Other relevant sources might include *Political Science and Public Policy Resources* in Section 1 (General Information).

(5) International Trade and Investment / Economic Growth

Public Citizen: Global Trade Watch

Web Address at: <http://www.citizen.org/trade/>

- Global Trade Watch (GTW) is a division of Public Citizen, a United States consumer and environmental group founded in 1971. It “promotes democracy by challenging corporate globalization, arguing that the current globalization model is neither a random inevitability nor ‘free’ trade.” This site provides information on a range of globalization issues, including health and safety, environmental protection and economic justice.

World Trade Organization: Trade Statistics

Web Address at: http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/statis_e.htm

This site includes a number of resources for analyzing global and regional trade and tariff statistics. Reports and datasets are downloadable in .pdf format.

(i) International Trade Statistics 2007

- This report provides comparable and recent statistics on trade in merchandise and commercial services, and offers an assessment of world trade flows by country, region, and main product groups or service categories.
- A large number of tables and charts illustrate trade developments from various perspectives and provide a number of long-term time series. Major trade developments are summarized and discussed in the first part of the report under *Overview*. Detailed trade statistics are provided in Appendix tables (most tables are available in Excel and pdf format).

(ii) Historical Trade Series

- These tables represent the historical developments of international trade at aggregate level, broken down by country, region and economic grouping from 1980 onwards. World trade and output indices are available as of 1950.

World Bank Data and Statistics: Datasets

Web Address at: <http://econ.worldbank.org/programs/macroeconomics/datasets/>

- This site provides access to a number of available datasets in the area of macroeconomics and economic growth. The datasets are accompanied by abstracts to working papers.

International Trade Centre (ITC): International Trade Statistics

Web Address at: <http://www.intracen.org/tradstat/welcome.htm>

- The International Trade Centre (ITC) is the technical cooperation agency of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). This particular feature of the site provides a compilation of international trade statistics broken down by product group and country. The site also provides national and sectoral trade performance by country.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Web Address at: <http://www.unctad.org/Templates/StartPage.asp?intItemID=2068>

- UNCTAD is “the focal point within the United Nations for the integrated treatment of trade and development and the interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development.” UNCTAD undertakes research, policy analysis, and data collection.

Some key features of this site include:

(a) Statistics

Statistics in Brief: Provides summary tables of key statistics from UNCTAD. The statistics are organized within three domains: International Trade, Commodities and Foreign Direct Investment.

Web Address at:

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=1885&lang=1>

Statistical Databases: UNCTAD provides access to a number of statistical databases.

Web Address at:

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=1888&lang=1>

The UNCTAD Handbook of Statistics Online: A handbook of statistics on development, trade, finance and other indicators by country, regional grouping and year.

The Commodity Price Bulletin Online: Provides monthly indices and monthly averages of daily and weekly commodity prices since 1960. Users can view the latest figures released, as well as full time series.

The UNCTAD TRAINS (Trade Analysis and Information System): An information system covering tariff, para-tariff and non-tariff measures. It also provides information on import flows by origin for more than 100 countries. A country notes section summarizes the trade control measures in place on selected developing countries (searchable by country).

The Foreign Direct Investment database (FDI): Presents inflows, outflows, inward stocks and outward stocks of foreign direct investment for 196 reporting economies in an interactive format.

(b) Country Fact Sheets: Taken from the *World Investment Report 2003* (full report available for download)

Web Address at:

<http://www.unctad.org/Templates/Page.asp?intItemID=2441&lang=1>

Country Fact Sheets contain the most relevant indicators about foreign direct investment (FDI) in a country. Each sheet contains the most recent data on FDI flows and stocks, mergers and acquisitions, largest TNCs and regulatory changes.

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Web Address at: <http://www.iadb.org/>

- The IDB is the main source of multilateral financing for economic, social and institutional development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Its website includes a depth of information on all of its member countries. On the left side of the page the site is organized into sections that you can search by country, topic, or by project.

International Trade Administration (ITA)

Web Address at: <http://www.ita.doc.gov/>

- Most of the information focuses specifically on the United States. The webpage located at: <http://tse.export.gov/> allows you to search national or state trade and export data.

World Bank: World Development Report (WDR) 2008

Web Address at: <http://econ.worldbank.org/wdr/wdr2008/>

- WDR addresses the interaction between economic growth, poverty reduction, social cohesion and the environment. The report is now

available online “in a new form that includes a dynamic table of contents, improved search capability, and extensive links to supporting documents.”

Economic Growth Datasets

Web Address at: <http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Economics/Growth/>

This concise page provides links to datasets dealing with economic growth.

European Commission: Market Access Sectoral and Trade Barriers Database

Web Address at: <http://mkaccdb.eu.int/mkaccdb2/indexPubli.htm>

- All country reports in the database have a similar structure. They consist of a general description of the country's trade policy, two different sections for goods (tariff and non-tariff barriers), and separate sections for investment, services and intellectual property rights. For each topic, general information is provided, as well as information on specific sectors. Reports are currently available for 70 countries.

Trade Data Online

Web Address at: http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/sc_mrkti/tdst/engdoc/tr_homep.html

- Trade Data Online provides free international trade statistics on Canadian and U.S. trade with over 200 countries. Source data is obtained from Statistics Canada and the U.S. Census Bureau, and then repackaged for online use. Trade Data Online is part of *Strategis*, Canada's business and consumer site created and maintained by Industry Canada.

Three key Features of this site include:

(i) **Active Data**

- *Trade by Product (HS)* is available from 1990 to the present for both Canada and the United States. Information is available for variables such as total imports, total exports and trade balances.
- *Trade by Industry (NAICS)* is available from 1992 to the present for Canada only. Access information on total imports, total exports, and trade balance. For Canadian manufacturing industries, information is provided for manufacturing shipments, export intensity and apparent domestic markets.

(ii) **Archived Data**

- *Trade by Industry (SIC)* is available from 1990 to 2001. As the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) has now been replaced by the North

American Industry Classification System (NAICS), this data is no longer updated.

(iii) **Functionality**

- The feature offers the ability to generate customized reports and charts, save report or chart data to a text file for further manipulation, and print definitions associated with a report or graph.

Bureau of Economic Analysis: International Economic Accounts

Web Address at: http://www.bea.gov/bea/about/AcctIntros/Overview_Intl.htm

- The international economic accounts “encompass the international transactions accounts (balance of payments) and the international investment positions accounts (the accumulated stocks of U.S.-owned assets abroad and of foreign-owned assets in the United States), as well as estimates of U.S. direct investment abroad and foreign direct investment in the United States.”

Groningen Growth and Development Centre

Web Address at: <http://www.ggdc.net/>

- The Groningen Growth and Development Centre is a research group of economists and economic historians at the University of Groningen. The group “carries out research and comparative analysis of levels of economic performance and differences in growth rates in the world economy.” They publish working papers and have a number of freely available online databases including:
 - (a) *Total Economy Database*: Contains series on levels of real GDP, population, employment, working hours, GDP per capita, GDP per person engaged and GDP per hour for the aggregate economy for up to 99 countries from 1950 to present.
 - (b) *10-Sector Database*: Provides a comprehensive internationally comparable dataset on sectoral performance in developing economies.
 - (c) *60-Industry Database*: Provides an internationally comparable dataset on industrial performance at a detailed industry level for OECD countries and Taiwan. Variables covered include value added in current and constant prices, value added deflators, persons engaged, hours worked and labour productivity. The data cover 56 industries for the period 1979-2003.

(d) *ICOP Industry Database*: Provides estimates of comparative productivity levels by industry, which are compiled within the framework of the International Comparisons of Output and Productivity project. Annual series from 1950-2000 are provided for manufacturing. The ICOP Database presently covers approximately 30 countries.

- A number of other databases can be obtained through this site but they are not regularly updated. To access these datasets and a description of their contents, see the *Other Databases* link:

- *GGDC Total Economy Growth Accounting Database*
- *Industry Labour Productivity Database*
- *Industry Growth Accounting Database*
- *Manufacturing Productivity and Unit Labour Cost Database*

United States Census Bureau: Foreign Trade Statistics

Web Address at: <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/index.html>

- This site provides trade statistics concerning the United States' trading relationships with the rest of the world.

Economic Growth Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Economics/Growth/>

- These pages are designed as a resource for researching economic growth. Users can access various economic growth datasets, lists of sites containing working papers, and links to other economics resources.

207 Index of Economic Freedom

Web Address at: <http://www.heritage.org/Index/>

- The Index of Economic Freedom is a reference guide to the economies of 161 countries which measures their 'level of freedom' and prospects for growth in the global economy. It includes country analyses and recent data on foreign investment codes, taxes, tariffs, banking regulations, monetary policy, informal markets, etc. This special online version allows users to search the data to find specific information.

(6) International and Sustainable Development

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Web Address at: <http://www.idrc.ca/>

- IDRC's mandate is "to initiate, encourage, support, and conduct research into the problems of the developing regions of the world and into the means for applying and adapting scientific, technical, and other knowledge to the economic and social advancement of those regions."
- See Publications for access to many of IDRC's published works. Some of these works include: *Reports Magazine*, an online magazine offering news on research and international development; commentaries on key development issues; country highlights focusing on IDRC activities around the world; dossiers and briefings; as well as books, reports and speeches.

World Bank Data and Statistics: Quick Reference Tables

Web Address at: <http://www.worldbank.org/data/quickreference/quickref.html>

- These tables contain the latest data for key development topics from the World Development Indicators Database (includes some country comparisons).

International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)

Web Address at: <http://www.iisd.org/>

- To help meet the challenges of sustainable development, the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) advances policy recommendations on international trade and investment, economic policy, climate change and natural resource management.
- A key feature of this site is the *IISD Publications Centre* which includes books, papers, and other materials capturing much of IISD's institutional and research history. Nearly all publications are freely available in pdf format. Publications are sorted by different themes including: Business, Climate Change, Communities and Livelihoods, Economic Policy, Energy, Environment and Security, Indigenous Peoples, Investment, Natural Resources, Poverty, Trade and Youth.

Global System for Sustainable Development (GSSD)

Web Address at: [Http://gssd.mit.edu](http://gssd.mit.edu)

- This site contains abstracts, an index, and links to over 2,500 online sources related to sustainable development. Subject areas include: Agriculture, Industry, Environment, Energy, Forestry, Water Use and Demographics.

Center for International Development (CID) at Harvard University

Web Address at: <http://www.cid.harvard.edu/>

- The Center for International Development at Harvard University (CID) was established in 1998 by the Harvard Institute for International Development and the Kennedy School of Government to serve as Harvard's primary research center on sustainable international development. This site makes much of the Center's resources and research output available to the public. Some of the most useful online resources can be accessed via links on the main site including:

(i) Publications

Web Address at: <http://www.cid.harvard.edu/cidpublications/>

(a) Working Papers: All papers in this collection deal with various aspects of international sustainable development and are freely available for downloading in pdf format. Currently, there are over 100 papers in the collection.

(ii) Research Datasets

Web Address at: <http://www.cid.harvard.edu/ciddata/>

(a) CID Datasets: This site is a depository for data developed through research at the CID. The data are often associated with a research paper which is also available. The subject of each dataset is as follows:

- International Data on Educational Attainment
- Democratic Change and Economic Growth in Asia
- Geography and Economic Development
- Geography Datasets (Infectious Diseases, General Measures of Geography, and Agricultural Measures)
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Datasets (Infectious Diseases, Physical Geography)

- Highly Indebted Poor Countries Debt Database
- Natural Resource Abundance and Economic Growth
- Trade Openness Indicators
- Sources of Slow Growth in African Economies
- Higher Education in Developing Countries
- Natural Resource Data for Latin America

PRAXIS: Resources for Social and Economic Development

Web Address at: <http://www.sp2.upenn.edu/~restes/praxis.html>

- PRAXIS is the international development homepage of Prof. Richard J. Estes of the University of Pennsylvania. PRAXIS provides access to a vast array of archival resources on international and comparative social development.

Action Group on Erosion, Technology, and Concentration (ETC Group)

Web Address at: <http://www.etcgroup.org/>

- The ETC group “is dedicated to the conservation and sustainable advancement of cultural and ecological diversity and human rights. To this end, ETC Group supports socially responsible developments of technologies useful to the poor and marginalized and it addresses international governance issues and corporate power.” See the *Publications and News* section of the website for access to hundreds of ETC publications and reports, available in pdf format. Topics include (but are not limited to) the following: Biopiracy, Cultural Diversity, Biodiversity, Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Human Genomics, Corporate Concentration and Intellectual Property Rights.

OneWorld

Web Address at: <http://www.oneworld.net/>

- OneWorld is a multi-faceted website with links to hundreds of other sites and organizations, many of them news and media based, whose coverage span a full assortment of topics related to poverty, human rights and sustainable development. Through the creation of a collaborative multi-media platform, OneWorld attempts to address the failure of conventional media and offer a fair voice and balanced coverage of critical global issues. In total, the site brings together more than 1,500 organizations from across the globe. Links to OneWorld regional websites are located at the top of the main page.

Some of the resources available through the OneWorld site include:

(i) **Full Coverage Index**

Web Address at: <http://www.oneworld.net/article/archive/301>

- Use the detailed full coverage sections to access an extensive collection of human rights and sustainable development resources, or search through all stories published across the OneWorld network. The full coverage section is organized by eight main topics including: Development, Economy, Environment, Human Rights, Information and Media, War and Peace, Health and Politics. Each main topic is further divided into numerous subtopics.

(ii) **Topic Guides**

Web Address at: <http://www.oneworld.net/article/frontpage/425/3888>

- OneWorld Topic Guides provide a broad introduction to human rights and sustainable development issues relevant to each topic. They are produced by volunteer editors based in developing countries. Major topics include: Aid, Capacity Building, Environmental Activism, Gender, Volunteering, and Water and Sanitation. OneWorld also supports thematic channels that address topics from a global perspective. These can be found at the bottom of the web page. Most of these channels are from developing nations.

(iii) **Country Guides**

Web Address at: <http://www.oneworld.net/article/frontpage/375/3674>

- OneWorld Country Guides provide a broad introduction to human rights and sustainable development issues in a number of countries. They are produced by volunteer editors who typically reside in the subject country. The country guides included in the English language section include: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Columbia, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Vietnam and Zambia.

People-Centered Development Forum

Web Address at: <http://www.pcdf.org/>

- The People-Centered Development Forum was founded by David Korten, author of *When Corporations Rule the World*. The PCD Forum offers alternatives to corporate-led globalization and seeks to expose the fallacies of conventional economic wisdom surrounding policies relating to economic growth and development. The organization's books are available through their publishers or normal book trade outlets. Current

articles, presentations and papers can be found under *Documents* and are freely accessible. Materials distributed through the PCD Forum Information Service from 1990 to 1997 are located in the *Archives* section. Materials posted on the PCD Forum site may be freely reprinted with appropriate credits.

Third World Network (TWN)

Web Address at: <http://www.twinside.org.sg/>

- The Third World Network (TWN) is “an independent non-profit international network of organizations and individuals involved in issues relating to development, the Third World and North-South relations.” This site provides information and commentary on a wide range of issues which include (but are not limited to) the following: Trade Issues/Developments, The WTO, Global Financial and Economic Crisis, Biotechnology/Biosafety, Biodiversity, Environment, Women’s Rights, Human Rights, United Nations, Peace and Security and Health. It also provides select access to TWN publications including *The North-South Development Monitor*, *Third World Economics*, and *Third World Resurgence*.

Focus on the Global South

Web Address at: <http://www.focusweb.org/>

- FOCUS is a program of progressive development policy research, dedicated to regional and global policy analysis and advocacy work. FOCUS works with NGOs and people's organizations in the Asia-Pacific region and other areas of the world. It strives to create links between development at the grassroots and macro levels. This site contains many useful resources that focus primarily on the Asia-Pacific region but also on Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Two key resources located on this site include:

(i) Articles in Other Languages

- Under the resources tab at the top right-hand side of the page you will see a section here dedicated to downloads, weblinks, and articles, including articles in languages other than English. Includes French, Spanish and Portuguese.

(ii) Online Books

Web Address at: <http://www.focusweb.org/publications/booksindex.htm>

- While some of the books listed on this site must be purchased, many are freely available for download in pdf format. Those books that must be

purchased can be obtained at relatively low cost. Titles of free online books include:

- *Anti Poverty or Anti Poor?: The Millennium Development Goals and the Eradication of Extreme Poverty and Hunger*
 - *Multilateral Punishment: The Philippines in the WTO, 1995-2003*
 - *Power Politics in the WTO*
 - *Good Governance or Bad Management: An Overview of the ADB's Decision Making Processes and Policies*
 - *Too Hot to Handle: The Summit Prakan Wastewater Management Project Inspection Process*
 - *Genoa 2001: The Multiple Crisis of Globalization*
 - *Why Reform of the WTO is the Wrong Agenda: Four Essays on Four Institutions – The WTO, UNCTAD, IMF and World Bank*
 - *Profiting from Poverty: The ADB, Private Sector and Development in Asia*
 - *The Asian Financial Crisis and Filipino Households: Impact on Women and Children*
 - *The Transfer of Wealth: Debt and the Making of the Global South*
 - *Prague 2000: Why we Need to Decommission the IMF and the World Bank*
 - *Creating Poverty; The Asian Development Bank in Asia*
- Note: ADB is short for the Asian Development Bank

ELDIS Gateway to Development Information

Web Address at: <http://www.eldis.org/index.htm>

ELDIS is “a gateway to information on development issues, providing free and easy access to wide range of high quality online resources.” ELDIS aims to ‘share the best in development policy, practice and research’. They provide :

- *Resource Guides*, which offer quick access to key documents, organizations, research themes, discussions and other resources on a wide range of subjects. Some of these subjects include; Agriculture, Biodiversity, Corporate Social Responsibility, Debt Relief, Education,

Food Security, Globalization, Health, HIV/AIDS, Poverty and Trade Policy.

- *Country Profiles* allow access to materials from their databases arranged by country, plus quick links to country briefing services on other websites.
- *Dossiers* allow for further reading on issue related themes. They are narrative in format, written as case studies.

The North-South Institute

Web Address at: <http://www.nsi-ins.ca/>

- Established in 1976, the North-South Institute is an independent Canadian research institute that produces in-depth reports and other publications on international development issues. The Institute also conducts research on Canada's relations with developing countries and a wide range of foreign policy topics. Many of the Institute's publications are freely available through this website.

Overseas Development Institute (ODI)

Web Address at: <http://www.odi.org.uk/>

- ODI is "Britain's leading independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues." Its mission is to shape the policy-making process in ways that lead to the reduction of poverty and the achievement of sustainable livelihoods in developing countries. Some of ODI's publications must be purchased but many publications are freely available through this website.

Other relevant sources might include *Asian Development Bank* in Section 1(Asia), *Network Women in Development Europe (WIDE)* in Section 23 and *Association for Women's Rights in Development* in Section 23.

(7) Governments, Political Systems and Elections

Political Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.politicalresources.net/index2.htm>

- This site contains a large collection of political resources organized under different headings: Elections and Parliaments, Political Parties, Countries and Regions, Governments, Organizations, Political Leaders, Embassies, Banking and Trade, Marketing and International Business, Media and Law.

Governments on the WWW

Web Address at: <http://www.gksoft.com/govt/>

- Comprehensive database of governmental institutions on the World Wide Web: parliaments, ministries, offices, law courts, embassies, city councils, public broadcasting corporations, central banks, multi-governmental institutions etc. Includes also political parties. Online since June 1995. Contains more than 17000 entries from more than 220 countries and territories as of June 2002.

Elections Around the World

Web Address at: <http://www.electionworld.org/index.html>

- Electionworld was a comprehensive database on elections. The development of the political parts of **Wikipedia** made it possible to move the content of Electionworld to Wikipedia and enable a more comprehensive database for information on elections and political parties. The link above redirects to that section of wikipedia housing the former contents of the site.
- This site provides detailed information on elections, governments, political parties, and other related information for nearly every country of the world.

The Comparative Study of Electoral Systems

Web Address at: <http://www.umich.edu/~cses/>

- The Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES) is a “collaborative program of cross-national research among election study teams in over fifty countries. This design allows researchers to conduct cross-level and

cross-national analyses addressing the effects of electoral institutions on citizens' attitudes and behaviour, the presence and nature of social and political cleavages, and the nature of democratic institutions across different political regimes.”

Political Resources on the Net

Web Address at: <http://www.politicalresources.net/>

- This website provides extremely good coverage of political sites available on the Internet. They are sorted by country or world region, and include links to political parties, political organizations, governments, media, and more from around the world.

Government Publications and Maps

Web Address at: <http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govpub/>

- The Government Publications & Maps Department of Northwestern University Library houses maps and data collections, and is a depository library for U.S. government, United Nations, Organization of American States, European Union, and World Tourism Organization publications in all formats.

The best resources of this site are organized under the *International information and GIS maps and information sections*:

(i) **GIS Maps:**

- This section includes a significant amount of Geospatial maps and related physical analysis, including ESRI maps and tool sets.

(ii) **International Information**

- The International documents collection contains the publications of approximately 25 intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), some non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and supporting materials from private publishers. Overall, the collection contains a very large assortment of online resources dealing with a wide range of international affairs.

World Rulers: Heads of State and Prime Ministers

Web Address at: <http://www.info-regenten.de/regent/regent-e/>

- This site contains information on all Heads of State and Chiefs of Government throughout the world, both past and present.

Constitution Finder

Web Address at: <http://confinder.richmond.edu/>

- This index offers constitutions, charters, amendments, and other related government documents for countries of the world. Nations are listed alphabetically and each is linked to its constitutional text posted somewhere on the Internet.

Government Information Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/govdocs/index.html>

- This site is maintained by the University of Virginia Library in the United States and contains links to government information on the Internet. Much of the information focuses on the United States but international resources are available as well. See *Web Resources A-Z* for a list of all sites which are located on the Library's government information web pages.

FirstGov

Web Address at: <http://www.firstgov.gov/index.shtml>

- FirstGov is the official web portal of the U.S. government. This site allows users to search more than 186 million web pages from federal and state governments, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. The website claims to provide "the most comprehensive search of government anywhere on the Internet." It also contains information on other nations around the world.

Lijphart Elections Archive

Web Address at: <http://dodgson.ucsd.edu/lij/>

- The Lijphart Elections Archive is a research collection of district level election results for approximately 350 national legislative elections in 26 countries. The objective of the Archive is "to systematically collect election statistics in as much detail as possible, including the results at the level of the individual election districts in which votes are converted into seats." See the *Lijphart country catalogue* for online election data from different regions of the world – including Africa, Asia, Central America/Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Middle East, North America,

Oceania, South America, Western Europe and Latin America – as well as links to other sources of online election data.

Record of American Democracy (ROAD)

Web Address at: <http://www.hmdc.harvard.edu/ROAD/>

- Named ‘Best Political Science Research Website’ by the American Political Science Association, ROAD is large aggregate dataset on American politics that includes election returns data, socioeconomic summaries, and demographic measures of the American public. The project covers every state in the country from 1984 through 1990. ROAD data incorporates “electoral behaviour, the political characteristics of local communities, electoral geography, the role of minority groups in elections and legislative redistricting, split ticket voting and divided government, elections under federalism, and numerous other topics.” Data may be downloaded in zipped format or searched online and cross-tabulated. Reviewing the codebook (pdf or zipped format) is necessary to use the data. Data results are in SPSS, SAS, STATA, and sometimes ASCII formats.

National Political Index

Web Address at: <http://www.politicalindex.com/>

- The National Political Index is a U.S.-based index of substantive political information for voters, activists, consultants, lobbyists, academics, media editors, etc. The site offers a wide range of products, information and services.

Centre for Research into Elections and Social Trends (CREST)

Web Address at: <http://www.crest.ox.ac.uk/>

- CREST's work “relies on the conduct and interpretation of high quality social surveys of the general public, designed to document and explain changing patterns of voting behaviour, trends in social attitudes, and similarities and differences between Britain and other countries.” In order to compare the political cultures of different countries, CREST relies on the International Social Survey Programme (ISSP). The ISSP incorporates approximately 30 countries worldwide which collaborate in the design, conduct and analysis of a simultaneous annual survey on a rotating set of subjects. Elections are also a primary focus of CREST’s analysis. Accordingly, CREST participates in the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES) which brings together scholars from around the world to

conduct electoral research. Users can access CREST studies, working papers, publications and annual reports.

National Election Studies

Web Address at: <http://www.electionstudies.org/>

- The mission of the National Election Studies (NES) is to “produce high quality data on voting, public opinion, and political participation” in the United States. NES conducts national surveys of the American electorate in presidential and midterm election years and carries out research and development work through pilot studies in odd-numbered years.
- Each election study addresses a wide range of substantive themes including: expectations about the election outcome, perceptions of the major parties and their candidates, interest in the campaign, information about politics, partisanship, assessments of national problems, attention to campaign coverage in the mass media, feelings of political efficacy, political values, ‘conservatism vs. liberalism,’ trust in government, political participation, voter choice, economic well-being, positions on social and political issues, evaluation of political figures and organizations, demographic information, and measures of religious affiliation.

Rulers

Web Address at: <http://rulers.org/>

- This site contains lists of heads of state and heads of government of all countries and territories, going back to approximately 1700. Recent foreign ministers of all countries are listed separately. The site also contains a ‘chronicle of relevant events’ which documents changes in party leadership positions, election and voting results, political violence, deaths of political leaders and other significant political events from around the world. The chronicle runs from 1996 to the present.

World Statesmen

Web Address at: <http://www.worldstatesmen.org/>

- World Statesmen is an online encyclopedia of nations, colonies, international and religious organizations, and other polities. This site provides names and timelines of rulers, politicians and statesmen for most nations that have existed since 1760. The information is supplemented by country facts, maps, multiple indexes and other country information.

University of Michigan Documents: Center Web Site Directory

Web Address at: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/index.html>

- The University of Michigan's Documents Center is a massive central reference point for all kinds of information on the Internet. Focusing mainly on governmental and political resources, it includes local, state, federal, foreign or international information. Its web pages are a reference and instructional tool for government, political science, statistical data, and news.

Data Used in Publications by Michael Coppedge

Web Address at: <http://www.nd.edu/~mcoppedg/crd/datalist.htm>

There are two sets of data linked to this site:

(i) Data on Latin American Party Systems

Web Address at: <http://www.nd.edu/~mcoppedg/crd/datalaps.htm>

- *Vote Shares by Bloc* provides the percentages of the vote won by parties in different 'ideological blocs' in more than 160 elections in 11 Latin America countries. They are the same data documented in 'A Classification of Latin American Political Parties,' *Kellogg Institute Working Paper* No. 244 (November 1997). A copy of the working paper may be obtained free of charge at the Kellogg Institute website. An Excel spreadsheet contains the basic bloc, volatility and fragmentation data used in various analyses of Latin American party systems.

(ii) Data on Democracy and Democratization

Web Address at: <http://www.nd.edu/~mcoppedg/crd/datacrd.htm>

- Two sets of data are used to measure democratization: *The Polyarchy Scale 1985* is an 11-point Guttman scale that measures thresholds of polyarchy in every independent country as of 1985. *The Polyarchy Scale 2000* is a replication of the Coppedge-Reinicke scale for 60 countries as of 2000.

Polity IV Project

Web Address at: <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/polity/>

- This website "contains information on and access to the most recent update of the well-known Polity Data Series, originally designed by Ted

Robert Gurr. Polity IV contains coded annual information on regime and authority characteristics for all independent states (with greater than 500,000 total populations) in the global system and covers the period of 1800-2002.” Search this site for a detailed description of the Polity IV Project and access to the Registration Page for downloading the dataset and users' manual. All data is provided at no cost.

Transparency International: Corruption Surveys and Indexes

Web Address at: <http://www.transparency.org/cpi/>

- Transparency International (TI) is an international non-governmental organization devoted to combating corruption at the national and international levels. In addition to working papers on many countries, the *Global Corruption Report 2007* and other related resources, TI provides access to a number of corruption surveys and indexes including the *Global Corruption Barometer Survey*, the *Bribe Payers Index*, and the *Corruption Perceptions Index*. The latter index ranks countries in terms of the degree to which corruption is perceived to exist among public officials and politicians.
- Some of the data discussed above can also be found at the Internet Center for Corruption Research: <http://www.icgg.org/>
This site also provides users with the *TI-Corruption Perceptions Index*. See the ‘Research Area’ link.

World Audit

Web Address at: <http://www.worldaudit.org/>

- This site examines the prevalence of public corruption, the state of human rights, political rights and the rule of law in 149 countries (with populations over one million). World Audit brings together statistics and reports from agencies such as Freedom House, Transparency International, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and The International Commission of Jurists. Their reports monitor and rank each of the 149 nations. For purposes of comparison, they include the table produced by the World Forum of Electoral Democracies. They also provide links to 210 country pages which include World Audit statistics and links to democracy and human rights country reports.

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Web Address at: <http://www.ipu.org/english/home.htm>

- The IPU, established in 1989, is the international organization of Parliaments of sovereign States. The Union is a focal point for global parliamentary dialogue. This site provides access to many IPU resources including:

(i) **PARLINE Database**

Web Address at: <http://www.ipu.org/parline-e/parlinesearch.asp>

- The PARLINE database is regularly updated on the basis of official information provided by national parliaments. For all countries where a national legislature exists, the database provides the following information: general information on each of the parliament's chambers; description of the electoral system; results of the most recent election; information on the presidency of each chamber; and information on the mandate and status of members of parliament. Within the database, countries are grouped geographically for purposes of comparison.

(ii) **PARLIT Library Database**

Web Address at: <http://www.ipu.org/parlit-e/parlitsearch.asp>

- PARLIT is “a unique database of bibliographic references on the role, structure, and working methods of national parliaments, and on electoral systems, constitutional law, history and political science. PARLIT is regularly updated by the Inter-Parliamentary Union for the benefit of those who wish to access references on books and articles dealing with parliamentary law and legislative elections throughout the world.” The database currently includes references to over 7,000 books and studies as well as 30,000 articles taken from approximately 160 periodicals. Although the complete database contains references to publications since 1965, online access is currently limited to data since 1992 only.

Nelson's Political Science Resource Centre

Web Address at: <http://polisci.nelson.com/>

Two useful features of the Nelson Political Science Resource Centre include:

(i) **Canadian Politics on the Web**

Web Address at: <http://polisci.nelson.com/canpol.html>

- This page contains annotated links to hundreds of Internet sites dealing with Canadian politics and government. Many connections are provided to full text documents as well as to graphs and maps. The material has been organized into the following categories: 'Facts,' The Constitution, The Executive, The Legislatures, The Legal System, Civil Rights, Political

Parties, Elections, Interest Groups, Women in Politics, Aboriginal Issues, Federalism, Quebec and National Unity, and Canadian Foreign Policy and National Defence.

(ii) **Government and Politics on the Web**

Web Address at: <http://polisci.nelson.com/introgovt.html>

- This site provides annotated links to hundreds of sites from around the world dealing with government and politics. The links have been organized into a variety of subject headings including: Political Culture, Constitutions, Legislatures, Judicial Systems, Electoral Systems, Gender and Politics, Violence and Political Change, and International Politics.

Guide to Canadian Political Science Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/caninfo/ep032.htm>

- These sources have been selected to assist researchers in locating current information about Canadian government institutions, their structure, the political system and the policy making process. This page is an information service developed by the [Library and Archives Canada](#) to provide links to information about Canada from Internet resources around the world. The guide includes non-government sources in both print and electronic format, including links to many Internet sites and a few online databases.

Other relevant sources might include *Political Science Resources* in Section 4, *Poly-Cy: Internet Resources for Political Science* in Section 4 and *C-SPAN* in Section 19.

(8) Labour, Employment and Income

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Web Address at: <http://www.ilo.org/>

(i) **LABORSTA**

Web Address at: <http://laborsta.ilo.org/>

- LABORSTA online contains statistics for over 200 countries or territories. Statistical categories include:
 - (a) Yearly Statistics of Employment, Unemployment, Hours of Work, Wages, Labour Cost, Consumer Price Indices, Occupational Injuries, and Strikes and Lockouts: 1969-2001.
 - (b) Monthly Statistics of Employment, Unemployment, Hours of Work, Wages, and Consumer Price Indices: 1976-2003.
 - (c) October Inquiry Statistics of Wages and Hours of Work in 159 Occupations: 1983-2001; Retail Prices of 93 Food Items: 1985-2001.

(ii) **International Labour Migration Database**

Web Address at:

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/migrant/ilmdb/ilmdb.htm>

- This site provides information on employment and labour migration (inflows and outflows) for approximately 90 countries. The database allows users to access individual country data and to compare countries. It also contains a wide variety of statistical tables and charts.

(iii) **Labordoc: ILO Library**

Web Address at: <http://labordoc.ilo.org/>

- Labordoc provides international coverage of labour topics including employment, labour relations, labour law, working conditions, vocational training, social security, occupational safety and health, women workers, child labour, migrant workers, economic and social rights, and key labour-related aspects of economic and social development. Overall, it contains more than 350,000 references to employment literature.

(iv) **ILO Databases**

Web Address at: <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/support/lib/dblist.htm>

- In addition to those discussed above, the ILO provides online access to dozens of other labour-related databases, found here.

(v) **World Employment Report 2004**

Web Address at:

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/strat/wer2004.htm>

- The World Employment Report 2004 examines “the impact of the new information and communication technologies on life at work at a time when the global employment situation still remains of considerable concern.”
- While the full report is not available online, the site does offer a *Statistical Annex* which provides tables on ‘Information Technology Indicators’ for nearly all countries, as well as additional tables on employment and labour force participation.
- It also has links to reports on past years, including 2001, 1998, 1996, and 1995. As new reports are completed, they will also be available from this link.

United States Department of Labor

(i) **Bureau of Labor Statistics**

Web Address at: <http://www.bls.gov>

(a) Foreign Labor Statistics: The Foreign Labor Statistics (FLS) program provides international comparisons of hourly compensation costs; productivity and unit labour costs; labour force, employment and unemployment rates; and consumer prices. The comparisons relate primarily to the major industrial countries (16 in total) but other countries are included in certain measures.

Web Address at: <http://www.bls.gov/fls/>

(b) Comparative Civilian Labor Force Statistics: This document presents selected international labour force statistics for 10 countries – the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Data for all 10 countries are shown on most tables. Unless otherwise noted, the data are adjusted to U.S.

concepts. Official unemployment data are derived directly from labour force surveys in most countries.

Web Address at: <http://www.bls.gov/fls/flscomparelf.htm>

(ii) **Bureau of International Labor Affairs**

Web Address at: <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/>

A few key features of this site include:

(a) 2002 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor: This 509-page report presents information on the nature and extent of child labour in 146 countries and territories and the efforts being made by their governments to eliminate its worst forms. The full report is available for download.

Web Address at:

<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/media/reports/iclp/tda2002/overview.htm>

(b) Advancing the Campaign Against Child Labor: Efforts at the Country Level: This 316-page report identifies 33 countries in which child labour is present and documents the laws, policies and programs adopted by those countries to combat it. The report also includes information on the economically active population, unemployment rates, education, and government expenditures on the military, health and education in each country.

Web Address at:

<http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/media/reports/iclp/Advancing1/overview.htm>

(c) International Child Labor Reports: Access numerous reports on child labour from around the world. Many are hundreds of pages in length and most are available in pdf and html formats.

Web Address at: <http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/media/reports/iclp/main.htm>

World Bank: Deininger and Squire Dataset

Web Address at:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTPROGRAMS/EXTPOVRES/EXTDECINEQ/0,,contentMDK:20553792~menuPK:1359556~pagePK:64168445~piPK:64168309~theSitePK:1149316,00.html>

- This site provides information on income inequality for many countries. It contains data on Gini coefficients, cumulative quintile shares, explanations regarding the basis on which the Gini coefficient was computed and the source of the information. There are two datasets, one containing the 'high quality' sample and the other including all the information that had been collected.

Luxembourg Income Study (LIS)

Web Address at: <http://www.lisproject.org/>

- The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) is a non-profit cooperative research project that began in 1983. The LIS database consists of a collection of household income surveys from 25 countries in four world regions: Europe, America, Asia and Oceania. These surveys provide demographic, income and expenditure information on three different levels: household, person and child.
- The Luxembourg Employment Study (LES) is a parent project of LIS that was initiated in 1994 and includes data on labour force characteristics. Both the LIS and LES are databases that integrate and compare surveys of different countries for cross-national research purposes.
- This site also provides a series of working papers, a newsletter archive and access to related databases.
- Note: To utilize the database, researchers must first register with the LIS staff in Luxembourg so that a password and user identification number can be assigned.

LaborNet

Web Address at: www.labornet.org

- LaborNet was founded in 1991 “to build a democratic communication network for the labour movement.” This site provides a number of online resources relating to labour issues and struggles worldwide.

International Reform Monitor

Web Address at: <http://www.reformmonitor.org/>

- This site provides a wide range of information on social policy, labour market policy and industrial relations in 15 OECD-countries including: Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States. It is part of the International Reform Monitor project of the Bertelsmann Foundation.

Economic Policy Institute (EPI)

Web Address at: <http://www.epinet.org/>

- The Economic Policy Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan think tank established in 1986 to broaden the discussion about economic policy to include the interests of low and middle income workers. Its research is focused on five main economic areas: Living Standards/Labour Markets, Government and the Economy, Globalization and Trade, Education and Retirement Policy. Within these categories, the work spans a full range of economic issues. Most data is U.S.-based but some international information is also provided.
- This site contains many downloadable publications as well as a number of *Web Features* including:
 - (a) Economic Indicators: Analyses of government data on income, trade and employment.
 - (b) Economic Snapshots: A weekly presentation of downloadable charts and short analyses designed to graphically illustrate important economic issues. Also see the Snapshots Archive.
 - (c) Issue Guides: Online resources that provide data, charts, fact sheets and links to relevant publications on a variety of topics.
 - (d) Datazone: A series of tables on historical labour market, earnings and income data.
- This site has an RSS feed available at <http://feeds.feedburner.com/epi> for constant updates concerning recent publications and content updates.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): World Income Inequality Database

Web Address at: http://www.wider.unu.edu/research/Database/en_GB/wiid/

- The World Inequality Database “collects and stores information on income inequality for developed, developing and transition countries in an easily retrievable, exportable and analyzable format.” The entire database can be downloaded free of charge. It provides information on income inequalities at both cross-country and time series levels. It presents data on changes in income inequality for 156 countries from 1950 to 2005, with a particular focus on the period since 1980.

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO): Selected Country Statistics

Web Address at: <http://www.unido.org/index.php?id=o3474>

- UNIDO, in collaboration with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), collects and disseminates global statistics. This site provides some basic statistics on trade, labour and wages for countries and regions of the world.

Panel Study of Income Dynamics

Web Address at: <http://psidonline.isr.umich.edu/>

- The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) is a longitudinal study of a representative sample of U.S. individuals (men, women, and children) and the family units in which they reside. The central focus of the data is economic and demographic, detailing income sources and amounts, employment, family composition changes and residential location. While the study emphasizes economic and demographic behaviour, some information is provided using sociological and psychological measures.
- The website's *Data Center* is the most popular means for obtaining PSID data. ASCII or SAS data files can be generated, along with OSIRIS, SAS, SPSS and Stata data definition statements. In addition to the Data Center, data and documentation can also be obtained from the PSID website in the form of pre-packaged files.

Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)

Web Address at: <http://www.cepr.net>

- The Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) was established in 1999 to promote democratic debate on social and economic issues. To this end, CEPR conducts both professional research and public education.

Some of the key features of this site include:

(i) **CEPR Data Resource Project**

Web Address at: <http://www.ceprdata.org/index.php>

- CEPR produces analysis of labour market trends in the United States using nationally representative surveys conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Data from two surveys are available through this link (See *Uniform Data Files*):

(a) *The Current Population Survey (CPS)*: A monthly survey of approximately 50,000 – 60,000 households. It provides cross-sectional data on labour force participation, employment, wages and other variables of interest to social scientists. The CPS also includes a series of

supplements on specific aspects of the labour market, such as job tenure and job displacement.

(b) *The Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)*: The SIPP survey provides monthly data on individuals and follows them for two to four years. This longitudinal dataset allows researchers to track individuals over time, providing insights into issues such as the patterns of job tenure, welfare use, length of time without health insurance, and wage growth for particular workers.

- Note: To access the CPS and SIPP data files, users may either download the Stata programs from the CEPR website or request a CD with the data (in almost any format) by writing to ceprdata@cepr.net.

(ii) **Publications**

Web Address at: <http://www.ceprdata.org/publications/index.php>

- Access hundreds of CEPR publications on a wide variety of social and economic issues. See the *Issues* list on the right of the home page for coverage of specific topics such as globalization, speculative taxation, IMF/World Bank, WTO, Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA), intellectual property rights and patents, social security and labour markets.

(iii) **Economic Data Analysis**

Web Address at: <http://www.cepr.net/content/view/8/108/>

- At standard intervals during the year the U.S. Federal Government releases data on housing, employment, inflation, corporate profitability and the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Following this, CEPR economists produce analyses of the statistics. These are titled Housing Byte, *Jobs Byte*, *Prices Byte*, *Profits Byte*, and *GDP Byte*, respectively. Users may subscribe to the Bytes via email by sending a message with 'Subscribe Bytes' in the subject line to cepr@cepr.net. For more information on the various Bytes, or to receive them via fax, contact Josiane Georges at georges@cepr.net

Cyber Picket Line

Web Address at: <http://www.cf.ac.uk/socsi/union/index.html>

- Cyber Picket Line is an extensive online labour resources directory. See the *World Trade Union Directory* for links to labour unions and other labour organizations around the globe. This site also provides a large collection of trade union resources such as labour movement news,

historical information on organized labour, and links to other labour resources on the Internet.

Global Labour Directory of Directories

Web Address at: <http://www.labourstart.org/gldod.shtml>

- There are numerous websites which offer lists of links to trade union and labour-related websites. This site gathers many of these together, providing an annotated guide to trade union/labour directories on the Internet.

UnionStats

Web Address at: <http://www.unionstats.com/>

- The Unionstats.com Database is “an Internet data resource providing private and public sector union membership, coverage and density estimates compiled from the current population survey using BLS methods.” Estimates for the entire U.S. economy are provided beginning in 1973; estimates by state, detailed industry and detailed occupation begin in 1983; and estimates by metropolitan area begin in 1986. A description of the database is provided in a paper linked through the main site, available in pdf format. Use of figures from the database requires citation of the paper.

Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE)

Web Address at: <http://www.irle.berkeley.edu/>

- The Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE), formerly the Institute of Industrial Relations (IIR), is an Organized Research Unit on the Berkeley Campus of the University of California. It supports multidisciplinary research on labour and employment relations. This site contains information on IRLE and its many programs. Some of the most useful features include:

(i) **The Institute for Research on Labor and Employment**

Web Address at: <http://www.irle.berkeley.edu/library/index.php>

(a) Labor Research Portal (Labour Guides and Web Guides): This section contains various labour-based Internet guides including:

Alternative Forms of Ownership – resources for workers and firms interested in different models of employee participation and ownership.
Globalization – includes resources covering global trade, employment and environmental issues.

Corporate Research: An Online Guide
Union Organizing: A General Guide.

(b) Labor Blog: Provides syndicated, online news about global labour and employment issues, including links to web publishers.

(ii) **Publications**

Web Address at: <http://www.irl.berkeley.edu/publications/index.html>

- This feature provides an extensive listing of full text documents dealing with labour economics, politics, research, wages, industrial relations, etc.

International Labor Rights Fund (ILRF)

Web Address at: <http://www.laborrights.org/>

- The ILRF is an advocacy organization dedicated to achieving just and humane treatment for workers and promoting the enforcement of labour rights worldwide. See the *News and Press* link for access to a wide variety of news and information on labour-related issues around the world. The *Publications* link gives partial access to ILRF articles, papers, speeches, etc. Many of the publications must be purchased but are generally made available at reasonable prices.

Other relevant sources might include the *University of Texas Inequality Project* in Section 18.

(9) Population and Demography / Reproductive Health

Population Reference Bureau (PRB)

Web Address at: <http://www.prb.org/>

- The Population Reference Bureau is a non-profit educational organization which provides information about the population dimensions of important social, economic, and political issues. Its mission is “to be the leader in providing timely and objective information on U.S. and international population trends and their implications.” Articles, datasheets, and reports are provided for a wide range of issues including gender, migration, labour, environment, children, income and poverty.

Key features of PRB online include:

(i) DataFinder

- Allows researchers to search a database containing information on 95 demographic variables for more than 220 countries, 28 regions and sub-regions, the United States as a whole, and individual U.S. states (not all countries have data on all variables).

(ii) The PRB Publications

- PRB's serial and reference publications provide a wide variety of data and analysis on population and health. A few of the materials include: *The World Population Data Sheet*, *The Population Bulletin* and *The Population Handbook*.

(iii) Population Statistics and Links

- This is a resource for population information maintained by the PRB. Users can browse its comprehensive directory of population-related websites – by organization, by region and country, or by topic within countries. It presents information on population topics such as demographic statistics, economics, education, environment, gender, policy and reproductive health.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Web Address at: <http://www.unfpa.org/index.htm>

- UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is the world's largest

international source of funding for population and reproductive health programs. The site contains information and resources on many population-related issues.

Key features of this site include:

(i) **State of World Population**

- A detailed report issued each year (starting in 1996) that details population-related issues, such as urbanization, migration, and poverty, and examines the policies implemented during the year of the report that impact these areas.
- For example, the 2002 report argues that addressing population concerns is crucial for meeting the Millennium Development Goals of cutting global poverty and hunger in half by 2015, reducing maternal and child deaths, curbing HIV/AIDS, advancing gender equality and promoting environmentally sustainable development.

(ii) **Publications**

- A detailed series of publications are provided on a variety of population-related topics including population and reproductive health, water resources, poverty, HIV/AIDS and gender issues.

(iii) **Population and Reproductive Health Country Profiles**

- Individual country profiles are provided pertaining to issues related to population and reproductive health. Country information can also be compared.

United Nations Population Information Network (POPIN)

Web Address at: <http://www.un.org/popin/index.html>

- This site provides a guide to population information on U.N. system websites. A few of the major data sources linked to this site include *World Population Prospects*, *World Urbanization Prospects* and *National Population Policies*. Data is available on particular topics including children, education and literacy, health, refugees and women. Many regional databases can be accessed for Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean and Western Asia. Much of the data is freely available, although some data can be only be obtained by ordering online. The site also provides links to major recurring population publications and to other organizations that deal with population and related issues.

Policies and Programmes on Aging: Statistical Database

Web Address at:

<http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/worldageing19502050/>

- The development of this global policy database on aging was initiated by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of the United Nations. The database contains *population pyramids* for the years 1950, 2000 and 2050, as well as population forecasts from 1950 to 2050 (in 25 year increments). Information is provided for all U.N. member states, as well as by major region and level of development.

Measure DHS: Demographic and Health Surveys

Web Address at: <http://www.measuredhs.com/>

- MEASURE *DHS+* assists developing countries worldwide in the collection and use of data to monitor and evaluate population, health and nutrition programs. Demographic and health surveys provide information on family planning, maternal and child health, child survival, sexually transmitted diseases (including HIV/AIDS) and reproductive health.
- This site provides country statistics and publications for approximately 70 developing countries. Use the *STAT compiler* feature to construct data tables using the 30 most requested indicators across the various surveys.
- Note: In order to access DHS Datasets, you must first become a registered MEASURE *DHS+* user. Once you have registered using the online form, you will be able to apply for access to MEASURE *DHS+* survey datasets. You will also be able to order publications online. These survey datasets are made available under the condition that MEASURE *DHS+* receives an abstract or a detailed description of any project that will be using the data. Therefore, they need to know how the data will be used before authorizing their distribution.

Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI): The World Wide Web of Demography

Web Address at: <http://www.nidi.knaw.nl/en/>

- This site presents a comprehensive overview of demographic resources on the Internet. Currently these pages contain over 500 external links.

United States Census Bureau: IPC Products and Services

Web address at: <http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/publist.html#IPC>

- The International Programs Center (IPC), part of the Population Division of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, conducts demographic and socioeconomic studies. Many of their publications are available online free of charge. See, for example, *World Population Reports*, *International Population Reports*, *International Briefs* and *Women in Development*.

Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics

Web Address at: <http://www.agingstats.gov/>

- In an effort to describe the overall status of the U.S. population age 65 and older, the Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics has produced *Older Americans 2000: Key Indicators of Well-Being*. This report focuses on several important areas in the lives of older people including population, economics, health status, health risks and behaviours, and health care. This is the first in a continuing series of reports the Forum plans to produce.

Census Scope

Web Address at: <http://www.censusscope.org/index.html>

- Census Scope is a tool for investigating U.S. demographic trends, developed by the Social Science Data Analysis Network (SSDAN) at the University of Michigan. This site contains charts, maps, rankings and trends of 1990 and 2000 Census data in areas such as population growth, race, age structure, family structure, income and education. It also features a series of indices which measure the ethnic composition and level of segregation/integration of ethnic groups in different geographical areas.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Web Address at: <http://www.unece.org/>

Two features of UNECE which provide information on population and demography include:

(i) Human Settlements Database

Web Address at: <http://w3.unece.org/stat/HumanSettlements.asp>

- This database provides data on housing and building. Data are collected for the ECE Bulletin of Housing and Building Statistics and through the Country Profiles on the Housing Sector from a number of national and international sources.

(ii) **Demographic Database**

Web Address at: <http://w3.unece.org/stat/pau.asp>

- This database disseminates basic demographic data and indicators on the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, including all the members of the Commonwealth of Independent States. The data collection has recently been expanded to include a large number of Western European countries. Five demographic domains are covered by the database: Population, Population Forecasts, Marriage and Divorce, Fertility and Mortality. Time series generally begin at 1982 and continue up to the most recent available year.

City Population

Web Address at: <http://www.citypopulation.de/>

- On this page and the associated links, users can access a range of population statistics. For many countries, information about the population of their administrative areas and of their principal cities is provided. In addition, it is often possible to visualize the change in population and population density of the administrative areas.
- For every city statistic, a detailed interactive map depicts the location and population of the cities. For many countries, the map visualizes the boundaries, the population density, and the population growth of the administrative areas.

The World Gazetteer

Web Address at: <http://www.world-gazetteer.com/world-gazetteer.com/>

- This site provides current population figures for all countries, their administrative divisions, cities and towns. Summary statistics, additional information and links to other population-related resources can also be easily accessed.

College of Population Studies: Population Information Center

Web Address at: http://www.cps.chula.ac.th/pop_info/eng/pic_en_index.html

- The College of Population Studies was established to promote public and official knowledge of population matters, with a focus on Asia and Thailand in particular. Through its library – the Population Information Center – and associated facilities the College of Population Studies provides information and resources in the area of demography and other related fields, including a number of online databases.

- Some of the key information services provided by this site include *Thailand Demographic Data*, *Databases on Aging*, and *Demographic Reference Sources*. The latter includes a wide collection of links to international agencies and resources on demographic issues including population, aging, reproduction, HIV/AIDS, the environment, etc.
- This site also provides links to two search mechanisms:

(a) *POPLINE*: One of the world's largest databases on reproductive health. It provides more than 300,000 citations with abstracts to scientific articles, reports (published and unpublished) and books in the areas of population, family planning, and related health fields. POPLINE has numerous special features including links to free full text documents, the ability to limit searches to peer-reviewed journal articles, and many abstracts in French and Spanish.

(b) *The Population Index Database*: A primary reference source for the world's population literature. It contains an annotated bibliography of recently published books, journal articles, working papers and other materials on population topics. The website provides a searchable database containing over 45,000 abstracts of demographic literature from the period of 1986 to 2000.

The Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute: The World Wide Web of Demography

Web Address at: <http://www.nidi.knaw.nl/en/links/>

- These pages “present a comprehensive overview of demographic resources on the World Wide Web.” These pages contain over 500 external links. The links include websites on research institutes and organizations in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America and Oceania, as well as those that are international in scope. The site also provides links to demographic information resources, literature, survey and data facilities, databases, and more.

Population Action International (PAI)

Web Address at: <http://www.populationaction.org/>

- Population Action International (PAI) is “an independent policy group working to strengthen public awareness and political and financial support worldwide for population programs grounded in individual rights.” It attempts to clearly identify the linkages between population, reproductive

health, the environment and development. See PAI *Fact Sheets* and their *Publication Library* for freely available resources in the areas of population, policy, family planning, reproductive health and environmental issues.

Internet Resources for Demographers

Web Address at: <http://home.comcast.net/~tdgryn/demog.html>

- This site is a guide to available Internet resources in the areas of demography, population, reproductive health, and other related subjects.

Population Research Institute (PRI): SAS Online Data Archive for Population Studies

Web Address at: <http://sodapop.pop.psu.edu/>

- The SAS Online Data Archive for Population Studies (SodaPOP) is a “web-based system that allows PRI affiliates to extract data from SAS data sets and view codebooks and other documentation online.” Most datasets deal exclusively with the United States. The SodaPop system gives access to some of the most commonly used datasets and documentation in the PRI data archive. All users have the ability to access online documentation, search for variables and extract data subsets.
- Note: Non-Penn State users have full access to everything but the extract system without restriction and can request permission to extract data by stating the purpose of the research in an email. If the application is approved, a temporary password will be issued.

University of Wisconsin – Madison Center for Demography and Ecology: Data Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/library/datares.htm>

There are a number of population related resources, including the following.

(i) **Data Resources in Aging**

Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cdha/data/dataresources.html>

- This page is designed to aid researchers interested in cross-sectional studies, time series, contextual data, and other data relevant to research on aging. Approximately 55 studies and datasets have been highlighted in order to provide access to studies of the sociological, economic and medical aspects of aging. Although this selection of studies is relatively

small, the archives, government agencies and NGOs listed on this site serve as a gateway to hundreds more.

(ii) **Demographic Internet Resources**

Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/library/demores.htm>

- This page provides a large collection of links to online resources in many subject areas relating to demography including health/vital statistics, family studies, migration, aging, labour, poverty, education, as well as more general demographic and population sites.

IPUMS – International

Web Address at: <https://international.ipums.org/international/>

- IPUMS – International collects and distributes census data from around the world. The current release of the IPUMS-International database is a preliminary version. It consists of 22 samples of census micro-data from seven countries and contains records for 49 million people. In order to use the data for research purposes, users must apply for access. The application must include a description of the research project. For more information on how to use the IPUMS – International Data Extraction System, see the following address:
<https://international.ipums.org/international-action/faq.do>
- For data specific to the United States, visit IPUMS – USA:
<http://usa.ipums.org/usa/>

United States Census Bureau: World Population Information

Web Address at: <http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/worldpopinfo.html>

- This site provides current world population data, historical population estimates, and future population projections.

University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center: Links for Demographers

Web Address at: <http://www.pop.upenn.edu/resources/links.html>

- A large collection of links for individuals conducting research in demography. Includes a list of research organizations, professional associations, search engines and guides to Internet resources.

Other relevant sources might include *University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center: Survey on the Status of Women and Fertility Data* in Section 23.

(10) Ecology and the Environment

World Resources Institute (WRI)

Web Address at: <http://about.wri.org/>

- The World Resources Institute (WRI) is an independent environmental research and policy organization that works closely with governments, the private sector, and civil society groups in more than 100 countries around the world. Its work is concentrated on achieving progress toward four main goals: 1) protecting the earth's living systems; 2) increasing access to environmental information; 3) creating sustainable enterprise and opportunity; and 4) reversing global warming. The scale of WRI's activity ranges from local studies to national, regional and global assessments.

(i) ***Global topics***: Specific global topics and information sources are grouped as follows:

- (a) Agriculture and food
- (b) Biodiversity and protected areas
- (c) Business and economics
- (d) Climate change and energy
- (e) Coastal and marine ecosystems
- (f) Resource and materials use
- (g) Governance and institutions
- (h) Forests, grasslands and drylands
- (i) Population, health and human well-being
- (j) Water Resources and freshwater ecosystems

(ii) ***Earth Trends: The Environmental Information Portal***

Web Address at: <http://earthtrends.wri.org/>

- Earth Trends is an online collection of information concerning environmental, social and economic trends, and is a derivative of WRI's *World Resources Report*. It offers a large collection of statistical, graphic and analytical data in easily accessible formats. All of these resources are made available at no charge. For each of the 10 global topics listed in section (i) above, Earth Trends contains the following features:
 - (a) Searchable Database – explores time series data for more than 500 variables and 250 countries.
 - (b) Data Tables – tables containing the most vital statistics on each topic area, for over 150 countries.

(c) Maps – view hundreds of maps presenting global, regional, and country level environmental information. The maps include descriptive text and analysis, as well as information about how each one was developed.

(d) Features – read articles about the most important conditions and trends in environmental and sustainable development.

(e) Provides a link to *Watersheds of the World* – a special collection of River Basin Data. This site provides maps of land cover, population density and biodiversity for 154 basins and sub-basins around the world. It lists indicators and variables for each of these basins and, where appropriate, provides links and references to relevant information. It also contains 20 global maps portraying relevant water resources issues.

(f) Provides a link to the WRI *Poverty Resource* which includes maps and country profiles where you can view charts, graphs, and vital statistics about key variables in each topic area, organized by country.

Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN)

Web Address at: <http://www.ciesin.org/aboutus.html>

- CIESIN, at Columbia University, was established in 1989 as an independent non-governmental organization to provide information that “would help scientists, decision-makers and the public better understand the changing relationship between human beings and the environment.” CIESIN is engaged in a number of research areas that address the impacts of human activities and institutional arrangements on the environment, and the ways in which environmental change affects human health and welfare.

(i) Programs and Projects

- CIESIN has two major programs that constitute the bulk of its activities:

(a) Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center (SEDAC): Funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), SEDAC is one of eight Distributed Active Archive Centers, and the only one to focus on socioeconomic data. The role of SEDAC is to act as a bridge between the earth and social science research communities.

Web Address at: <http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/>

SEDAC Projects are designed to help users synthesize and apply earth science and socioeconomic data and information in their research and analysis. Project topics include: Population, Land Use and Emissions Data, Environmental Treaties and Resource

Indicators, Ozone and Human Health, and Climate Change
Integrated Assessment Modeling.

SEDAC *Data Resources* include:

- *Archive of Census-Related Projects*
- *China Dimensions Data Collection*: guides for and access to a collection of data resources on the People's Republic of China.
- *Environmental Treaty Texts*: full texts of more than 140 environmental agreements.
- *Human Footprint Dataset*: this dataset analyzes the geographic extent of human impacts on the environment.
- *Gridded Population of the World*: global demographic dataset providing consistent population estimates. Collection includes maps, documentation and data for online viewing and downloading.
- *LandScan*: a worldwide population database.
- *Last of the Wild Dataset*: created to facilitate policy-making aimed at conserving those areas of the world least influenced by human activity.

SEDAC *Information Resources* include:

Adaptations to Climate Change in Multiple Regions and Sectors (AIACC): this website facilitates access to data, software, and bibliographic resources related to climate impacts, adaptation and vulnerability.

AIDS Data Animation Project: still frames and animation of spatial trends for 1981 to 1993 related to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Thematic Guides to Key Environmental Issues including: global population projections, land use and land cover change, agriculture, ozone depletion, political institutions, climate change, etc.

(b) U.S. Global Change Research Information Office (GCRIO): The GCRIO provides access to data and information on climate change research, adaptation/mitigation strategies and technologies, and global change-related educational resources.

Web Address at: <http://www.gcrio.org/>

OnLine Documents: hundreds of available documents related to the environment and climate change.

Showcase Links: links to other sources of information on the environment and climate change.

Global Change Resources: information on the environment and climate change broken down by category.

(ii) **Collaboration**

- CIESEN also collaborates on a variety of projects that incorporate many dimensions of environmental change and sustainability themes. Three of these include:

(a) Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI): The ESI is a project of the World Economic Forum's Global Leaders for Tomorrow Environment Task Force in collaboration with CIESIN and the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy. The Index measures environmental sustainability along five major axes, developed for 142 countries. Web Address at: <http://ciesin.columbia.edu/indicators/ESI/>

(b) Sustainable Rural Development Information System (SRDIS): A specialized library of online resources. The objective is to identify and organize the information most useful to resolving rural issues of global, national and local importance. The site includes country profiles and case studies. Web Address at: <http://srdis.ciesin.columbia.edu/>

(c) World Data Center for Human Interactions in the Environment (WDC): This virtual data center facilitates access to and exchange of selected socioeconomic data (particularly demographic data) and promotes the integration of these data with geophysical and ecological data. Web Address at: <http://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/wdc/>

(iii) **Data and Information**

Web Address at: <http://www.ciesin.org/data.html>

- Browse by Subject: locate data, applications and information within the CIESEN website organized by subject (see *Online Tools and Applications* and *Downloadable Data*). Subjects include: Agriculture, Biodiversity and Ecosystems, Climate Change, Environmental Assessment and Modeling, Environmental Health, Environmental Treaties, Indicators, Land Use/Land Cover Change, Population, and Remote Sensing for Human Dimensions Research

(iv) **Education and Outreach**

Web Address at: <http://www.ciesin.org/outreach.html>

(a) Publications: This section includes reports, articles, conference presentations, and newsletters prepared by CIESIN staff and associates. Some are available online, whereas others can be obtained by contacting the appropriate CIESIN staff member.

(b) Educational Resources: CIESIN has numerous online educational resources for K-12 teachers and students, college classrooms, and graduate level education and research.

Center for Global Environmental Research (CGER)

Web Address at: <http://www-cger.nies.go.jp/index.html>

- Located in Japan, the mission of the Center for Global Environmental Research (CGER) is “To promote scientific understanding of the consequences of human activities on the earth system and to propose countermeasures to these consequences.” This site provides access to dozens of datasets and data books dealing with global environmental issues, with a particular focus on climate change and environmental degradation. Click on the *Data* link at the top of the page for access to these data.

PopPlanet

Web Address at: <http://popplanet.org/PopPlanet/>

- PopPlanet is “a resource of current country specific information on key population, environment and health issues. Topics include: biological, flora and mineral resources; water pollution and scarcity; land resources and degradation; health services; and health impacts from the environment.” Information is contained in the form of essays, reports, books, news articles, directories of organizations and services, maps and charts, photographs, databases and other materials.
- A few of PopPlanet’s resources include: the *PopLine Bibliography*, a database from the Population Information Program at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health; *PopEnvironment Linkages*, which includes abstracts and links to over 14,000 books, reports, articles, organizations and other materials; and *Country Profiles* for 15 countries including Madagascar, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Singapore, Philippines and Thailand.

Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center (CDIAC)

Web Address at: <http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov/>

- The Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center (CDIAC) is the primary global-change data and information analysis center of the U.S. Department

of Energy (DOE). The CDIAC “responds to data and information requests from users all over the world who are concerned with the greenhouse effect and global climate change.” CDIAC's data holdings include records of the concentrations of carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere, the effects of the terrestrial biosphere and oceans on greenhouse gases, the consequences of carbon dioxide emissions, the vulnerability of coastal areas to rising sea levels, and long-term climate trends.

Climate Action Network (CAN)

Web Address at: <http://www.climatenetwork.org>

- The Climate Action Network (CAN) is “a worldwide network of over 340 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working to promote government and individual action to limit human-induced climate change to ecologically sustainable levels.” CAN works collaboratively with environmental organizations from around the globe, ranging from large international groups such as Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth, to small local groups in developing countries.

Climate Solutions

Web Address at: <http://climatesolutions.org/>

- The mission of Climate Solutions is “to stop global warming at the earliest point possible by helping the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia become world leaders in practical and profitable solutions.” This site contains some free publications as well as hundreds of web links related to global warming and energy efficiency.

Global Change Master Directory (GCMD)

Web address at: <http://gcmd.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

- NASA's Global Change Master Directory (GCMD) provides descriptions of over 3,900 earth science datasets and services relevant to global change research. The GCMD database includes descriptions of datasets covering agriculture, the atmosphere, biosphere, cryosphere, oceans, snow and ice, geology and geophysics, paleoclimatology, spectral and engineering, terrestrial hydrosphere and rivers, and human dimensions of global change. The online address of many of these datasets is provided for users who wish to obtain them.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Web Address at: <http://www.epa.gov/>

- The EPA’s website contains data, statistics, reports and publications on environmental issues. Information is organized into several broad categories including: Air, Compliance and Enforcement, Ecosystems, Environment Cleanup, Environmental Management, Economics, Emergencies, Human Health, International Cooperation, Pollutants/Toxins, Pollution Prevention, Treatment and Control, Wastes and Water.
- In addition to information on the United States, this site provides a selection of international resources which include (but are not limited to) the following: Country and Regional Programs, Global Climate Change, Treaties and Agreements, Border Issues, Partnerships/Networks, Environmental Policy and Ozone Depletion. To access these resources, see the *International Cooperation* link found within the *Browse EPA Topics* link on the left hand side of the main page.

World Data Center System

Web Address at: <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/wdc/wdcmain.html>

- The World Data Center System is managed by the Panel on World Data Centres. It was created by the International Council for Science (ICSU) to preserve the data resulting from large-scale international scientific enterprises. Today the Panel oversees over forty World Data Centres which are responsible for collecting, archiving, and distributing a wide range of data for monitoring changes in the geosphere and biosphere.

To access the *List of Data Holdings*, see:

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/wdc/datalists/index.html>

Environmental Research Foundation (ERF)

Web Address at: http://www.rachel.org/home_eng.htm

- The Environmental Research Foundation (ERF) was founded in 1980. Its main goal is to “strengthen democracy by helping people find the information they need to fight for environmental justice in their own communities.” The organization specializes in information on hazardous substances and hazardous technologies, including landfills, incinerators, pesticides, organochlorine compounds, risk assessments, and their effects on human and environmental health. Search the online library by choosing one or more of the following subject topics: Agriculture and Food Security, Economics and Inequality, Workers and Labour, Air Pollution, Community Participation and Democracy, Corporations, Water Issues, Energy and Transportation, Bio,-Nano,- and Genetic Engineering, Environmental Justice and Racism, Human Rights and Waste Management.

EnviroLink: The Online Environmental Community

Web Address at: <http://www.envirolink.org/index.html>

- EnviroLink is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, up-to-date, environmental news and information. In addition to being an information resource, EnviroLink provides non-profit organizations in the environmental and animal rights communities with free Internet services. Search the extensive collection of online resources organized under a multitude of environmental topics and sub-topics.

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Web Address at: <http://www.unep.org/>

A few of the many online resources provided by UNEP include:

(i) **Data Collections**

Global Resource Information Database (GRID) Datasets: This collection of datasets deal with a multitude of environmental issues organized under the following headings: Atmosphere, Biodiversity, Boundaries, Climate, Ecological/Life Zones, 'Human-related Issues,' Hydrology, Land Cover, Oceans and Seas, Physical Geography, Soils and Vegetation.

Web Address at:

<http://www.unep.org/Documents.Multilingual/default.asp?documentid=166&articleid=3333>

The GEO Data Portal: The "Authoritative source for datasets used by UNEP and its partners in the Global Environment Outlook (GEO) report and other environment assessments." Its online database holds more than 400 different variables as statistics or as geospatial datasets (maps). Topics include Freshwater, Population, Forests, Emissions, Climate, Disasters, Health and GDP. Users can display the variables as maps, graphs, data tables or download the data in different formats.

Web Address at: <http://geodata.grid.unep.ch/>

(ii) **Global Environmental Outlook 3**

Web Address at: <http://www.unep.org/GEO/geo3/>

- This comprehensive and informative UNEP collaborative project provides an overview of major environmental developments between 1972 and 2002. The volume integrates environmental, social and economic factors

within a unified world view which includes past, present and future perspectives. The entire volume is available online.

(iii) **Global Environmental Outlook 4**

Web Address at: <http://www.unep.org/geo/geo4/>

- GEO-4 differs from previous GEO reports in terms of scope, analytical framework, and findings. Each report had a different baseline and time period under review; GEO-3 took at 30 year retrospective, from 1972-2002, whereas GEO-4 looks at environmental trends as well as changes in policies and institutions since 1987. It also goes far beyond GEO-3 in outlook for the future providing scenarios up to 2050 while the GEO-3 report scenarios stop in 2030.
- The GEO-4 report presents evidence of unprecedented environmental change, within a new conceptual framework based on human well-being, vulnerability (both of ecosystems and people in developed and developing countries), and “natural capital.” The GEO-4 authors look at the environment through a natural capital lens, the approach that will help appeal to finance and economics ministers, and be more accessible for a wider audience.
- GEO-4 is the first in the GEO report series which comprehensively recognizes climate change as one of the most important threats to the human environment and development

(iv) **World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) – Conservation Databases**

Web address at: <http://www.unep-wcmc.org/>

- UNEP-WCMC maintains a large collection of databases concerning nature conservation, developed in collaboration with a range of partners. In addition to the databases, this site provides reports and an interactive map service dealing with various aspects of environmental conservation.

The databases available on this site include:

Species Information: Databases and information on the world's species of conservation concern.

Protected Areas: Information on protected areas of the world, including the World Heritage Database and Protected Areas Virtual Library.

Forest Information Service: Maps, statistics and database on the world's forests.

Marine: Summary tables of marine statistics and maps of the world's marine and coastal resources.

National Biodiversity Profiles: Facts, figures and information on the state of biological diversity for a number of countries.

UNEP-WCMC Resource Centre: Online catalogue database of formally and informally published information on biodiversity.

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Web Address at: <http://www.ipcc.ch/>

- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) “was established by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to assess scientific, technical and socioeconomic information relevant for the understanding of climate change, its potential impacts and options for adaptation and mitigation.” Nobel Peace Prize winners in 2007.

Three related features of this site include:

(i) IPCC Fourth Assessment Report – Climate Change 2007

- This IPCC report comprises three separate volumes related to global climate change. The first assesses the scientific aspects of the climate system and climate change. The second assesses the vulnerability of socioeconomic and natural systems to climate change, negative and positive consequences of climate change and options for adapting to it. The third assesses options for limiting greenhouse gas emissions and otherwise mitigating climate change. The entire report is available for download and can be found on the IPCC home page.

(ii) Publications

- Synthesis Reports, Technical Papers and CD-ROMs can be obtained free of charge from the IPCC Secretariat. Methodology guidelines and supporting material can also be obtained from the IPCC Secretariat or a Technical Support Unit as indicated. The full text of IPCC Special Reports published since 1998 can be accessed from the website. Summaries of these and other IPCC Reports as well as IPCC Technical Papers are provided as .pdf files. They can be accessed directly from the list of publications.

(iii) The ICPP Data Distribution Center (DDC)

Web Address at: <http://ipcc-ddc.cru.uea.ac.uk/index.html>

- The DDC distributes a number of datasets that are commonly used in the construction and application of climate change scenarios for climate change impact assessments. These datasets are available to registered users. The intention is to provide a common set of scenario data for use in climate impacts research. The DDC is located through a separate ICPP website.

Environmental Working Group

Web Address at: <http://www.ewg.org/>

- The Environmental Working Group (EWG) is an environmental research organization dedicated to improving public health and protecting the environment by reducing pollution in air, water and food. This website contains extensive research resources on health and the environment, including a wide variety of online reports. Issues covered include toxic substances, pesticides, drinking water and air pollution. It also contains various databases including a farm subsidies database, nuclear waste route map, and archives of internal chemical industry documents.

Environmental Security Database

Web Address at: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/pcs/database/libintro.htm>

- The Environmental Security Database “contains information on books, journal articles, papers, and newspaper clippings relating to the study of the links between environmental stress and violent conflict in developing countries.” The database functions as a research aid. Much of the items cited in the database can be found through local research libraries. Overall, the database includes approximately 20,000 items, with information from related fields such as ecological sciences, demography, development studies, economics, political science, conflict studies, anthropology and regional studies.

Friends of the Earth International

Web Address at: <http://www.foei.org/>

- Friends of the Earth International is a worldwide federation of national environmental organizations which seek to promote environmentally sustainable development at the local, national, regional and global levels. Among other features, this site offers an extensive collection of publications (sometimes hundreds of pages in length) dealing with many environmental issues including agriculture, biodiversity, climate,

corporate behaviour, desertification, energy, forests, mining, pollution, trade and water. Most publications can be accessed online through this site.

Global Environmental Information Center (GEIC)

Web Address at: <http://www.geic.or.jp/index-e.html>

- GEIC represents a joint initiative of the United Nations University and the Ministry of the Environment, Japan. The most useful feature of this site for researchers is the large collection of environmental publications (including books, reports and working papers), the majority of which can be downloaded free of charge.

Natural Resources Defence Council

Web Address at: <http://www.nrdc.org/>

- A diverse site from a major U.S. organization in the environmental field, it features a sophisticated directory, a newsletter, a magazine, reports, policy analyses, and a section of in-depth information on issues ranging from global warming to nuclear arms.

World Economy, Ecology, and Development Organization (WEED)

Web Address at: <http://www.weed-online.org/themen/english.html>

- WEED is a German research group specializing in global environmental and governance issues. This site offers hundreds of publications and reports, the majority of which can be accessed free of charge.

World Watch Institute

Web Address at: <http://www.worldwatch.org/>

- The World Watch Institute is “a leading source of information on the interactions among key environmental, social, and economic trends.” Their work revolves around the transition to an environmentally sustainable and socially just society. Browse the *Resource Center* for comprehensive information on a wide range of environmental topics including climate change, energy, globalization and governance, food, water, urbanization, health, population, gender, biodiversity, ecosystems and pollution.
- See the *Publications* section for World Watch papers, books and other writings. Although some of the Institute’s more recent publications must be paid for, a collection of free .pdf documents is contained within this section. These documents are available for download and include various editions and/or chapters of prominent World Watch publications such as:

State of the World: This annual publication acts as a resource for those committed to nurturing a safe and healthy global environment through policy and action.

Vital Signs: Provides comprehensive information on key trends and includes tables and graphs that help readers assess important ecological and social developments.

World Watch Papers: Each 50-70 page paper provides analysis and commentary on a key environmental topic.

World Watch Magazine: This bi-monthly magazine documents the latest developments in population growth, climate change, species extinction, and the rise of new forms of human governance.

Books: Includes titles such as *Vanishing Borders: Protecting the Planet in the Age of Globalization* (2000) by Hilary French and *Beyond Malthus: Nineteen Dimensions of the Population Challenge* (1999) by Lester Brown, Gary Gardner and Brian Halweil.

- Note: To access these free publications, users must first register with the World Watch Institute website.

World Meteorological Organization (WMO): Distributed Databases

Web Address at: <http://www.wmo.ch/>

- This site provides a large number of links to environmental data.

Environmental Media Services (EMS) and Science Communication Network

Web Address at: <http://www.ems.org/>

- The EMS / SCN is dedicated to encouraging environmental public health scientists and medical practitioners to contribute to public discussions about their work through the media and thereby elevate the quality and quantity of environmental health reporting. It is a “nonprofit communications clearinghouse dedicated to expanding media coverage of critical environmental and public health issues.”

Earth

Web Address at: <http://www.alexandria.ucsb.edu/other-sites/Earth.html>

- This site contains a massive collection of links to reference resources related to the earth and the environment: oceans, forests, continents, climate change, the atmosphere, geography, oceanography, demography, agriculture, etc. It also includes several kinds of maps and geographic information system (GIS) resources. The contents of the site can be searched by world region, or alphabetically by subject and title.

Ted Trainer

Web Address available at:

http://www.mnforsustain.org/trainer_fe_simon_lovins_critique.htm

- Located at this link is some of Ted Trainers work on the limits to growth vs. natural capitalism debate. “The dominant conventional assumption is that industrial-affluent-consumer societies can be made sustainable by technical advances which dramatically reduce resource use and environmental impacts per unit of output, and thereby avoid any need to abandon the present commitments to affluent living standards and economic growth. Two influential supporters of this general position are discussed, viz., Julian Simon and Amory Lovins. Most attention is given to the latter's assumptions regarding energy, which it is concluded are seriously mistaken. This critical discussion reaffirms the limits to growth perspective. It is concluded that sustainability can only be achieved by radical change to a fundamentally different society, identified as The Simpler Way*.”

IIED (International Institute for Environment and Development)

Web Address at: <http://www.iied.org/>

- The IIED is an international policy research institute and non-governmental body working for more sustainable and equitable global development. Acting as a catalyst, broker and facilitator, the IIED works to help vulnerable groups find their voice and ensure their interests are heard in decision-making.
- Environmental sustainability is a core concern, but with the caveat that they are not a "green" organization that is focused only on ecological conservation, while ignoring people's livelihoods.

Other relevant sources might include: Global Witness in Section 15, the University of Wisconsin – Madison Centre for Demography and Ecology in Section 4, the Action

Group on Erosion, Technology, and Concentration (ETC Group) in Section 6, the People-Centred Development Forum in Section 6, and Capitalism 3.0 in Section 21.

(11) Energy

International Energy Agency

Web Address at: <http://www.iea.org/oi0069>

- The International Energy Agency is an autonomous organization linked with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). It provides energy-related information for 26 member countries. The organization describes itself as “the authoritative source for energy statistics worldwide.”
- This site contains publications, reports, country studies, statistical data and a host of related information on the environment and other energy-related topics (much of which is freely accessible). Click on the ‘Statistics’ link on the left of the main page to access *Selected Energy Statistics* (including amongst others, *Key World Energy Statistics* and *Renewables Information*. Both are updated annually and available in pdf format).

Energy Information Administration (EIA)

Web Address at: <http://eia.doe.gov/>

- The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is a statistical agency of the U.S. Department of Energy. This website provides “policy-independent data, forecasts, and analyses to promote sound policy-making, efficient markets, and public understanding regarding energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment.”
- The site includes detailed publications, historical studies, and statistics on a large number of energy-related issues. It also contains datasets relating to the environmental impacts of energy consumption. Two useful links to international data which are located within the ‘Environment’ section are: *International Emissions Data* and *International Energy Outlook Emissions Projections*. Overall, the site provides a comprehensive body of energy-related information.

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

Web Address at: <http://www.opec.org/>

- OPEC is an international organization of eleven developing countries which are heavily reliant on oil revenues as their main source of income.

- The *Publications* section of this site contains reports and statistics that can be downloaded free of charge. For example, the *Annual Statistical Bulletin (ASB)* contains tables, charts and graphs detailing the world's oil and gas reserves, crude oil and product output, exports, refining, tankers, plus economic and other data. As well, the *Monthly Oil Market Report* contains a wealth of information, including developments in the world economy, supply and demand, crude and product stocks, and data on oil prices.

BP Reports and Publications

Web Address at:

<http://www.bp.com/multipleimagesection.do?categoryId=6840&contentId=7021557>

- The most interesting publication from BP is the Statistical Review of World Energy, a source of historical energy data that has been published annually since 1951. This site provides access to the full most recent version of the report. It also allows for specific sections of the report to be accessed individually. These sections include: Oil, Natural Gas, Coal, Nuclear Energy, Hydroelectricity, Primary Energy, Renewable Energy and Electricity. See the *Downloads* page for a full list of available downloads.

Sustainable Energy and Economy Network (SEEN)

Web Address at: <http://www.seen.org/index.shtml>

- The Sustainable Energy and Economy Network (SEEN) “works in partnership with citizens groups nationally and globally on environment, human rights and development issues with a focus on energy, climate change, environmental justice, gender equity, and economic issues, particularly as these play out in North/South relations.” To promote understanding of these issues, SEEN has created separate web pages dealing with energy, human rights, corporate subsidies and climate change. These can be found by clicking on the *Key Issues* icon at the top of the home page. In addition, many of SEEN’s reports can be freely accessed.
- SEEN’s research output is also made available through its *Global Online Database*. The database represents an attempt to document how the World Bank and other international financial institutions contribute to environmental destruction. SEEN’s research team analyzes the annual reports, online databases and publications of international financial institutions to discover what projects are being financed and their effects on the environment. For many database records, this data is supplemented with information from news articles, corporate reports and non-governmental organizations. Some of this information is also contained in the database maps. The map search feature also provides a visual

landscape of those areas of the world where fossil fuel and renewable energy projects are concentrated.

(12) Agriculture / Food and Water

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Web Address at: <http://www.fao.org>

(i) **Statistical Databases**

Web Address at: http://www.fao.org/waicent/portal/statistics_en.asp

There are many relevant statistical databases available for browsing. The following is a non-exhaustive list of some examples:

Faostat: A useful online multilingual database containing over one million time series records from over 210 countries and territories covering statistics in the following areas: Production, Trade, Food Balance Sheets, Fertilizer and Pesticides, Land Use and Irrigation, Forest and Fishery Products, Agriculture, Population and Food Aid.

Aquastat: FAO's global information system of water and agriculture. It provides users with comprehensive statistics on the state of agricultural water management across the world, with emphasis on developing countries and countries in transition.

Fishstat: The system provides users with access to Fishery Statistics of various sorts. The system consists of the main module and the datasets.

Foris: Contains statistics on forests and forestry issues on a country-by-country basis including forest cover, volume and biomass, plantations and fires.

Terrastat: Land resource potential and constraints statistics at country and regional levels.

(ii) **Country Information**

Web Address at: http://www.fao.org/waicent/portal/countryinfo_en.asp

Country Profiles and Mapping Information System: The FAO Country Profiles and Mapping Information System provides an archive of information on agriculture and food security within a single online portal, with groupings by country and thematic area. The system brings together documents, statistical data, project details and maps.

Aquastat Country Profiles: The Aquastat country profiles describe the state of water resources and agricultural water use in the respective country. Special attention is given to the water resource, irrigation and drainage sub-sectors.

Fisheries Country Profiles: FAO's Fisheries Department prepares and publishes Fishery Country Profiles. Each FCP summarizes the Department's assessment of activities and trends in fisheries and aquaculture for the country concerned.

Forestry Country Profiles: The forestry country profiles provide detailed information on forests and the forest sector; forest cover (types, extent and change), forest management, policies, products and trade. In total, this feature offers approximately 30 pages of information for each country in the world.

Nutrition Country Profiles: The Nutrition Country Profiles provide concise analytical summaries describing the food and nutrition situation in individual countries.

(iii) **Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture (GIEWS)**

Web Address at: <http://www.fao.org/giews/english/giewse.htm>

- Includes publications and reports as well as online databases related to global food distribution and supply.

(iv) **World Agriculture Information Centre**

Web Address at: http://www.fao.org/waicent/index_en.asp

- This site provides databases and information systems on a large number of topics related to global agricultural practices. Subject areas include (but are not limited to) the following: Agriculture and Economic Policy, Cross Cutting Issues, Environment, Farming Systems, Fisheries, Forestry, Genetic Resources, Land and Water, Livestock, Nutrition and Food Safety, Plant Production, Rural and Social Development, Sustainable Development, Trade and Agro-business and Food Security.

(v) **The State of Food and Agriculture**

Web Address at: http://www.fao.org/es/esa/en/pubs_sofa.htm

- Primarily a textual file of agriculture issues worldwide and in individual countries. It includes summary graphs of agriculture, fisheries, and forestry production, as well as food shortages and foreign assistance. The report is issued annually (starting in 1993), and all archived editions are available for download. New reports are released in November.

(vi) **Trade and Markets**

Web Address at: <http://www.fao.org/es/ESC/en/index.html>

- Statistics, research, prices, projections and market data on 20+ commodities.
- The biennial *Commodity Market Review* can also be downloaded through this site. It provides an analysis of developments in agricultural commodity markets and information on many major issues identified by the FAO as crucial to commodity market developments. In the 2003-2004 edition, these included: falling commodity prices, food import bills for developing countries, food emergencies, tariff escalation, and the impact of the Doha Development Round of the WTO on developing countries. Issues discussed change from edition to edition.

(vii) **World Census of Agriculture**

Web Address at:

<http://www.fao.org/WAICENT/FAOINFO/ECONOMIC/ESS/census/>

- This site contains data on socioeconomic, agricultural and environmental indicators. The tables show totals by regional, geographical and economic groupings. Descriptions of groups are given under Country Groupings. Also available through this site is the 1990 Results of National Censuses of Agriculture (Volume 9), which provides primary results of the national agricultural censuses taken from 1986 to 1995 for 80 countries. It contains international comparison tables concerning the main characteristics of agricultural structures, such as the number and area of holdings, land tenure and land use for 80 countries. The census is conducted decennially, and reports are issued in the same time frame.

USDA Economics and Statistics System

Web Address at: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/>

- The USDA Economics and Statistics System “contains nearly 300 reports and datasets from the economics agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These materials cover U.S. and international agriculture and

related topics.” Most of the reports are in text files. Most of the datasets are in spreadsheet format and include regularly updated, time series data.

- Search the website or browse for reports and datasets by clicking one of the subject headings: Agriculture Baseline Projections, Farm Sector Economics, Field Crops, Food, Technology and Weather, International Agriculture, Land/Water and Conservation, Livestock, Dairy and Poultry, Rural Affairs, Specialty Agriculture and Trade Issues.

Economic Research Service (ESR): U.S. Department of Agriculture

Web Address at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/>

Two key features of this site include:

(i) Data by Topic

Web Address: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/catalog/ShowMappedTopics.asp?pdt=1>

- The ESR *Data by Topic* feature provides a large collection of agriculturally-related datasets and information. Much of the data specifically concerns the United States but an abundance of international data is located here as well, including statistics for individual countries organized under the *International Agriculture* section.

(ii) Publications

Web Address at: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/catalog/ShowMappedTopics.asp?pdt=2>

- The ESR *Publications by Topic* feature provides a collection of agriculturally-related publications. Again, much of the data is U.S. based but international data is also provided. See the *International Agriculture* section for information on specific countries and global analysis.

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Web Address at: <http://www.ifpri.org/>

- The mission of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) is to “identify and analyze policies for sustainability meeting the food needs of the developing world.” IFPRI makes most of its results and products freely available to the public.

Some of the key resources of this site include:

(i) **Publications**

- IFPRI provides access to hundreds of its articles, discussion papers, newsletters, research and policy reports, as well as a collection of collaborative publications. These are mainly in the areas of food policy, food security, the politics of agriculture, resource allocation, poverty, sustainable development, environmental impacts, malnutrition and other related topics. Most documents are available for download in pdf format. Publications can be accessed through the *Publications* link and also through the *2020 Vision* link.
- IFPRI also provides a collection of online books and booklets. To access these, click on the *Publications* link at the left of the main page, then use the ‘choose a product’ function to search for books. Aside from the full books listed below, other smaller booklets and occasionally book chapters are available in the same section.

(a) *World Water and Food to 2025: Dealing With Scarcity*: 338-page book dealing with global food and water resources, potential future scenarios, resource scarcity, human security, sustainable development, etc. The authors investigate the implications of water scarcity for human beings and for the environment. For direct access, see the following address:
<http://www.ifpri.org/pubs/books/water2025/water2025.pdf>

(b) *Sustainable Food Security for All by 2020 – Proceedings of an International Conference*: This is a collection of presentations by more than 70 speakers at a major international conference on food security in Bonn, Germany. It also includes summaries of the subsequent discussions, results of polls taken during the conference, and other highlights. Overall, the publication comprises nearly 300 pages of information about food security, global demographics, health and nutrition, globalization and poverty, world politics, as well as socio-political forces related to these issues. For direct access, see the following address:
<http://www.ifpri.org/pubs/books/2020conpro/2020conpro.pdf>

(c) *Global Food Projection to 2020: Emerging Trends and Alternative Futures*: The authors give their best assessment of what the future food situation will be in the baseline scenario. They also examine the effects of changes in policy, technology and lifestyles through two sets of alternative scenarios. One set explores changes at the global level; the other is regional, focusing on changes specific to Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. The authors conclude that even small changes in agricultural and development policies (made in both developed and developing countries) would significantly effect the number of poor and undernourished people around the world. For direct access, see the following address:
<http://www.ifpri.org/pubs/books/gfp/gfp.pdf>

(d) *The Unfinished Agenda: Perspectives on Overcoming Hunger, Poverty and Environmental Degradation*: This book brings together 311 pages of briefs and articles generated by the *IFPRI 2020 Vision Initiative*. It encompasses many topics including: Famine and Poverty, Global Food Security, Nutrition and Health, Demographic Issues, Lifestyle Trends, Food Production and the Environment, Women and Education, Biotechnology and Globalization. For direct access, see the following address: <http://www.ifpri.org/pubs/books/ufa/ufa.pdf>

- Other lengthy studies available online (in full) which discuss food security and related policy issues include:
 - *Food Policy in Central Asia: Setting the Research Priorities*
<http://www.ifpri.org/pubs/books/fprca.pdf>
 - *Achieving Food Security in Southern Africa*
<http://www.ifpri.org/pubs/books/oc34.pdf>
 - *Fish to 2020: Supply and Demand in Changing Global Markets*
<http://www.ifpri.org/pubs/books/fish2020/oc44.pdf>

(ii) **Datasets**

- IFPRI collaborates with other organizations in the collection and processing of data. The resulting datasets provide an abundance of information, both at the local and national levels. These are freely available to the public for research purposes. Citation information is included with the documentation of each dataset.
- IFPRI provides three types of datasets: Household and Community-Level Surveys, Institution-Level Surveys and Social Accounting Matrices. To request a dataset, fill out the *Dataset Request Form* or send an e-mail to ifpri-data@cgiar.org listing your name, position, organization, mailing address, e-mail address, intended use and the dataset(s) you would like to receive. The dataset and documentation will be sent to your mailing address. For a description of each dataset listed below, click on the country that corresponds to the data. This information can be found here: <http://www.ifpri.org/data/dataset.asp>.

(a) **Household and Community-Level Surveys**:

Some surveys include: Bangladesh (1996-97, 1998-99, 2000), Egypt (1997, 1998), Ghana (1997), Guatemala (1999), Honduras (1997-98), Malawi (1995), Mali (1997-98), Mexico (1997-99), Pakistan (1986-91), Philippines (1984-85) and South Africa (1993-98). Others are also available.

(b) Institution-Level Surveys:

Some surveys include: Egypt Wheat Trader Survey (1996), Egypt Wheat Miller Survey (1997). Others are available

(c) Social Accounting Matrices:

Some matrices include: Bangladesh (1993-94), Brazil (1995-96), Egypt (1997), Indonesia (1995), Malawi (1998), Mexico (1996), Morocco (1994), Mozambique (1994-95), South Africa (1993, 1998 and 1999), Tanzania (1992, 1998-01), Thailand (1998), Vietnam (1997), Zambia (1995), Zimbabwe (1991). Others are available.

Food and Agricultural Food and Research Institute (FAPRI)

Web Address at: <http://www.fapri.iastate.edu/>

- Using data and computer modeling systems, FAPRI analyzes the economic interrelationships of the food and agriculture industry and provides economic analysis of trade and agricultural policy. Many FAPRI publications are available for download.

A few key resources of this site include:

(i) **FAPRI Agricultural Outlook**

- FAPRI prepares yearly baseline projections for the U.S. agricultural sector and international commodity markets. These are published as *FAPRI Outlooks*, which present the final projections of FAPRI's agriculture outlook on world agricultural production, consumption and trade. Download preformatted data tables by category or the entire report (often over 400 pages). The Outlook link at the side of the main page will take you to the most recent edition.

(ii) **Databases**

(a) Commodities Database: The FAPRI Commodities Database allows users to download and/or graph data from the latest FAPRI Outlook. It provides historical and projected information for several countries, products and variables (such as acreage, yield and demand). The database function includes a graphing feature. Data may be downloaded after a search is completed.

Web Address at: <http://www.fapri.iastate.edu/tools/outlook.aspx>

(b) Elasticities Database: The Elasticities Database is a collection of elasticity values from the FAPRI model estimates. It allows users to download and/or graph data from the latest FAPRI elasticity figures. Web Address at: <http://www.fapri.iastate.edu/tools/elasticity.aspx>

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)

Web Address at: <http://www.iatp.org/>

- The IATP is a progressive policy institute which “promotes resilient family farms, rural communities and ecosystems around the world through research and education, science and technology, and advocacy.” This site contains a number of useful resources for researchers and activists interested in sustainable development, international trade, economic alternatives and related issues. Users can access four different *Resource Centers* dealing with international trade, agriculture, water issues, the environment and agribusiness. The *Programs and Products* section provides numerous reports and other publications in areas such as the environment, agriculture, fish and marine conservation, food and health, food and agriculture, forestry and trade.

Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

Web Address at: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/sitemap.asp>

- FAS offer several different databases for data on international agricultural trade. Although its primary focus is on the United States, this site provides non-U.S. food market overviews, world agricultural production, and world markers for selected commodities.

Agriculture Network Information Center (AgNIC)

Web Address at: <http://www.agnic.org/>

- A comprehensive listing of sources for agricultural data.

Other relevant sources might include *International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)* in Section 18.

(13) Education

National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES)

Web Address at: <http://nces.ed.gov/>

- The National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) “is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data that are related to education in the United States and other nations.”

Key features of this site include:

(i) **Education Indicators: An International Perspective**

Web Address at: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs/eiip/>

This site provides information about the education systems and social structures of different countries, with a primary focus on the G-7 nations. This publication presents 45 education indicators, grouped by topic into six sections. Background information is incorporated into each section. Among a multitude of sources used in this report, the most comprehensive is Education at a Glance 1995, the international education indicators report produced by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Other data sources include the International Assessment of Educational Progress, the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement, and the International Assessment of Adult Literacy.

(ii) **International Comparisons in Education**

Web Address at: <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/international/>

- This site is produced by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in the United States. “Through student assessments, surveys of adults in the workforce, and the development of international indicators on education systems around the world, NCES examines education in the United States and other nations.” Resources of this site include reports, databases, studies, and more.

(iii) **Major U.S. Publications**

(a) **Digest of Education Statistics**: The Digest “is an annual compendium whose primary purpose is to provide a compilation of statistical information covering the broad field of American education from kindergarten through graduate school.” The Digest includes over 400 tables taken from a variety of sources, most notably the results of surveys

and activities carried out by NCES. The publication contains information on a variety of education-related subjects including educational attainment, federal funding, and numbers of schools, colleges, teachers and students. For international data, see chapter six called International Comparisons in Education.

Web Address at: <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/>

(b) Projections of Education Statistics: This report “includes statistics on elementary and secondary schools and degree-granting institutions. Included are projections of enrolment, graduates, teachers, and expenditures to the year 2013.” In addition to the national projections, the report also includes projections to 2013 at the state level of public elementary and secondary school enrolment and public high school graduates.

Web Address at: <http://nces.ed.gov//programs/projections/>

(c) The Condition of Education: This website “is an integrated collection of the indicators and analyses published in The Condition of Education 2000 - 2007.” For information on how to navigate this site, users should consult the User’s Guide.

Web Address at: <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/>

(iv) **Fast Response Survey System (FRSS)**

Web Address at: <http://nces.ed.gov/Surveys/frss/>

- Users can access a large number of reports, publications, and datasets, most of which are related to elementary and secondary schooling in the United States in areas such as Internet usage, educational achievement, educational indicators, education reform and related topics.

(v) **National Education Data Resource Center (NEDRC)**

Web Address at: <http://nces.ed.gov/partners/nedrc.asp>

- NEDRC provides access to some of the most current data collected from major education surveys in the United States. Available datasets can be found at the bottom of the page. In addition to developing standardized tables, graphic materials, and detailed reports, NEDRC responds to requests for specific analyses and tabulations on datasets maintained by NCES. Users can submit a request for data analysis using mail, email or fax.

(vi) **Post Secondary Quick Information System (PEOIS)**

Web Address at: <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/PEQIS/>

- PEQIS collects data through small-scale NCES surveys on emerging issues in post-secondary education and also supplements other NCES post-secondary surveys. It employs a panel of approximately 1,600 post-secondary institutions including public and private colleges and universities that award associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Users can access reports, publications and datasets dealing with post-secondary education in the United States.

International Bureau of Education (IBE)

Web Address at: <http://www.ibe.unesco.org/>

- The IBE's main mission is to act as UNESCO's centre specialized in contents, methods and structure of education. It builds networks to share expertise on curriculum development in all regions of the world and aims to introduce modern approaches in curriculum design and implementation, improve practical skills and promote informed dialogue at regional and international levels.
- The IBE provides access to many publications in the form of articles, booklets, reports, monographs, etc. These are available for download.

The IBE also makes some of its databanks available on the Internet. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

(i) Country Dossiers

Web Address at: <http://www.ibe.unesco.org/countries/countrydossiers.htm>

- The Country Dossiers bring together the various information resources on education in member states. The integration of facts, data and statistics for each country allows users to gain access to information on each country's state of education and plans for development. The Dossiers also provide insights into educational trends from a global perspective.

(ii) World Data on Education

Web Address at: <http://www.ibe.unesco.org/countries/WDE/WorldDataE.htm>

- World data on Education (WDE) “focuses on basic descriptions of the main characteristics of the organization and functioning of national education systems.” The information service provided through WDE combines the following features: worldwide coverage, descriptions of national education systems, computerized databases and links to other sources of online information.

(a) Education Profiles: The online version of WDE is updated regularly and contains the profiles of 158 national education systems (available in English, French or Spanish, depending on the country). The CD-ROM is also available free of charge. To obtain the CD-ROM, send a request to: World Data on Education, UNESCO: IBE, P.O. Box 199 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland. E-mail: m.amadio@ibe.unesco.org

(b) National Reports: Since the 1930s, the IBE has requested member states to present, at each session of the International Conference on Education (ICE), a national report on educational development. These reports allow for comparisons of educational data across countries and over time. The 2001 version of the reports are available online.

(c) Web Resources and Links: Provides a large collection of links to other sources of information (including databases) on education, as well as links to statistics and indicators in the following areas: Agriculture, Culture, Crime and Justice, Demography, Development, Economy and Social Conditions, Education, Energy, Environment, Finance, Health, Industry, Information and Communication, Internet, Military Expenditure, Poverty and Trade.

(iii) **IBEDOCS**

Web Address at: <http://databases.unesco.org/IBE/IBEDOCS/>

- IBEDOCS provides worldwide references to documents and publications, journal titles and articles, reports, books on the organization and development of education, as well as information on educational innovations, curriculum and literacy. It also provides access to full text IBE publications and documents of the International Conference on Education.

(iv) **INNODATA**

Web Address at: <http://www.ibe.unesco.org/publications/innodatamono.htm>

- The INNODATA database provides “descriptions of educational innovations at primary and secondary levels of schooling in the IBE's priority area: the content of education. Most entries in the databank describe initiatives within the formal education system, although some innovative non-formal education projects are included, especially where these attempt to bridge the gap between the formal and non-formal sectors.” Among the entries are a number of innovations in multicultural/intercultural education as well as education for citizenship and human rights.

International Archive of Education Data (IAED)

Web Address at: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/IAED/>

- The International Archive of Education Data (IAED) is sponsored by the U.S. National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). According to website, the Archive “acquires, processes, documents, and disseminates data collected by national, state or provincial, local, and private organizations, pertaining to all levels of education in countries for which data can be made available. Data encompasses the ‘inputs’ to education (funding, personnel, teaching resources, facilities, teacher and student preparation, etc.), the variety of processes by which teaching and learning occur, and the ‘outputs’ of education (graduation and matriculation rates, drop-out rates, test scores, job placements, life histories, life assessments, etc.)” The Archive is housed in and operated by the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).

World Bank Data and Statistics: EdStats

Web Address at: <http://www1.worldbank.org/education/edstats/>

- Short for Education Statistics, EdStats is a comprehensive education statistics database. It compiles data from a variety of national and international sources and provides information on key education topics.

Eurydice: The Information Network on Education in Europe

Web Address at: http://www.eurydice.org/accueil_menu/en/frameset_menu.html

- Eurydice “is an institutional network for gathering, monitoring, processing and circulating readily comparable information on education systems and policies throughout Europe.” Since 1980, it has been one of the strategic mechanisms established by the European Commission and Member States to boost cooperation, by improving understanding of systems and policies. It was also an integral part of Socrates, the Community action programme in education from 1995 to 2006. Since 2007, Eurydice has been included in the EU Action Programme in the field of Lifelong Learning where it helps to support the development of policies, as well as cooperation at the European level. The information network covers the education systems of the Member States of the European Union, the three countries of the European Free Trade Association which are members of the European Economic Area, and the EU candidate countries involved in the EU Action Programme in the field of Lifelong Learning.

USAID Global Education Database (GED) 2003

Web Address at: <http://quesdb.cdie.org/ged/index.html>

- In July 2003, USAID's Office of Education released its fourth online database of international education statistics, GED 2003. All of the data can now be accessed through this site. There are 224 indicators compiled from the UNESCO Institute of Statistics and 71 indicators taken from the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), a USAID program that has conducted nationally representative household surveys in over 60 developing countries since 1984.
- GED Online provides education data in two ways. Users can select a single indicator for multiple years and multiple countries by clicking on one of the bulleted groups of indicators under the *UNESCO* or *DHS* headings. This is recommended for those who are interested in doing cross-country comparisons or time series analysis of one indicator. Users who are interested in accessing multiple indicators for one country should click on the bulleted link under the *Create Country Table* heading.

Monitoring the Future Study

Web Address at: <http://monitoringthefuture.org/>

- Monitoring the Future “is an ongoing study of the behaviours, attitudes, and values of American secondary school students, college students, and young adults.” Each year, a total of 50,000 8th, 10th and 12th grade students are surveyed (12th graders since 1975, and 8th and 10th graders since 1991.) Annual follow-up questionnaires are distributed to some members of each graduating class for a number of years after the initial surveys.
- Many publications in .pdf format may be accessed directly through the website, either in full text or in abstract form. If the publication is available in either of these formats, an icon will appear to the left of the bibliographic entry. Click on this icon to view the file. Data tables and figures as recent as 2003 are also available.

(14) Health and Illness

World Health Organization (WHO)

Web Address at: <http://www.who.int/en/>

A few key features of this site include:

(i) **Countries**

- The WHO provides basic health-related information for 192 countries. Data includes basic statistics and indicators as well as information on health expenditures, health care provision/coverage, and health system organization/regulation.

(ii) **Health Topics**

- Contains links to WHO projects, initiatives, activities, information products, and contacts, organized by health and development topics.

(iii) **Research Tools**

- Two useful research tools provided by the WHO include:

(a) **Statistical Information System (WHOSIS)**: The WHO Statistical Information System “is the guide to health and health-related epidemiological and statistical information available from the World Health Organization.” Most WHO technical programs containing statistical information are linked from this site. Users can also search by keywords within WHOSIS or throughout the entire WHO site.

Web Address at: <http://www.who.int/whosis/en/>

(b) **Library Database (WHOLIS)**: WHOLIS is “the World Health Organization library database available on the web. WHOLIS indexes all WHO publications from 1948 onwards and articles from WHO-produced journals and technical documents from 1985 to the present.” Many publications are available online.

Web Address at: <http://disei.who.int/>

(iv) **WHO Sites**

Web Address at: <http://www.who.int/entity/en/>

- Provides links to hundreds of WHO sites covering a wide range of health-related information. This includes links to the separate WHO Regional Offices in Africa, Europe, South-East Asia, the Americas (Pan American Health Organization), the Western Mediterranean, and the Western Pacific Region.
- Another useful link is the *World Health Report 2007*. This year's version of the report shows how the world is at increasing risk of disease outbreaks, epidemics, industrial accidents, natural disasters and other health emergencies which can rapidly become threats to global public health security. The report explains how the revised International Health Regulations (2005), which came into force this year, helps countries to work together to identify risks and act to contain and control them. The entire report is available from the following address:
http://www.who.int/whr/2007/whr07_en.pdf

World Bank Data and Statistics: HNPStats

Web Address at: <http://go.worldbank.org/N2N84RDV00>

- Short for Health, Nutrition, and Population Statistics, HNPStats offers country data sheets showing summary indicators for health status, health determinants and health finance.

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

Web Address at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>

- As one of the United States' leading health statistics agencies, the NCHS provides an abundance of statistical information about 'America's health.' Some of the Center's activities include: documenting the health status of the population and of particular subgroups; identifying disparities in health status and health care utilization by race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, region and other population gradients; monitoring trends in health status and health care delivery; and evaluating the impact of health policies and programs

International AIDS Economics Network (IAEN)

Web Address at: <http://www.iaen.org/>

- The International AIDS Economic Network (IAEN) provides data, tools and analysis on the economics of HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment in developing countries, in order to help them devise cost-effective responses to the epidemic. This site provides a large collection of online resources

taken from a variety of sources, including a *Research Library*. The Library contains materials about the economics and politics of HIV/AIDS in developing countries. Being redeveloped and expanded in 2008.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive (SAMHDA)

Web Address at: <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/SAMHDA/index.html>

- SAMHDA is a joint project of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). The project involves “archiving data and establishing a website as a vehicle for making the data publicly available.” Substance abuse and mental health research data from U.S. government drug abuse and mental health surveys are provided from the 1970’s to the present. Data files, documentation and reports are freely available through the website in public use format. The site also features an online data analysis system (DAS) that allows users to conduct analyses on selected datasets within the archive.
- Note: SAMHDA provides user support through email and a toll-free helpline.

University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center: Mexican Health and Aging Study Data

Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/mhas/english/home.htm>

- The Mexican Health and Aging Study (MHAS) is a prospective panel study of health and aging in Mexico. See *Data and Documentation* for a list of files that can be currently downloaded, as well as a list of products that will be available in the future. Note: prior to downloading information, you will be asked to register as a user of MHAS data.
- See the *Links* section for a useful set of links to other organizations and datasets in the areas of demography and aging. A select portion of these include:
 - Research Projects at the Center for Demography of Health and Aging (CDHA) at the University of Wisconsin
Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cdha/projects.html>
 - Centers on the Demography of Aging, established by the National Institute on Aging (NIA)
Web Address at: <http://agingmeta.psc.isr.umich.edu/>
 - Puerto Rican Study of Health and Aging
Web Address at: <http://prehco.rcm.upr.edu/index.html>

- Health Well-being and Aging in Latin America and the Caribbean (SABE)
Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/sabe/>
- English Longitudinal Study of Aging (ELSA)
Web Address at: <http://www.natcen.ac.uk/elsa/>
- The Survey of Health, Aging and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)
Web Address at: <http://www.share-project.org/>

University of Michigan Institute for Social Research (ISR): Health and Retirement Study

Web Address at: <http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/>

- The Health and Retirement Study is a biennial survey of the health and well-being of older Americans. It includes the original HRS study (data collection in 1992, 1994, and 1996) and the ‘AHEAD’ study (data collections in 1993 and 1995). These studies were merged in 1998 and two new cohorts were added: the Children of the Depression (1924-1930 birth cohorts) and the War Babies (1942-1947 birth cohorts). More detailed background information on study design, sampling techniques, content and response rates is available on the *Study Design* page.
- See <http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/data/avail.php> for a yearly listing of public datasets and files that are currently available. To access metadata information for a particular interviewing year, select any of the links in the ‘Data Collection Year’ column of the ‘Cross-Section Datasets’ sub-table. All files on this page are available to registered users.

UNAIDS

Web Address at: <http://www.unaids.org/en/>

- The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, UNAIDS is a leading advocate for global action on the epidemic. Information on HIV/AIDS is provided for many countries and regions of the world. Click the *Publications* link for access to much of the information produced by UNAIDS and the wider U.N. system on HIV/AIDS.

United States Census Bureau: HIV/AIDS Surveillance Database

Web Address at: <http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/hivaidn.html>

- The HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base is a compilation of information from studies appearing in the medical and scientific literature, as well as other sources. Available information for population groups in a selected

country can be accessed and displayed on screen, and printed in tabular format.

- HIV/AIDS Country Profiles are also provided for selected developing countries. These examine the patterns and trends of the epidemic. Each country profile has a section called *Demographic Indicators*. This section includes infant mortality rates, life expectancy, and cumulative AIDS cases and rates.

HIV/AIDS Survey Indicators Database

Web Address at: <http://www.measuredhs.com/hivdata/start.cfm>

- This database is managed by a technical advisory committee that includes representatives from USAID, UNICEF, UNAIDS, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Census Bureau and a number of other organizations.
- The HIV-STAT Compiler's data page is where users can select criteria in order to construct data tables. There are three criteria from which to select: (1) Surveys – a collection of results from the demographic health surveys stored in the DHS database; (2) Indicators – the applicable health indicators that are used to evaluate respondents' attitudes and behaviour toward health risks; and (3) Background characteristics. The site also allows users to generate country reports.

Public Health Data Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cde/library/pubhealth.htm>

- This page describes a selection of U.S. public health data resources. These include sources of raw data as well as extractable data from websites or downloadable programs.

Data Online for Population, Health, and Nutrition (DOLPHN)

Web Address at: <http://dolphn.aimglobalhealth.org/>

- The Data Online for Population, Health and Nutrition (DOLPHN) system “is an online statistical data resource containing selected current and historical country-level demographic and health indicator data.” Users can access dozens of country reports in .pdf format, or use the search tools to locate more specific information. Country indicator data is provided for the following categories: Socioeconomic, Demographic, Child Survival, Family Planning, HIV/AIDS Prevention, Infectious Diseases, and

Maternal Health. Data can be displayed as datasheets or customized charts in both html and Excel formats.

Other relevant sources might include *Measure DHS: Demographic and Health Surveys* in Section 9, *Pop Planet* in Section 10, *Population Research Institute: Women's Health Datasets on the Web* in Section 23, *The World Health Organization: Estimates of Maternal Mortality* in Section 23 and *Office of Minority Health* in Section 25.

(15) Human Rights

Amnesty International

Web Address at: <http://www.amnesty.org/>

- Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights.
- See the *Library* link at the top of the page for access to an archive of most reports, news releases, and ‘urgent actions’ published since the mid 1980’s. These can be searched by keywords and/or date published.

U.S. Department of State: Country Reports on Human Rights Practices

Web Address at: <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/>

- The annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices (available starting with 1999) “cover internationally recognized individual, civil, political, and worker rights, as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.” Information was gathered from a variety of sources across the political spectrum, including government officials, jurists, military publications, journalists, human rights monitors, academics and labour activists.

The University of Minnesota Human Rights Library

Web Address at: <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>

- The University of Minnesota Human Rights Library contains a wide collection of human rights documents, materials and web links. Together, they provide a general overview of human rights documentation. Most documents are available in html and some in pdf format.

World Human Rights

Web Address at: <http://www.worldhumanrights.com/>

- This site provides massive, international reporting on a large number of human rights-related issues and events.

Regional and Country-Specific Human Rights Resources

- The following sites contain information and resources pertaining to human rights issues in particular countries and regions of the world:

(i) ***Human Rights Around the World***

Web Address at: <http://www.derechos.org/human-rights/world.html>

(ii) ***Regional Human Rights Links***

Web Address at: <http://www.derechos.net/links/geo/>

(iii) ***Palestinian Centre for Human Rights***

Web Address at: <http://www.pchrgaza.org/>

(iv) ***Human Rights in China***

Web Address at: <http://iso.hrichina.org/iso/>

(v) ***African Human Rights Resource Centre***

Web Address at: <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/africa/>

(vi) ***Arab Association for Human Rights***

Web Address at: <http://www.arabhra.org/>

English version found at:

<http://www.arabhra.org/HRA/Pages/Index.aspx?Language=2>

(vii) ***East Timor Action Network***

Web Address at: <http://www.etan.org/>

(viii) ***Rights Action for Mexico, Central America, and Peru***

Web Address at: <http://www.rightsaction.org/>

(ix) ***Al Haq – Palestinian Human Rights NGO***

Web Address at: <http://www.alhaq.org/>

(x) ***Guatemala Human Rights Commission***

Web Address at: <http://www.ghrc-usa.org/>

(xi) **Asian Human Rights Commission**

Web Address at: <http://www.ahrchk.net/>

(xii) **Canadian Human Rights Reporter**

Web Address at: <http://www.cdn-hr-reporter.ca/index.htm>

(xiii) **Eastern and Central European Internet Directory for Human Rights**

Web Address at: <http://www.ceepr.eu-frankfurt-o.de/>

(xiv) **Australian Human Rights and Civil Rights**

Web Address at: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~victorp/vphuman.htm>

Human Rights Watch

Web Address at: <http://www.hrw.org/>

- Human Rights Watch is an independent, non-governmental organization dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world. This site contains a large collection of human rights publications that can be accessed free of charge. Search the publication archives by country, region, theme or year.

Human Rights Interactive Network

Web Address at: <http://www.webcom.com/hrin/welcome.html>

- The objective of this site is to provide introductory information about human rights and its related areas, including international development, disaster relief, consumer awareness, socially responsible investing, and international law. The site also includes links to organizations, government agencies, and academic institutions throughout the world.

Human Rights Internet (HRI)

Web Address at: <http://www.hri.ca/index.aspx>

- Human Rights Internet (HRI) is “dedicated to the empowerment of human rights activists and organizations, and to the education of governmental and intergovernmental agencies and officials and other actors in the public and private sphere, on human rights issues and the role of civil society.”
- The HRI site functions as an online information, resource and documentation centre for human rights actors and organizations around the

world. Users can access human rights databases and a comprehensive documentation centre. In addition, the site provides resources such as the *Human Rights Tribune* and various annual publications. Search HRI's computerized databases for research and reference purposes.

Global Exchange

Web Address at: <http://www.globalexchange.org/>

- Global Exchange is an international human rights organization dedicated to promoting political, social, and environmental justice at the global level. This site provides news, analysis, and other resources related to human rights and economic justice for particular countries and regions of the world. Among other features, it contains information on transnational corporations, economic democracy, and anti-sweatshop campaigns.

Human Rights Web: Organizations and Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.hrweb.org/resource.html>

- This site contains names of organizations conducting human rights work and resources for human rights activists and researchers. Two categories of resources are listed – International and Regional/National. Within the International collection resources are listed alphabetically. Within the Regional/National collection resources are listed alphabetically by region and country.

Global Witness

Web Address at: <http://www.globalwitness.org/>

- Global Witness is a non-governmental investigative organization “working to expose the links between natural resource exploitation and human rights abuses.” The organization gathers and disseminates information regarding environmental exploitation and its social, ecological and economic effects. Many of Global Witness’ reports (from 1995 to the present) are available to the public. The reports concern countries such as Angola, Burma, Cambodia, Liberia, Zimbabwe, and other areas where environmentally destructive trade is funding human rights violations.

Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)

Web Address at: <http://www.cesr.org/>

- The Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR) was established in 1993 to promote social justice through human rights. CESR “promotes the universal right of every human being to housing, education, health and a healthy environment, food, work, and social security.” This site contains a

large collection of CESR publications available for download. Some of the topics include: Education Rights, Water Rights, Human Rights, Health and Environmental Justice, the War in Iraq, and Conflict in the Middle East.

Other relevant sources might include *World Audit* in Section 7, *Women's Human Rights Resources (WHRR)* in Section 23, *One World (Full Coverage Index)* in Section 6 and *MADRE* in Section 23.

(16) Military and Arms Transfer / War, Conflict and Security

International Conflict Research (INCORE)

Web Address at: <http://www.incore.ulst.ac.uk/>

- INCORE “was set up in 1993 by the University of Ulster and the United Nations University to undertake research and policy work that is useful to the resolution of ethnic, political and religious conflicts.” Users can access INCORE Publications in the form of research reports, conference reports and papers, usually in pdf format. The organization also provides Country Guides containing conflict information for countries in Latin America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, and many parts of Asia.
- INCORE also produces an online Conflict Data Service which provides current and historical information on all major global conflicts, theme sites on a variety of issues relevant to conflict, and information on conflict resolution institutions throughout the world. It can be found at the following address: <http://www.incore.ulst.ac.uk/services/cds/>

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

Web Address at: <http://www.sipri.org/>

- SIPRI conducts research on questions of conflict and cooperation which are important for international peace and security. Its aim is to contribute to the understanding of the conditions necessary for peaceful solutions to international conflicts.

(i) Publications

- The results of SIPRI's research are disseminated through books, reports, symposia, seminars, press releases, brochures and fact sheets.
- SIPRI's main publication, the *SIPRI Yearbook*, was first published in 1969. It serves as a source to which researchers can turn for an account of what has happened during the past year in armaments and arms control, armed conflicts and conflict resolution, security arrangements and disarmament. The *SIPRI Yearbook* provides an overview of the entire field of developments in international security, weapons and technology, military expenditure, the arms trade and arms production, and armed conflicts, along with efforts to control conventional, nuclear, chemical and biological armaments.

(ii) **Databases**

(a) **Facts on International Relations and Security Trends Database**: Covers areas in the field of international relations and security, such as facts on armed conflicts and peace keeping, arms production and trade, military expenditure, armed forces and conventional weapon holdings, nuclear weapons, statistics and other reference data.

(b) **SIPRI Data on Military Expenditure**: Covers data for more than 160 countries. Data for the most recent 10-year period are presented in the SIPRI Yearbook. The data are presented in three basic formats: military expenditure in local currency, at current prices; military expenditure in U.S. dollars, at constant prices and exchange rates; and military expenditure as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP).

(c) **Database on National Export Control Systems**: Presents summary information about the export control system of a particular country or about how countries approach particular aspects of export control.

U.S. Department of State: World Military Expenditure and Arms Transfer (ACDA)

Web Address at:

http://www.state.gov/www/global/arms/bureau_ac/reports_ac.html

- ACDA provides data on military expenditures, armed forces, GDP and population for 172 countries since 1984; arms transfers by supplier and recipient; a summary of world military forces and arms transfers for various years since 1961; as well as information on U.S. policy on arms control and export. These reports are only available for the years 1996 through 1998.

Facts on International Relations and Security Trends (FIRST)

Web Address at: <http://first.sipri.org/>

- Facts on International Relations and Security Trends (FIRST) is a free online service developed by the International Relations and Security Network (ISN) and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). This database system “contains clearly documented information from research institutes around the world. It covers areas in the field of international relations and security, such as hard facts on armed conflicts and peace keeping, arms production and trade, military expenditure, armed forces and conventional weapon holdings, nuclear weapons, chronology, statistics and other reference data.” To use FIRST, simply select the database(s) you are interested in (they are sorted into different categories). Check the box on the left side of each database you wish to select. You can also check the box next to the topic in order to select all databases in that category. FIRST also contains a separate search function.

Correlates of War 2: Datasets

Web Address at: <http://www.correlatesofwar.org/>

- The Correlates of War Project is an ongoing effort to study and explore the conditions associated with the outbreak of war, as well as the conditions surrounding militarized disputes. To this end, it seeks to “facilitate the collection, dissemination, and use of accurate and reliable quantitative data in international relations.” The datasets found on this site are all available for download (see *Available Datasets*). For information on other unreleased datasets on which the project is conducting research, see the *Ongoing Research* page.

Integrated Network for Social Conflict Research: Peace and Conflict

Web Address at: <http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/pc/>

- *Peace and Conflict* is an annual report in the Integrated Network for Societal Conflict Research (INSCR) Program's global report series. This global report “details major trends in armed conflict, self-determination movements and democracy through the contemporary era, 1946-Present, and provides a ‘conflict ledger’ assessing each country's peace-building capacity” in a given year. The full most recent report can be downloaded from the site, and archived reports can be downloaded by searching for them by name in the publications page. Other reports are also available.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Web Address at: <http://www.nato.int/home.htm>

- NATO’s website contains information relating to the organization’s activities including primary sources such as official decisions or declarations, analysis and opinion, and speeches and articles. Most NATO public documents are available online through this site. The *NATO Handbook* provides comprehensive information explaining what the organization is and what it does. The *NATO Update* gives a complete chronology of all past and future NATO events and activities. This site also provides news and commentary on key global issues.

Center for Defense Information (CDI)

Web Address at: <http://www.cdi.org/index.cfm>

- The Center for Defense Information (CDI) claims to be “unique among major think tanks in its policy of total independence from vested interests.” It is dedicated to strengthening security through international cooperation, reduced reliance on unilateral military power and nuclear weapons, a transformed military establishment and oversight of defence

programs. It conducts in-depth research on the social, economic, environmental, political and military components of international security. Through a variety of publications and services, the CDI provides information and analysis on issues of security policy, strategy, operations, weapon systems and defence budgeting.

Centre for Military and Strategic Studies: Research Links and Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.stratnet.ucalgary.ca/research/default.htm>

- The Centre for Military and Strategic Studies (CMSS) at the University of Calgary is one of a network of Security and Defence Forum centres supported by the Canadian Department of National Defence. The Centre conducts research and disseminates information in areas such as security and defence, military history, international relations, international law, strategic studies and civil-military relations. This is done within both Canadian and non-Canadian contexts. Search the extensive collection of military resources and links organized through this site.

Crimes of War Project

Web Address at: <http://www.crimesofwar.org/>

- The Crimes of War Project “is a collaboration of journalists, lawyers, and scholars dedicated to raising public awareness of the laws of war and their application to situations of conflict.” Their main goal is to promote understanding of international humanitarian law among journalists, policymakers and the general public.
- The *Archive* contains hundreds of online papers and articles organized by region and country. The Project’s book, *Crimes of War – What the Public Should Know* can also be obtained through the site. In the *Resources* section, users can access a selection of books and articles broken up into thematic groups, a variety of legal documents, and a set of links to websites on humanitarian law, international institutions, non-governmental organizations and journalism projects.

Defense Technical Information Center

Web Address at: <http://www.dtic.mil/>

- The Defense Technical Information Center is the central facility for the collection and dissemination of scientific and technical data for the U.S. Department of Defense. This site provides searchable databases of full text declassified military documents and Defense Department standards. To access the *Joint Chiefs of Staff Electronic Library*, see the following address: <http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/>. The Joint Chiefs of Staff page has

a military-related dictionary and numerous documents on past and current U.S. military operations.

Federation of American Scientists

Web Address at: <http://www.fas.org/index.html>

- This site contains information and resources in the areas of strategic security, arms trade, arms control, weapons production, information technology and related topics. All research, analysis, archival data, publications, bulletins and databases are freely available to the public.

Military on the Internet: Facts Encyclopedia

Web Address at: <http://www.refdesk.com/military.html>

- This site provides “Over 900,000 military pages indexed and ranked in order of popularity.”

Department of Peace and Conflict Research

Web Address at: <http://www.pcr.uu.se/>

- This site houses the *The Uppsala Conflict Data Project (UCDP)* which includes the *Armed Conflict 1946-Present* dataset. The Armed Conflict dataset contains information on many armed conflicts in the indicated time period. New versions of this dataset are released frequently. A direct link to this dataset can be found at the following address:
<http://www.prio.no/cwp/ArmedConflict/>

Arms Trade Web Links

Web Address at: <http://www.cdi.org/program/index.cfm?programid=73>

- This site is maintained by the Center for Defense Information (CDI), a Washington DC-based organization run by former U.S. military officers who favour disarmament. It provides a very large list of online resources that focus on the arms trade.

British American Security Information Council (BASIC)

Web Address at: <http://www.basicint.org/>

BASIC is an independent research organization that analyzes government policies and includes information on the arms trade, defence, military strategy, nuclear disarmament and many other security-related issues, with a focus on Britain and the United States.

(17) Foreign Policy and International Relations

U.S. Department of State

Web Address at: <http://fpolicy.america.gov/fpolicy.html>

- The U.S. foreign policy website is divided into three sections, Economics and Trade, International Aid, and Peace and Security. Click on each section to find a variety of information initiatives for each area.

Country Indicators for Foreign Policy (CIFP)

Web Address at: <http://www.carleton.ca/cifp/>

- Country Indicators for Foreign Policy (CIFP) “represents an on-going effort to identify and assemble statistical information conveying the key features of the economic, political, social and cultural environments of countries around the world.” The cross-national data generated through CIFP provides global overviews and country performance measures. The database currently includes measures of domestic armed conflict, governance and political instability, militarization, religious and ethnic diversity, demographic stress, economic performance, human development, environmental stress and international linkages. It also includes statistical data in the form of over one hundred performance indicators for 196 countries, spanning fifteen years (1985 to 2000) for most indicators. They can be accessed through summary tables, country reports and the accompanying Internet database.
- Note: Users must register with CIFP to access the data.

Intellnet: The Intelligence Network

Web Address at: <http://www.intellnet.org/>

- This site is a repository of full text foreign policy documents, articles, commentaries, media (including audio and video resources) and news summaries dealing with most of the world’s regions. The material is searchable by author, theme, date and keyword. There are nine topic centres which pertain to regions of conflict and transition in the world.

Latin American Working Group (LAWG)

Web Address at: <http://www.lawg.org/index.htm>

- The Latin America Working Group is dedicated to the analysis of U.S. foreign policy objectives and actions in Latin America. The organization

attempts to “encourage U.S. policies towards Latin America that promote human rights, justice, peace and sustainable development.” LAWG represents the interests of over 60 major religious, humanitarian, grassroots, and policy organizations to policy-makers in the United States. Some of LAWG’s publications are available online, along with other resources.

Center for International Policy (CIP)

Web Address at: <http://www.ciponline.org/>

- The Center for International Policy was founded in 1975 by former diplomats and peace activists. Its mission is to “promote a U.S. foreign policy based on international cooperation, demilitarization, and respect for basic human rights.” This site contains a large collection of resources for scholars and activists interested in U.S. foreign policy. See the *Program Highlights* section for a collection of joint publications and international policy reports. Separate projects, including publications and articles, exist for Asia, Columbia and Cuba.
- *Just the Facts: A Civilian’s Guide to U.S. Defense and Security Assistance to Latin America and the Caribbean* is a joint project of the Center for International Policy and the Latin America Working Group. This database offers comprehensive public information on U.S. defense and security assistance programs in Latin America and the Caribbean including information on arms transfers and sales, training programs, and military bases. Access details of U.S. security and economic assistance to the Western Hemisphere by country; information is provided for military and police aid, as well as social and economic aid.
Web Address is <http://ciponline.org/facts/>

Inter-Hemispheric Resource Center (IRC)

Web Address at: <http://www.irc-online.org/>

- Through its various programmes, which include the Global Affairs Programme, the Americas Programme, Foreign Policy in Focus, Global Good Neighbour, Present Danger, and Right Web Programmes, the IRC provides independent analysis of U.S. foreign policy, with an emphasis on fostering dialogue among academics, grassroots organizations and policymakers. The IRC develop policy briefs, reports, commentaries and other publications, most of which are disseminated free of charge.

The World Online: International and Comparative Studies

Web Address at: http://www.tufts.edu/~reichenb/ir_web/ir_index.html

- This site contains numerous links to categorized Internet resources in the areas of international relations and international studies. These categories include: Comprehensive Sites, Government Agencies, Ministries and Organizations, Regional and Country Sites, Scholarly Journals, Global News Sources, Economic Statistics, Public Opinion, Political Parties and Electoral Statistics, and related links.

Paul Hensel's International Relations Data Site

Web Address at: <http://garnet.acns.fsu.edu/~phensel/data.html>

- This site includes seven pages of links to online data resources in the area of international relations. Many of the links are directly to datasets. For example, the international social data page lists *Social Indicators of Development*, available from CIESIN. They are intended to offer useful data sources on processes of international conflict and cooperation, covering international economic, environmental, political, and social phenomena (with data on similar topics for the United States.) The best way to navigate this site is to use the *Data Site Index* – located on the home page – in order to find the appropriate data link. Information about each dataset is also found on the home page, just below the Index.

Kansas Event Data System (KEDS)

Web Address at: <http://web.ku.edu/keds/>

- The Kansas Event Data System “uses automated coding of English-language news reports to generate political event data. These data are used in statistical early warning models to predict political change.” At a basic level, this site contains data about dyadic interactions between pairs of countries. The interactions could be diplomatic, military or economic. KEDS papers can be accessed by clicking on the icon at the top of the home page. These are available in .pdf format.
- The following KEDS datasets are available and can be accessed by clicking on the *Data* link at the top of the home page:
 - (a) *Levant Dataset*: Contains a compilation of over three decades of coded data specifically targeting events relating to states within the Levant.
 - (b) *Gulf Dataset*: Covers the states of the Gulf region and the Arabian Peninsula from April 1979 to March 1999.
 - (c) *Central Asia Dataset*: These files contain event data for an assortment of Central Asian states, including Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan,

Kazakstan, Kyrgistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan from May 1989 to July 1999.

(d) *Balkans Dataset*: Contains events for the major actors, including ethnic groups, involved in the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia from April 1989 to July 2003.

(e) *West Africa Dataset*: Contains events for the major actors in West Africa from January 1989 to February 2002. Most of the major opposition groups in the Liberian and Sierra Leone civil wars are included in the data.

(f) *Levant and Balkans Mediation Datasets*: Contains files for third-party 'mediation episodes' in the Levant (April 1979 to December 1998) and Balkans (June 1991 to May 1999). A mediation episode is defined as a specific mediator (e.g. the U.N.) meeting with both parties to a conflict within a period of a week. These are aggregated by month.

(g) *International Cooperation and Regional Conflicts Events Data*: These datasets were generated for the purpose of investigating interactions in regional conflicts. They include information about Bosnia, Kosovo, China, Cuba, Haiti, India, Somalia, 'Levant' and 'Gulf.'

Foreign Affairs Online

Web Address at: <http://www.people.virginia.edu/~rjb3v/rjb.html>

- Foreign Affairs Online is a comprehensive, annotated guide designed to assist researchers and others interested in international relations, international law and U.S. foreign policy (material is generally from a 'U.S. perspective'). The online resources provided by this site include the following:

(i) **Reference Materials**

(a) General Reference: A variety of research tools including dictionaries, encyclopedias and 'factbooks,' as well as links to prominent Internet search engines and portals.

(b) Map Resources: A wide variety of resources, including a selection on U.S. Domestic and International Politics.

(c) Media: Links to various broadcast, print, and online media sources including news agencies, networks and newspapers. It includes sources from the United States, Africa, The Americas, Asia, the Middle East, Australia and Europe.

(ii) **Governments**

(a) **United States Government**: Includes websites from all three major branches of government, as well as U.S. Government database search engines and official document sources.

(b) **Foreign States**: Links to compilations of online sites dealing with many world regions including Africa, Asia and Oceania, Central America and the Caribbean, North America, Europe, Central Asia and the Mediterranean, the Middle East and the Arab world, and South America. Also includes a selection of 'comprehensive sources' many of which are provided by the U.S. government.

(iii) **International Law and Organization**

(a) **United Nations System**: Online links for the entire U.N. System and prominent scholarly sites.

(b) **NGO's and IGO's**: Links to many prominent non-governmental and Inter-governmental Organizations such as NATO, the Mennonite Central Committee, the Organization of American States, the Global Policy Forum and Amnesty International.

(c) **International Law**: International Law resources include legal journals and periodicals, treaties and legal documents, legal centers and libraries, and international law associations.

(d) **Human Rights**: Includes reports, agencies, documents, publications and organizations concerned with human rights issues.

(iv) **International Affairs**

(a) **International Relations**: Includes prominent periodicals, university sites, policy centers, institutes, professional associations, etc.

(b) **Think Tanks**: Nearly 100 domestic and foreign policy think tanks listed alphabetically.

(c) **Digital Divide**: Features links to portals, organizations, and prominent documents associated with the 'global digital divide.'

Foreign Policy in Focus (FPiF)

Web Address at: <http://www.fpiif.org/index.html>

- Foreign Policy in Focus (FPIF) “seeks to make the U.S. a more responsible global leader and global partner. It is a ‘think tank without walls’ that functions as an international network of more than 650 policy analysts and advocates.” It is committed to advancing a grassroots citizen-based U.S. foreign policy agenda. Search the topical and regional indexes for access to hundreds of articles and reports on foreign policy issues. Topics include: Drug Control, Energy, the Environment, Financial Flows, Food, Global Governance, Health, Human Rights, Labour, Military, Terrorism, Trade and Women.

Other relevant sources might include *Latin American Working Group (LAWG)* in Section 1 (Latin America and the Caribbean), *Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)* in Section 16, *Facts on International Relations and Security Trends* in Section 16 and *Defence Technical Information Center* in Section 16.

(18) Poverty and Inequality

International Monetary Fund (IMF): Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers

Web Address at: <http://www.imf.org/external/np/prsp/prsp.asp>

- Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) are completed by member countries through a process involving domestic stakeholders as well as external development partners, including the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Updated every three years with annual progress reports, PRSPs describe the country's macroeconomic, structural and social policies and programs over a three year horizon to promote growth and reduce poverty, as well as associated external financing needs and major sources of financing. This site provides *Country Papers* for over 50 developing countries, as well as a number of related *Policy Papers* and other PRSP Documents.

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): World Income Inequality Database

Web Address at: http://www.wider.unu.edu/research/Database/en_GB/database/

- The World Inequality Database “collects and stores information on income inequality for developed, developing and transition countries in an easily retrievable, exportable and analyzable format.” The entire database can be downloaded free of charge. It provides information on income inequalities at both cross-country and time series levels. It currently presents data on changes in income inequality for 149 countries from 1950 to 2007, with a particular focus on the period since 1980. Major updates happen to the database from time to time which extends the timeframe that the data covers.

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Web Address at: <http://www.ifad.org/>

- The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) was established in 1977 as one of the major outcomes of the 1974 World Food Conference. The Fund has a very specific mandate: to combat hunger and rural poverty in developing countries. This site provides a *Rural Poverty Knowledgebase* which contains the multi-chapter 2001 Rural Poverty Report, regional assessments of rural poverty, a collection of public lectures, as well as resources dealing with gender issues, food security, nutrition and rural finance. Access the *Documents and Publications* section for additional policy documents, including annual reports.

State of Food Insecurity in the World 1999

Web Address at: <http://www.fao.org/FOCUS/E/SOFI/dev-e.htm>

- A statistically packed report on nutrition, hunger and food insecurity in developing countries. It includes a selection of graphs and maps.

World Bank: Inequality Around the World

Web Address at:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTPROGRAMS/EXTPOVRES/EXTDECINEQ/0,,contentMDK:20553509~menuPK:1359571~pagePK:64168445~piPK:64168309~theSitePK:1149316,00.html>

- This site includes information and resources on various aspects of inequality in different regions of the world. A key focus of the site is how inequality affects political and economic variables. Contains some data on income distribution.

The University of Texas Inequality Project (UTIP)

Web Address at: <http://utip.gov.utexas.edu/>

- The University of Texas Inequality Project (UTIP) is “a small research group concerned with measuring and explaining movements of inequality in wages and earnings and patterns of industrial changes around the world.” This site contains *Measures of Inequality* which provides data for particular countries, as well as a number of working papers on inequality.
- UTIP has recently developed a new dataset – *The Estimated Household Income Inequality Dataset (EHII)* for the global economy. The EHII estimates household income inequality coefficients for over 3100 country-year observations, permitting researchers to work with a dense panel of household income inequality measures over time. Data is provided for most countries of the world.

Center for Global Development (CGD)

Web Address at: <http://www.cgdev.org/>

- The Center for Global Development (CGD) is “an independent, non-partisan, non-profit think tank seeking to reduce global poverty and inequality through policy oriented research and active engagement on development issues with the policy community and the public.” The

Center's research assesses the impact of globalization and the policies of governments and multilateral institutions on the poor. A principal focus of the Center's work is the policies of the United States and other industrial countries that affect development prospects.

- The *Research* section of the site contains data compiled by the CGD and links to other data sources, as well as a collection of facts and figures. Consult the *Publications* section for free access to CGD books, working papers, data sets, briefs and commentary. All books released by CGD are accessible online in pdf format. Titles include the following:
 - *From Social Assistance to Social Development: Targeted Education Subsidies in Developing Countries* (2003)
 - *The Other War: Global Poverty and the Millennium Challenge Account* (2003)
 - *Challenging Foreign Aid: A Policymakers Guide to the Millennium Challenge Account* (2003)
 - *Delivering on Debt Relief: From IMF Gold to a New Aid Architecture* (2002)
 - *Washington Contentious: Economic Policies for Social Equity in Latin America* (2001)
 - *Trade Policy and Global Poverty* (2004)
 - *Fair Growth: Economic Policies for Latin America's Poor and Middle-Income Majority* (2008)

The International Budget Project (IBP)

Web Address at: <http://www.internationalbudget.org/index.htm>

- The International Budget Project (IBP) of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities “assists non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and researchers in their efforts both to analyze budget policies and to improve budget processes and institutions.” A key goal of the Project is to help facilitate applied research which can inform ongoing policy debates about the effects of budget policies on the poor. Accordingly, IBP works primarily with researchers and NGOs in developing countries attempting to reduce poverty. This site contains a number of resources including IBP *Publications*, an *Online Library* and links to related websites sorted by topic and by region.

Oxfam

Web Address at: <http://www.oxfam.org/>

- Oxfam international is a confederation of twelve organizations working together in more than 100 countries. The organization strives to find lasting solutions to poverty and other social injustices around the world. Users can access a large archive of policy papers found within the *Policy and Analysis* section. All papers are in pdf format and produced by Oxfam International (unless otherwise stated). This main site also contains links to twelve additional Oxfam sites from different regions of the world.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

Web Address at: <http://www.cbpp.org/index.html>

- The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities is a U.S. policy organization concerned with how fiscal policy and public programs affect low and moderate income families and individuals. Accordingly, it “conducts research and analysis to inform public debates over proposed budget and tax policies and to help ensure that the needs of low income families and individuals are considered in these debates.” The Center also develops policy options and reports on poverty income data, health, food assistance, low income housing, immigrants, etc. Many of the Center’s numerous reports are freely available through this website.

Inequality.org

Web Address at: <http://www.inequality.org/>

- A collection of facts and figures, articles, links, and other resources related to inequality and the concentration of wealth.

Poverty Net

Web Address at: <http://www.worldbank.org/poverty/index.htm>

- A World Bank website developed to provide resources for people and organizations working to understand and alleviate poverty. Features include a *Poverty Monitoring Database*, the *East Asia Social Policy Search Engine*, access to reports and poverty literature, and current consultations and forums.

Other relevant sources might include the *Asian Development Bank* in Section 1 (Asia), *OneWorld* in Section 6, *World Bank: Deininger and Squire Dataset* in Section 8 and *International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)* in Section 12.

(19) Media and Public Opinion

Press Freedom Survey

Web Address at: <http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=16>

- A product of Freedom House, this site contains a report (with statistical analysis) dealing with freedom of the press throughout the world. The full report is available online, along with brief reports about each country, a press freedom map, and various tables and charts.

Americans and the World

Web Address at: <http://www.americans-world.org/>

- This site provides “a source of comprehensive information on U.S. public opinion on international issues.” It includes The Digest, which provides detailed analyses of polling on various international topics. Much of the opinion data is organized into various topical indexes including: Globalization, International Trade, Terrorism, Women’s International Issues, Human Rights, Global Warming, United Nations, Population and Biotechnology. Data on regional issues, such as the war in Iraq and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, can also be accessed through this site.

Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

Web Address at: <http://people-press.org/>

- The Pew Research Center is “an independent opinion research group that studies attitudes toward the press, politics, and public policy issues.” The organization provides regular national surveys that measure public attentiveness to major news stories, as well as polling that charts trends in values and fundamental political and social attitudes. All survey results are available online at no charge.

The research program includes five principal areas of investigation:

The People and the Press: explores public attitudes about the credibility, social value and salience of the news media.

The People, the Press and Politics: features a typology that divides the American electorate into distinct voting groups and identifies the basic values and attitudes that animate political behaviour.

The News Interest Index: measures on a regular basis how closely the public follows major news stories and links this to views about politics and policy issues.

America's Place in the World: a series of in-depth surveys and analyses of the public and opinion leaders on international policy in the post-Cold War era.

Media Use: a number of major surveys that measure the public's use of, and attitudes toward, the Internet and traditional news outlets.

Two key features of the site include:

(i) **Survey Reports**

Web Address at: <http://people-press.org/reports/>

- Hundreds of online surveys can be accessed by topic and by year. Categories include: Business and Economics, Domestic Policy and Social Issues, Foreign Policy, Global Attitudes/International, News Media and Politics. Data are available from 1995 to the present.

(ii) **Datasets**

Web Address at: <http://people-press.org/dataarchive/>

- This page contains links to the Center's survey data which are currently available on the Internet. Survey data are released six months after the reports are issued and are posted online shortly thereafter. Access hundreds of studies and corresponding reports on a wide variety of public interest issues, from 1997 to 2004.
- Note: An email address is required to download survey data.

European Commission: Public Opinion Analysis

Web Address at: http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/index_en.htm

- Since 1973, the European Commission has been monitoring the evolution of public opinion in the Member States. The surveys and studies found on this site cover major topics concerning European citizenship: Enlargement, Social Situation, Health, Culture, Information Technology, the Environment, the Euro and Defence.

Public Agenda Online

Web Address at: <http://www.publicagenda.org/index.htm>

- Public Agenda is a “non-partisan, non-profit public opinion research and citizen education organization” based in New York City. It conducts opinion studies and provides data on many different issues including: Abortion, America’s Global Role, Campaign Finance, Child Care, Crime, The Economy, Education, The Environment, The Federal Budget, Gay Rights, Health Care, Higher Education, Illegal Drugs, Immigration, The Internet, Medical Research, Euthanasia, Poverty and Welfare, Medicare and Social Security.
- Note: The sample of respondents includes the American public only.

Alternative Press Center (APC)

Web Address at: <http://www.altpress.org/>

- The Alternative Press Center (APC) “is a non-profit collective dedicated to providing access to and increasing public awareness of the alternative press. Founded in 1969, it remains one of the oldest self-sustaining alternative media institutions in the United States.”

Two key features of this site include:

(i) **Alternative Press Index**

- The Alternative Press Index (API) is a biannual subject index to over 250 alternative, radical and left periodicals, newspapers and magazines. It represents one the most comprehensive guides to alternative sources of online information. Each article is listed and cross-referenced by subject. Every citation contains the title, author and information about the publication. See *OCLC FirstSearch* for online access, located at: <http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch/>

(ii) **Online Directory**

- The information in this directory is taken from *Annotations – A Guide to the Independent Critical Press*, published jointly by the Alternative Press Center and the Independent Press Association. Users can browse by title or subject.

(iii) **Links**

- This feature provides links to other alternative online resources compiled by the Alternative Press Center.

C-SPAN Online

Web Address at: <http://www.c-span.org/>

- C-SPAN is a private, non-profit public service of the American cable television industry. It seeks to provide users with access to the live ‘gavel-to-gavel’ proceedings of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, and to other forums where public policy is discussed and debated. C-SPAN.org complements C-SPAN’s television programs with a wealth of additional resources. Many of C-SPAN’s television and radio broadcasts are available directly through this site. Search the extensive audio and video archives to access programming. In addition to the United States, users can watch parliaments from around the world through the international links. Additional C-SPAN websites are linked at the top of the main site.

Indymedia

Web Address at: <http://www.indymedia.org/en/index.shtml>

- Indymedia is a global online news network of independent media organizations and hundreds of journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate information and analysis. An excellent source of alternative media coverage.

FAIR

Web Address at: <http://www.fair.org/index.html>

- FAIR, a national media watch group in the United States, has been offering criticism of media bias and censorship since 1986. FAIR publishes Extra! – amagazine of media criticism – and produces the weekly radio program: Counterspin. Both Extra! and Counterspin can be accessed online. The articles found in Extra! examine biased reporting, censored news, media mergers, press/state cronyism, the power of corporate owners and advertisers, and the exclusion of progressive voices from the media. The Extra! archives contain thousands of available articles which can be searched by subject or region.
- FAIR also operates specialized research and advocacy desks that work with activists and media professionals on specific issues. The *Woman’s Desk* analyzes the effects of sexism and homophobia in the media and works to get feminist perspectives included in public debate. The *Racism Watch Desk* monitors the media’s marginalization and exclusion of minority groups. The advocacy desks also contain a large number of

articles and Counterspin broadcasts, as well as links to related Internet resources.

Reporters Without Borders

Web Address at: http://www.rsf.fr/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=20

- Reporters Without Borders works to reduce the use of censorship and to oppose laws that restrict press freedom. The association also attempts to improve the safety of journalists across the globe, particularly in areas of conflict and war, and defend them and other media contributors who have been imprisoned or persecuted. This site acts as an information source that details media censorship, press freedom, mistreatment and abuse of media workers, and other related issues. Users can browse through news by region and country, download online reports, and access the *Press Freedom Index* – a global index of countries ranked according to their respect for press freedom.

Non-Western Sources on Contemporary Political Issues

Web Address at: <http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/subjects/polsci/>

- This website provides access to a collection of Internet resources which focus on how people from non-Western or less industrialized parts of the world view a variety of contemporary political issues. The resources on this site are arranged in geographical order. They are also categorized into four main subjects including: Conflict Resolution, the Environment, Gender and Human Rights.

Other relevant sources might include *Environmental Media Services (EMS)* in Section 10 and *Common Dreams News Center* in Section 21.

(20) Legal Resources / Crime and International Law

United Nations Crime and Justice Information Network

Web Address at: <http://www.uncjin.org/index.html>

- “This electronic clearing-house represents the culmination of several years of incremental efforts coordinated by the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention, Vienna.” The website contains numerous resources on crime and crime prevention. Access crime-related information organized under the following headings: Institutes, Organizations, Documents, Standards, Statistics, Countries and Laws. See the *Site Map* for more detailed information regarding the contents of this site. <http://www.uncjin.org/Special/SiteMap/sitemap.html>

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Web Address at: <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/index.html>

- Established in 1997, UNODC consists of a Drug Programme and a Crime Programme. See *Data and Analysis* located at the left of the page for analytical information, data, trends, and policy analyses related to global drug and crime issues.

U.S. Library of Congress: Global Legal Information Network

Web Address at: <http://www.glin.gov>

- The Global Legal Information Network is a database of laws, regulations, and other complementary legal sources. The documents included in the database are contributed by member nations.

Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)

Web Address at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

- The mission of the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is to “collect, analyze, publish and disseminate information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government.” Use this site to access many BJS data collections and publications, as well as links to other information sources.
- One of the best data sources supported by the BJS is called the *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics*. It brings together data from

more than 100 different sources and covers all aspects of criminal justice in the United States. These data are displayed in over 600 tables. See: <http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/index.html>

Prison Activist Resource Center (PARC)

Web Address at: <http://www.prisonactivist.org/>

- “The source for progressive and radical information on prisons and the criminal prosecution system,” the Prison Activist Resource Center (PARC) is committed to exposing and challenging the institutionalized racism of the criminal justice system. This site includes statistics, discussion and background on the prison crisis, political prisoners, women prisoners, the death penalty and control units. It also contains links to sites on prisoner support, prison law and prison activism. PARC produces a *Resource Directory for Educators and Activists on the Crisis in Prisons* which includes a directory of organizations, a bibliography and other useful resources. Note that you must register to gain access to the site.

Critical Resistance (CR)

Web Address at: <http://www.criticalresistance.org/index.php>

- Critical Resistance (CR) is a national (U.S.-based) grassroots organization dedicated to ending the ‘prison industrial complex.’ CR launches campaigns and cultural events around issues of prison expansion, gender, class and racial inequalities within the criminal justice system, and the mistreatment of prisoners. This site contains many CR resources including a listing of books, pamphlets, articles and videos; a newsroom containing recent press releases, articles and reports; and a huge collection of links on many topics including the death penalty, drug war/drug policy, human rights, immigrant rights, political prisoners and women.

HierosGamos

Web Address at: <http://www.hg.org/index.html>

- This site includes a large number of legal resources containing both United States and global information. Within the *International Law* section, for example, users can access law and government resources for 230 countries of the world, publications and resources from the United Nations and European Union, and information related to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Search, law libraries, reference centre, legal publications and more.

Foreign and International Law Web

Web Address at: <http://www.washlaw.edu/forint/forintmain.html>

- This is a service of the Washburn University School of Law Library. The goal of this website is to “provide links to primary foreign and international legal resources, research aids, and sites useful in conducting research in these areas of the law.” Sites linked from this page are arranged alphabetically by any or all of the following: subject, author (i.e., person, government body, organization or institution), country and title. The site can also be browsed using its search engine.

Public International Law

Web Address at: <http://www.law.ecel.uwa.edu.au/intlaw/>

- Classified and annotated links to over 900 Internet sites dealing with international law on various topics including human rights, the United Nations, indigenous peoples, trade, war and peace, crime and international courts.

Guide to Law Online

Web Address at: <http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/>

- Guide to Law Online is prepared by the U.S. Law Library of Congress. It consists of an annotated guide to worldwide sources of information on government and law, and is available online at no charge. It also includes links to other sites of legal information for each of the world's nations.

Legal Information Institute

Web Address at: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/>

- This site offers access to a wide variety of online legal data and information. Included are state and federal court opinions, U.S. and international law, constitutions from around the world, topical libraries and legal directories. To access the Institute's index of legal topics, see the following address: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/index.html>

Interpol

Web Address at: <http://www.interpol.int/Default.asp>

- Interpol’s mission is to be the “world’s pre-eminent police organization in support of all organizations, authorities and services whose mission is preventing, detecting, and suppressing crime.” This site contains numerous publications, fact sheets and links. It also provides statistics and information for many crime-related areas.
- Possibly the most useful section of the site is the publications and resources page located at <http://www.interpol.int/Public/Icpo/Publications/default.asp>. Here you can find fact sheets, and Interpol’s annual reports.

European Sourcebook of Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics

Web Address at: <http://www.europeansourcebook.org/>

- The first European Sourcebook project began in 1996. A large body of information was collected from 36 European countries covering the period of 1990 to 1996. This resulted in the publication by the Council of Europe of the Sourcebook in 1999, now available online. In June 2006 the third edition was published, again by the WODC (nr. 241). This edition is a limited edition: not all tables were updated. It covers the years 2000 - 2003 for 37 countries.
- The contents of the first Sourcebook can be obtained through the web address shown above. For access to the third Sourcebook, see: http://www.europeansourcebook.org/esb3_Full.pdf

FindLaw

Web Address at: <http://www.findlaw.com/12international/countries/>

- FindLaw is a legal search directory. This site contains links to legal information and resources from every country of the world.

(21) Social Activism / Grassroots Organizing

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA)

Web Address at: <http://www.policyalternatives.ca/>

- The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) “offers an alternative to the message that we have no choice about the policies that affect our lives.” The CCPA conducts research on issues of social and economic justice in Canada and around the world. It publishes progressive research and analysis in many different formats. See the *Publications Catalogue* link for books, research reports and policy briefs. The site also includes backgrounders and issue overviews, corporate profiles and articles from their monthly magazine, *The Monitor*. A number of the Centre’s research projects, such as the Alternative Federal Budget, have a series of publications associated with them. The CCPA tries to ensure that a significant portion of their research is freely available to the public through this website.

Open Democracy

Web Address at: <http://www.opendemocracy.net>

- Open Democracy.net is an online global magazine of politics and culture. This site provides discussion and analysis of the prospects for transition from global corporate rule to genuine democracy.

People’s Global Action (PGA)

Web Address at: <http://www.agp.org/>

- People’s Global Action functions as an information network and activism coordination centre for grassroots movements around the world. The network supports the global movement against economic liberalization and global capitalism, as well as the struggles of indigenous people. This site offers a number of useful resources for researchers and activists, including analysis and commentary grouped into a number of related themes such as Gender, Land and Water, Oil, Migration, Trade Agreements, International Financial Institutions, Globalization and War.

The Polaris Institute

Web Address at: <http://www.polarisinstitute.org/>

- The objective of the Polaris Institute is “to enable citizen movements to re-skill and re-tool themselves to fight for democratic social change in an age of corporate driven globalization ... the Institute works with citizen movements in developing the kinds of strategies and tactics required to unmask and challenge the corporate power that is the driving force behind governments concerning public policy making on economic, social and environmental issues.”
- See the *Publications* link for a collection of free publications available from the Institute. The *Links* section contains a directory of other online sources of information on corporations and corporate activity. Many of the Institute’s resources are organized under its six central project links. These include Bio-Justice, Operation Water Rights, Corporate Security State, Public Service – GATS, Corporate Campaigns and Grassroots Globalization.

Pacifica Network News

Web Address at: <http://www.pacifica.org/>

- Pacifica Network News provides extensive coverage of important issues and events, particularly those not covered in the mainstream press. The Pacifica Foundation was founded in 1949 as an alternative to commercial-driven media. They provide listener-sponsored, community radio, and noncommercial, free media.
- Pacifica's mission is to promote peace and justice through communication between all races, nationalities and cultures. They “strive to contribute to the democratic process through public discourse and promotion of culture,” and, “recognize that use of the airwaves is a public trust”.

Democracy NOW!

Web Address at: www.democracynow.org

- Democracy NOW! was launched by Pacifica Radio in 1996 to open the airwaves on a daily basis to alternative voices traditionally excluded from the political process. The program is available every weekday through WebActive. See the above address for Democracy NOW’s home page.

Znet

Web Address at: <http://www.zmag.org/weluser.htm>

- ZNet is an outstanding and comprehensive political website and intellectual/activist service centre for large sectors of the progressive global community. This site contains thousands of articles, interviews, debates, topical guides, links and other resources dealing with a wide variety of political and economic issues. Use the helpful Znet 'Search' function to locate resources on the topic of your choice. One particularly useful resource offered by ZNet is called the *Global Economics Crisis* website. It serves as a source for understanding global economics and trade issues, particularly in preparation for ongoing activism. It can be found at: <http://www.zmag.org/CrisesCurEvts/Globalism/GlobalEcon.htm>

Protest.Net

Web Address at: <http://www.protest.net/>

- Protest.Net was produced by a collection of activists in order to develop a public record of political activities and social activism around the globe. Search this site for upcoming events and actions in your area. Also contains a large collection of links to other progressive sites online.

The Electronic Intifada (EI)

Web Address at: <http://electronicintifada.net/new.shtml>

- The Electronic Intifada (EI) is a “not-for-profit, independent publication committed to comprehensive public education on the question of Palestine, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the economic, political, legal, and human dimensions of Israel's 37-year occupation of Palestinian territories.” EI provides an alternative to mainstream commercial media representations of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. A valuable online tool for media analysis, criticism and activism.
- EI offers a wide variety of unique information useful for researchers and activists. Resources are organized within a number of different topical indexes, including: Opinion/Editorials, 'Live from Palestine,' Human Rights, Development, Internet and Technology, Business and Economy, The Role of the Media, Coverage Trends, Journalists in Danger, Israel Lobby Watch, Activism News, and Action Items.

Voices in the Wilderness

Web Address at: <http://vitw.org/>

- Voices in the Wilderness functions as a network for non-violent education, action and resistance. Since its founding in 1996, Voices in the Wilderness has campaigned to end economic and military warfare against the Iraqi people. To

this end, they have organized delegations to Iraq in deliberate violation of U.N. economic sanctions and U.S. law, to deliver medical supplies to Iraqi children and families. Many articles and commentaries are available online, in addition to other resources. The Voices in the Wilderness website is no longer maintained (as of 2006). VitW.org will be available indefinitely for archival and research purposes.

Indymedia

Web Address at: <http://www.indymedia.org/en/index.shtml>

- Indymedia is a global online news network of independent media organizations and hundreds of journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate information and analysis. An excellent source of alternative media coverage.

Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG)

Web Address at: <http://www.globalresearch.ca/>

- The Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG) “is an independent research and media group of progressive writers, scholars and activists committed to curbing the tide of ‘globalization’ and ‘disarming’ the New World Order.” This site offers news articles, commentary, research and analysis on a broad range of issues, focussing on the interrelationships between social, economic, geopolitical and environmental processes. In addition, users can access a selection of resource archives grouped by subject and region including: America’s War, Globalization, Biotechnology, Crimes against Humanity, Palestine, Iraq, Africa, Latin America, and the Balkans.

Common Dreams News Center

Web Address at: <http://www.commondreams.org/>

- Common Dreams is a non-profit citizens’ organization working to organize an open discussion of current events with a rich diversity of viewpoints. This site offers comprehensive news coverage on a variety of national and international topics. See the *Progressive Newswire* for hundreds of up-to-the-minute reports and commentaries. It also provides links to a wide variety of other news services and periodicals, including print media, radio and television. Founded in 1997, Common Dreams is committed to using the Internet as a political organizing tool and creating new models for online activism.

International Forum on Globalization

Web Address at: <http://www.ifg.org/>

- The International Forum on Globalization (IFG) is “an alliance of sixty activists, scholars, economists, researchers and writers formed to stimulate new thinking, joint activity and public education in response to economic globalization.” It represents over 60 organizations in 25 countries. IFG associates seek to expose the deleterious effects of corporate-led globalization, and to reverse this process by encouraging ideas and activities which revitalize local communities. This site offers analysis of economic globalization and the actions of international institutions such as the WTO, World Bank and IMF. Individuals who join as members receive discounts on publications and materials provided by the IFG.

Transnational Institute (TNI)

Web Address at: <http://www.tni.org/>

- The Transnational Institute (TNI) “was founded in 1974 as a global fellowship of committed scholar-activists.” TNI seeks to promote international cooperation in finding solutions to global problems such as militarism, poverty and environmental degradation. To this end, it collaborates with journalists, independent researchers and scholars from similar institutes in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern and Western Europe, Scandinavia and the United States. This site provides commentary, reports, articles, and many other free publications on issues such as the war in Iraq, conflict in the Middle East, African economic development, ‘free trade’ agreements and other important international topics.

Capitalism 3.0

Web Address at: <http://www.capitalism3.com>

- A site run by author Peter Barnes that communicates his ideas on how to “update” the capitalist system to make it work for people and the planet. A revolutionary thinker on reorganizing the political-economic system and solving the political commitment problem through the introduction of resource trusts.
 - Book download available at: <http://www.capitalism3.com/downloadbuy> .
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Other relevant sources might include *North America Congress on Latin America (NACLA)* in Section 1 (Latin America and the Caribbean), *Prison Activist Resource Center* in Section 20, *Critical Resistance* in Section 20 and *Public Information Network: Endgame Research Services (Activist Research Manual, Volume 1: Sources of Information on Corporations)* in Section 22.

(22) Researching Corporations and Corporate Activity

Public Information Network: Endgame Research Services

Web Address at: <http://www.endgame.org/>

- Endgame research Services is a product of the Public Information Network. The mission of the Public Information Network is “to provide research services and training to citizens who are working for corporate and governmental accountability, and who are committed to socially just and ecologically sustainable societies.” The Network’s primary focus is on the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of transnational corporations, financial institutions and governments. It supports the replacement of corporations with institutions based on the principles of sustainability and social justice.
- This site provides a large quantity of information and numerous links to sites dealing with corporations and corporate activity (current and historic) in different economic sectors, as well guides for activist research and training. For a more detailed description of the website’s content, visit the *Site Index* located at: <http://www.endgame.org/siteindex.html>

Some of the site’s most useful features include:

(i) **Online Resources for Activist Research**

Web Address at: <http://www.endgame.org/links.html>

- This site provides hundreds of links to activist research resources in many different subject areas. Topics are listed alphabetically and include (but are not limited to) the following: Activist Research Guides and Organizations, Advertising and Commercialism, Agribusiness, Banks, Biotechnology, Boycotts, Consumer Issues and Campaigns, Corporate Information (Campaigns, Charters, Codes of Conduct, Crime, Lobbies, Profiles, Subsidies, Rankings by Sales and Profits, Social Responsibility, etc.), Economic Alternatives, Energy, Environment, Food, Globalization and International Trade, Governmental Directories, Human Rights, Labour, Land, Law and Legal Research, Lobbyists, Media, Military, Monopolies, Nuclear, Politics and Money, Polls, Public Relations, Shareholders and Social Investment, Sweatshops, Technology. Health and Safety, Wealth and Women.

(ii) **Activist Research Manual Volume 1: Sources of Information on Corporations**

Web Address at: <http://www.endgame.org/arm.html>

- This online manual is an excellent resource for researching corporations and corporate activity on the Internet. Many bodies of information are included in the manual including:
 - (a) Basic Data/Directories of Corporations: contains information on U.S. corporations, non-U.S. corporations, privately-held corporations, corporations in specific industries and annual corporate rankings.
 - (b) Subsidiaries/Interlocks/Affiliations
 - (c) Country-Specific Operations
 - (d) Lines of Business Products and Brand Names
 - (e) Financial Data/Assets/Property Owner
 - (f) Shareholders/Management
 - (g) History and News
 - (h) Legal Compliance/Crime/Monopoly/Business Practices
 - (i) Environmental Record/Natural Resources
 - (j) Health and Safety Record
 - (k) Labour Record
 - (l) Human Rights Record
 - (m) Military Involvement
 - (n) Subsidies/Corporate Welfare/Taxes
 - (o) Political Activities/Public Relations/Trade Associations
 - (p) Social and Environmental Responsibility and Rankings
 - (q) Activist Campaigns/Boycotts/Strikes
 - (r) Other Research Guides

(iii) **Directory of Transnational Corporations**

Web Address at: <http://www.endgame.org/dtc/directory.html>

- All of the entries in the Directory are based on the sources cited but are current only as of the dates cited. For example, many recent mergers will be missing. This feature is being updated as resources allow. Click on the first letter of the name of a corporation and all the corporations beginning with that letter will be loaded. There is also a Geographic Index of corporations in the Directory allowing users to search by country.

Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)

Web Address at: <http://www.corporateeurope.org/index.html>

- The Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO) is a European-based research group which targets “the threats to democracy, equity, social justice and the environment posed by the economic and political power of corporations and their lobby groups.”
- CEO publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Corporate Europe Observer*, which features reports on the activities of major corporate lobby groups, issue specific overviews, reviews, news updates and analysis. It is currently available through this site in html and pdf formats. CEO also publishes a number of issue briefings which provide detailed information and analysis about the relationships between corporations acting through lobby groups and various governmental institutions. See the collection of *Links* for access to other websites and organizations working to monitor the behaviour of corporations and combat corporate-led globalization.

An Internet Guide to Power Structure Research

Web Address at: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~vburriss/whorules/index.htm>

- This site provides a guide to resources for those interested in social network analysis of corporate power structures (including those available on the Internet and those found elsewhere). The site is divided into several sub-pages, organized by topic. Most pages have direct links to sources of online data. Users can access information on the political activities of large corporations, the networks of connections among corporate elites, and the role of policy organizations, think tanks and foundations in the policy-making process.

CorpWatch

Web Address at: <http://www.corpwatch.org/>

- CorpWatch “counters corporate-led globalization through education, network building and activism.” This site is dedicated to monitoring the behaviours and practices of corporations in order to hold them accountable for their activities and expose illegal and immoral corporate conduct. It includes a *Corporation Research Guide* which helps researchers find information about a corporation's business strategy and operations, financial status, and environmental and social record. A huge collection of links grouped by subject can be found under *Research Tools*. CorpWatch also provides an *Issue Library* where users can access news, analysis, commentary and links on various subjects related to corporate activity.

Corporate Information

Web Address at: <http://www.corporateinformation.com/>

- This site is useful for finding information on public foreign companies and transnational corporations. It allows users to search for data by company name or ticker, by country and industry, or by country or state only. It also provides links to free corporate data and an abundance of industry information. Registration is required to use this site.

The Aurora Institute

Web Address at: <http://www.aurora.ca/>

- The Aurora Institute is a Canadian non-profit, citizens-based organization which conducts research and public education on the role and structure of public and private institutions. Much of the Institute's research and activity centres around 'the corporation.' It attempts to "shed light on the very structure of the corporation as a cause of the political, social, economic and environmental symptoms we face in modern society" and "foster alternatives and remedies suited to our increasingly market-driven society." Resources include descriptions of corporate structures, history of corporations, corporate charter information, etc. From the homepage, click on *Resources* and then select the resource topic from the menu. Research tools feature extensive Canadian links to aid researchers in finding information on specific corporations, as well as some U.S. and international references.

Corporate Watch

Web Address at: <http://www.corporatewatch.org.uk/>

- Corporate Watch is a radical research and publishing group that supports grassroots and direct activism against large corporations, particularly multinationals. This site largely features companies from the United Kingdom but does have some information on non-U.K. multinationals.
- In addition to their directory of multinationals, corporate news and corporate profiles, Corporate Watch has produced a manual called *DIY Guide: How to Research Companies*. This can be found at the following address: <http://www.corporatewatch.org.uk/?lid=2301>

Essential Information

Web Address at: <http://www.essential.org/>

- This site provides useful information on corporations and their activities, including various resources on corporate accountability and corporate welfare. One key resource linked through this site is the *Multinational Monitor*, published monthly (bimonthly in January/February and July/August) by Essential Information, Inc. The Multinational Monitor tracks corporate activity and corporate crime, especially in the Third World, focusing on the export of hazardous substances, worker health and safety, labour union issues and the environment. It can be found at: <http://multinationalmonitor.org/>

United for a Fair Economy (UFE)

Web Address at: <http://faireconomy.org/>

- The Economic Research Sources found within the *Research Library* of UFE's website features online sources of data related to corporate power such as CEO pay, taxes, union demographics, poverty and the 'wealth gap.' Most sections are accompanied by data analysis, often presented in user-friendly formats such as charts and diagrams. UFE's publications are also found within this section and can be downloaded in pdf format.

SEDAR

Web Address at: http://www.sedar.com/homepage_en.htm

- SEDAR is the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval – the electronic filing system for the disclosure documents of public companies and mutual funds across Canada. Most of the documents which are legally required to be filed with the Canadian Securities Administrators and many documents which are filed with the Canadian exchanges are included in the SEDAR system. This site contains copies of all documents filed in the SEDAR system that have become available to the public, as well as profiles of all SEDAR public company and mutual fund filers. Documents filed only with Canadian exchanges are not available online.

Corporate Research Database

Web Address at: http://www.worc.org/resources/corp_research.html

- The Corporate Research Database was created by the Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC), a network of seven grassroots community organizations. This site offers a listing of resources that are useful in corporate research. The database contains contact information for organizations that will conduct research for you, along with resources to help users carry out their own research. Consult the Research Guides for additional information.

They Rule

Web Address at: <http://www.theyrule.net/>

- This site allows users to create maps of the interlocking directorates of the top 100 U.S. companies in 2004. An updated version of this site is in the works.

NorWatch

Web Address at: <http://www.norwatch.no/index.php?show=177&expand=177>

- NorWatch is a research and campaign group which monitors the behaviour of transnational corporations based in Norway. Specifically, the organization examines Norwegian TNCs “in low cost countries, investigating whether they act in accordance with requirements concerning human rights, health, environment and safety.” NorWatch’s database currently includes approximately 1,600 different companies.

Corporate Accountability Project

Web Address at: <http://www.corporations.org/>

- A project of the ACTION Center (Activists' Center for Training in Organizing and Networking), this site includes extensive information and resources on how to research individual corporations, including the corporate media.

Transnationale

Web Address at: <http://www.transnationale.org/>

- Transnationale is an activist and research organization which collects and freely distributes detailed commercial, financial, social and ecological information on over 3,000 transnational corporations through their website. Information is available in English, French and Spanish.

(23) Women

Network Women in Development Europe (WIDE)

Web Address at: <http://www.eurosur.org/wide/home.htm>

- Network Women in Development Europe (WIDE) is “a European network of development NGOs, gender specialists and human rights activists. WIDE monitors and influences international economic and development policy and practice from a feminist perspective.”

The World Health Organization: Estimates of Maternal Mortality

Web Address at:

http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/maternal_mortality_2005/index.html

- The WHO, UNICEF and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) have made three previous attempts to develop internationally comparable estimates of maternal mortality (for the years 1990, 1995, and 2000) by using an approach that encompasses different sources of data. However, the exact methodology used by each exercise differed. The development of country, regional, and global estimates for 2005 followed a similar approach, but used improved methodological techniques. Development of this round of estimates involved The World Bank in addition to WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA. A separate analysis of trends was also performed, to assess the likely change in MMR from 1990 to 2005 at the regional and global levels.

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE): Gender Statistics Database

Web Address at: <http://w3.unece.org/stat/gender.asp>

- This site provides a central database for gender-related social data. This database provides the Common Gender Indicators for the ECE region, and the detailed data series which are used to calculate these indicators. Data series are presented by country, year, and by social and demographic breakdowns. Data series are also provided for key policy areas including population, families and households, work and the economy, crime and violence, public life and decision making, education and health.

WomenWatch

Web Address at: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/>

- WomenWatch is a gateway to the information and resources on the promotion of gender equality throughout the United Nations. The *Documents and Publications* section includes many databases as well as a broad selection of ‘Statistics and Indicators.’

United Nations Statistics Division: Statistics and Indicators: Women and Men

Web Address at: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/indwm/>

Some of the sites interesting features include:

- “The World's Women 2005: Progress in Statistics” focuses on national reporting of sex disaggregated statistics in such areas as demographics, health, education, work, violence against women, poverty, human rights and decision-making. This is the fourth *World's Women* report since 1990. The previous three focused on statistical trends in the situation of women. Five years ago, the *World's Women* report emphasized that there was a lack of sex disaggregated data and that the improvement of national statistical capacity – the ability to provide timely and reliable statistics – is essential for improving gender statistics.
- As a response to the concerns raised in the previous issue, *The World's Women 2005: Progress in Statistics* reviews and analyses the current availability of data and assesses progress made in the provision of national statistics, as opposed to internationally prepared estimates, relevant to gender concerns during the past 30 years. This report proposes a set of strategies to strengthen national capacity to collect and report statistics and also for improved mainstreaming of gender concerns. The report is located at: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/products/indwm/wwpub2005.htm>
- Source books for previous years are available on the main page.

Women's Human Rights Resources (WHRR)

Web Address at: <http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/Diana/>

- The Women's Human Rights Resources website is a project of the Bora Laskin Law Library at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law. The main goal of the site is to assist individuals and organizations in using international women's human rights law to promote women's rights. All WHRR resources are easily accessible from the home page.
- A particularly useful feature of this site is the *Women's Human Rights Resource Database* found at the top right hand corner of the home page. All information in this database is categorized by subject headings. Main subject headings and subheadings are divided into 3 categories:

(i) **Articles**

- The Articles section contains a bibliography of published scholarly materials. Most of the citations are annotated. Full text articles are sometimes available directly from the site and a separate search engine is provided to locate these works. Examples of the kinds of materials available in full text include: scholarly articles that discuss the right to reproductive and sexual health under international human rights law; articles that discuss the international human rights system; and articles that outline strategies for promoting the effective implementation of human rights law.

(ii) **Documents**

- The Documents section contains many different types of materials. These include cases, U.N. reports, NGO reports, international conventions or treaties, and publications of various U.N. treaty bodies. They are organized in alphabetical order. Most of the material available in this part of the site is annotated but full text material is also available.

(iii) **Links**

- The Links section of the site contains annotated links to organizations around the world grouped by subject heading.

World Bank Data and Statistics: GenderStats

Web Address at: <http://devdata.worldbank.org/genderstats/home.asp>

- A database of gender statistics, GenderStats offers country data sheets showing summary gender indicators, basic demographic data, population dynamics, labour force structure, education statistics and health statistics.

Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)

Web Address at: <http://www.awid.org/>

- The Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) is an international organization seeking to inform and mobilize those people and organizations committed to gender equality, sustainable development, and the rights of women. Users can access a wide variety of news, information, analysis, publications and other resources.

- One useful AWID resource is called *Women's Human Rights Net*. It provides information and analysis on women's human rights and global issues.

Web Address at: <http://www.whrnet.org/>

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Web Address at: <http://www.ipu.org/english/home.htm>

- The IPU, established in 1989, is the international organization of Parliaments of sovereign States. The Union is a focal point for global parliamentary dialogue. This site provides access to many IPU resources including:

(i) Women in Parliaments

Web Address at: <http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/world.htm>

- This site contains data on the number and percentage of women in parliaments, by region and by country. The data in the tables was compiled by the Inter-Parliamentary Union on the basis of information provided by national parliaments. Comparative data on the percentage of women in each national parliament as well as data concerning the two regional parliamentary assemblies elected by direct suffrage can be found on separate pages.

(ii) Women in Politics: Bibliographic Database

Web Address at: <http://www.ipu.org/bdf-e/BDFsearch.asp>

- This database contains bibliographic references on books and articles dealing with women in politics. It is intended for "anyone wishing to know what has been written on the subject of women's participation in political life or on a particular aspect of this question." The database is regularly updated to include information from new books and articles produced throughout the world on the subject of women in politics. It covers titles representing international, regional, country and thematic perspectives.

University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center: Survey on the Status of Women and Fertility Data

Web Address at: <http://www.pop.upenn.edu/swaf/index.html>

- The Survey on the Status of Women and Fertility (SWAF) is a comparative study of women's status and fertility in five Asian countries: India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines and Thailand. This website contains

much of the product of the surveys including datasets, codebooks, questionnaires and country reports. These are useful for understanding the unique characteristics of each country's survey (the surveys are similar not identical across countries).

- This site also provides a list of research papers that have used the SWAF data. They address questions of how fertility and contraceptive behaviour (as well as other socioeconomic indicators) vary with the status of women. In some cases, the full texts of these papers are available in pdf format.

Population Research Institute: Women's Health Datasets on the Web

Web Address at: <http://www.pop.psu.edu/data-archive/whda-datasets.htm>

- This site contains links to publicly available data in the area of women's health. The data is primarily U.S.-based, although some of the datasets contain international information.

MADRE

Web Address at: <http://www.madre.org/>

- MADRE is “an international women’s human rights organization that works in partnership with women’s community-based groups in conflict areas worldwide. Its programs address issues of sustainable development, community improvement and women’s health; violence and war; discrimination and racism; self-determination and collective rights; women’s leadership development; and human rights education.” Since 1983, MADRE has delivered over 20 million dollars worth of support to community-based women’s groups in Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Africa, the Balkans and the United States. Among other resources, this site provides access to many of MADRE’s publications (see *Articles and Factsheets*) which explore the impact of U.S. policies on women and families around the world and highlight women’s participation in human rights campaigns.

Other relevant sources might include *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): Human Development Reports* in Section 2, *Yale University Library International Collections* under *Interdisciplinary Fields* in Section 1.

(24) Immigration and Migration / Immigrants and Refugees

The Metropolis Project

Web Address at: <http://www.international.metropolis.net/>

- The International Metropolis Project is “a set of coordinated activities carried out by a membership of research, policy and non-governmental organizations who share a vision of strengthened migration policy by means of applied academic research.” Members work collaboratively on issues of immigration and integration. Information contained on the Metropolis website originates with academic researchers, government stakeholders and other partners. The information is both qualitative and quantitative.
- For access to the Canadian Metropolis website, which focuses on cultural diversity and the challenges of immigration in Canadian cities and around the world, see the following address: <http://www.canada.metropolis.net/>

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Web Address at: <http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/home>

- This website is a key component of UNHCR's activities. It is database-driven and fully searchable throughout. Many of UNHCR's publications are freely available to the public. Recently, the databases formerly known as *Refworld* have become fully available online; tens of thousands of documents from UNHCR and information partners combine to form this valuable research tool. Select 'Country of Origin and Legal Information' on the *Research/Evaluation* page.
- The *Statistics* link to the left of the page covers recent developments and changes over time in more than 150 countries. Access statistics on millions of refugees and other people of concern to the agency, including asylum-seekers, refugees returning home, and people uprooted within their own countries. The data, graphs and charts cover topics such as asylum applications, refugee status determination, recognition rates, refugee populations and movements, demographic characteristics as well as major refugee locations (camps, centers, urban areas, etc.). Conceptual and analytical papers are also available. Forced migration is covered globally, regionally and thematically.

- Some of the key features of the Statistics section include: Statistics on Asylum-seekers, Asylum Trends, the UNHCR Statistical Yearbook, and Standards and Indicators for Refugee Camps.

Global IDP Project

Web Address at: <http://www.idpproject.org/index.htm>

- The Global IDP Project distributes information on issues associated with internally displaced persons (IDPs) in order to assist the international community better respond to situations of internal displacement.

This site includes the following features:

(i) **Database**

- The database is divided into *Country Profiles*. The profiles, based on the U.N. Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, are designed to give the user an overview of internal displacement within a country. They include a comprehensive collection of available public materials on internal displacement. Each profile also contains a list of *Sources Used* which acts as a bibliographic reference to the profiles, and provides links to other relevant reports.
- The following is a brief description of the types of data appearing in each section of the country profiles:
 - (a) *Summary*: Provides a quick overview of all sections with a profile of important new developments.
 - (b) *Background and Causes of Displacement*: Provides information on the causes of displacement as defined in the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.
 - (c) *Population Profile and Figures*: Provides information on the total year-end figures for the internally displaced population and significant variations such as increases and decreases.
 - (d) *Patterns of Displacement*: Describes the process of displacement itself, according to the phases of displacement (flight, temporary settlement, return).
 - (e) *Physical Security and Freedom of Movement*: Covers incidents and patterns of human rights violations.
 - (f) *Subsistence Needs*: Describes the situation and needs of the displaced population in areas such as health care, water and food availability, shelter, sanitation and clothing.
 - (g) *Access to Education*: Describes access to education within the current phase of displacement.

- (h) *Issues of Self-reliance and Public Participation*: Describes opportunities for self-reliance and issues affecting role of the internally displaced in decisions affecting their lives.
- (i) *Documentation Needs and Citizenship*: Discusses issues involved in ensuring access to necessary personal documentation of displaced peoples as it relates to the exercise of their legal rights.
- (j) *Issues of Family Unity, Identity and Culture*: Looks at issues that impact the social lives of internally displaced people.
- (k) *Property Issues*: Provides information on property issues that may have contributed to or acted as a cause of displacement or issues that may be obstacles to return.
- (l) *Patterns of Return and Resettlement*: Covers any information relating to return (defined as durable settlement of internally displaced in area of origin), or resettlement (defined as durable settlement of internally displaced in an area other than the area of origin, but still within the country of origin).
- (m) *Humanitarian Access*: Describes conditions of access to the displaced by humanitarian and human rights organizations.
- (n) *National and International Response*: Provides information relating to the response given to the problems of the displaced by various social actors.

(ii) **Publications**

- In addition to the Global IDP database, the Global IDP Project encompasses a publications component which seeks to identify and analyze particular themes related to internal displacement through the publication of books, reports and articles. Many of these are freely available online.

(iii) **Global Overview**

- The Global Overview section of the site provides a report on internal displacement around the world, access to recent documents addressing the global IDP situation, an IDP World Map with country figures, IDP statistics, and a compilation of global and regional overviews.

University of Princeton Population Studies Center: Mexican Migration Data Project

Web Address at: <http://mmp.opr.princeton.edu//>

- Previously located at the University of Pennsylvania, the Mexican Migration Project (MMP) is a multidisciplinary research program conducted by researchers in Mexico and the United States. MMP's primary function is to gather social and economic information on Mexican-U.S. migration. The data has been converted into a database that is available to the public for research and educational purposes through this website.
- The database contains an initial file with general demographic and migratory information for each member of a surveyed household (PERSFILE). More detailed information on migratory experiences is contained within a second file (MIGFILE), while general characteristics of the household and its members are contained in a third file (HOUSFILE). Detailed labour histories are also collected.

Health Consequences of Mexican Migration to the United States

Web Address at: <http://www.mexmah.com/default.asp>

- The Health and Migration Survey (HMS) project “examines child health outcomes and maternal reproductive behaviour using new recent longitudinal data. Its objective is to resolve some of the contradictory results found in prior studies of migrant health and to assess the effects of migration on health among current U.S. migrants, prior migrants, and non-migrants in Mexico.”
- The two central components of the Project include: (1) the collection of longitudinal data about migrant health from households in Mexico and the United States; and (2) the analysis of these data with respect to infant and child mortality, child health, reproductive and maternal health, contraceptive use, and the utilization of U.S. health and social services.
- Note: Users must register to download the data.

The Legalized Population Survey (LPS)

Web Address at: <http://mmp.opr.princeton.edu/LPS/LPSpage.htm>

- The LPS public use data file contains information about a sample of over 6,000 undocumented migrants who sought permanent legal residence through the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Survey data was collected from the entire group in 1989 and again (for approximately two-thirds of the respondents) in 1992.

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Web Address at: <http://www.iom.int/>

- Established in 1951, IOM has now expanded to encompass a variety of migration management activities around the world. It works closely with international organizations concerned with migration and refugees in order to assist in meeting the growing challenges of migration management. The organization also attempts to advance understanding of migration issues, and encourage social and economic development through migration.
- This site provides users with free access to many IOM Publications including books, studies and reports, periodicals and serial issues.

Other relevant sources might include *University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center: Latin America Migration Project Data (LAMP)* in Section 1 (*Latin America and the Caribbean*) and *International Labour Organization (ILO): International Labour Migration Database* in Section 8.

(25) Indigenous Peoples and Minority Groups

Native Web: Resources for Indigenous Cultures Around the World

Web Address at: <http://www.nativeweb.org/>

- NativeWeb is “an international, non-profit educational organization dedicated to using telecommunications including computer technology and the Internet to disseminate information from and about indigenous nations, peoples and organizations around the world; to foster communication between native and non-native peoples; to conduct research involving indigenous peoples' usage of technology and the Internet; and to provide resources, mentoring and services to facilitate indigenous peoples' use of this technology.” Visit the *Resource Center* link at the left of the home page for access to the Native Net Resource Archive. It contains data and information on indigenous peoples organized into dozens of different categories.

Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

Web Address at: <http://www.jointcenter.org/>

- The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies seeks to inform major public policy debates through research, analysis, and information dissemination in order to improve the socioeconomic status of black Americans and other minorities, and expand their participation in the political and public policy arenas. Today, research programs comprise the core of the Center's activities. Areas of study include politics and elections, social issues, economic policy issues and international affairs. International research on HIV/AIDS and global climate change can also be found here.
- See the *Data Resources* link for access to a comprehensive selection of data on racial populations in the United States broken down by topic.

University of Michigan Institute for Social Research (ISR): Program for Research on Black Americans (PRBA)

Web Address at: <http://www.rcgd.isr.umich.edu/prba/>

- The Program for Research on Black Americans was established in 1976. It collects, analyzes and interprets empirical data on African Americans and international data on people of African descent. The main areas of study

include aging and human development, race and political participation, and mental health. Many of PRBA's data collections are archived and available to the public through the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), located at:
<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/>

Aboriginal Connections

Web Address at: <http://www.aboriginalconnections.com/>

- A comprehensive web directory presenting categorized information to Canadian Aboriginal, Native American Indian, and International Indigenous sites on the Internet.

Office of Minority Health: Resource Center (OMH-RC)

Web Address at: <http://www.omhrc.gov/>

- The OMH-RC “collects and distributes information on a wide variety of health topics including substance abuse, cancer, heart disease, violence, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and infant mortality.” It offers customized database searches and publications regarding Aboriginal, African American, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and Hispanic populations in the United States. Information resources on minority health include databases, as well as scientific reports, journals and documents.
- See their Site Contents Index, at <http://www.omhrc.gov/templates/browse.aspx> , for a full listing of resources available on the site.

Links to Aboriginal Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.bloorstreet.com/300block/aborl.htm>

- This site provides a huge collection of links to Internet resources on Aboriginal and Indigenous peoples throughout the world. Materials are grouped by region and subject.

Cultural Survival

Web Address at: <http://www.cs.org/>

- Cultural Survival seeks to develop strategies for responding directly to the critical needs of the world's indigenous populations. It publicizes examples of how indigenous peoples around the world have successfully responded to crisis, such as the Secoya of Ecuador, the James Bay Cree of Quebec and the Maori of New Zealand. These case studies are now the central issues of Cultural Survival's research, education and advocacy

program. As well, the organization continues to sponsor basic research on indigenous peoples. The results of this research are published in the organization's monograph series and in *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, a journal of indigenous affairs in the United States. This website is a useful resource for researchers and activists interested in the plight of indigenous peoples.

United States Census Bureau: Minority Links

Web Address at: <http://www.census.gov/pubinfo/www/hotlinks.html>

- This U.S. Census Bureau site provides links to the latest data on racial and ethnic populations of the United States (African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander and Aboriginal populations). The data include a wide range of social and economic characteristics.

Other relevant sources might include *Census Scope* in Section 9.

(26) Children and Youth

United States Department of Labor: International Child Labor Reports

Web Address at: <http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/media/reports/iclp/main.htm>

- Access numerous reports on child labour from around the world. Many are hundreds of pages in length and most are available in pdf and html formats. There are several series of reports, some of which are updated regularly including:
 - *Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor* (published annually since 2002)
 - *Advancing the Campaign Against Child Labor Series*
 - *By the Sweat and Toil of Children Series*

Child Rights Information Network (CRIN)

Web Address at: <http://www.crin.org/>

- The Child Rights Information Network (CRIN) “is a global network that disseminates information about the Convention on the Rights of the Child and child rights amongst non-governmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations agencies, inter-governmental organization (IGOs), educational institutions, and other child rights experts.”
- The CRIN programme for child rights includes: (a) a website containing references to hundreds of reports, recent news and upcoming events, as well as details of organizations working worldwide for children. The site also includes NGO reports submitted to the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child; (b) an email list service distributed twice a week in a number of languages which provides regular news bulletins about child rights issues, new publications and upcoming events; (c) specific regional Information on Africa, the Americas, Asia, the Arab World and Europe; and (d) a newsletter examining a specific issue affecting children published three times a year. The newsletter summarizes relevant news, events and publications.

ChildStats: Forum on Child and Family Statistics

Web Address at: <http://www.childstats.gov/>

- This site contains United States federal and state statistics and reports on children and their families. Access information on population and family

characteristics, economic security, behaviour and social environment, health and education.

Unicef

Web Address at: <http://www.unicef.org/>

- Unicef became a permanent part of the United Nations in 1953. Since that time, the organization has worked to protect and advance the rights of children around the world. See Information by Country for a brief description of Unicef's activities in each country (accessed through the 'big picture' link).
- Although many Unicef publications must be paid for, it does make a number of its publications freely available in pdf format. Browse publications by subject, region, title or date. Unicef's latest Annual Report can also be accessed, which summarizes major trends affecting children worldwide. The Publications catalogue can be found at the following address: <http://www.unicef.org/publications/index.html>

Other useful resources provided by Unicef include:

(a) The State of the World's Children: An annual report that includes economic and social statistics and information on the countries and territories of the world, with particular reference to children's well-being. To find these reports, search the publications 'by title'. The most recent version is also available from the main publications index page. The full report can cost money (for the current year), but older reports are generally free, and an executive summary is also made available for free.

(b) Country Statistics: Unicef offers tables combining statistics for all countries. These are organized into the following categories: Basic Indicators, Nutrition, Health, HIV/AIDS, Education, Demographics, Women and Child Protection. These data are available from the following site:

Web Address at: <http://www.unicef.org/statistics/index.html>

(27) Telecommunications and the Internet

International Telecommunication Union: ICT Home Page

Web Address at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/>

- While the publications listed on this site must be purchased, the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Home Page offers free statistics on telecommunication indicators and use (including the Internet) for different countries. A few countries, mainly from Asia, are also profiled through *Internet Case Studies*. These look at the development and use of the Internet within the countries in question.

Zooknic Internet Intelligence

Web Address at: <http://www.zooknic.com/index.html>

- This site is “an ongoing effort to understand and analyze the Internet through the development of a series of metrics on its use and composition.” These include domain name use and markets, the global spread of the Internet, and the makeup of users worldwide. Much of the information is freely available. The data, for the United States and other countries, can be aggregated to any level of geography larger than a postal code. Current statistics on the distribution of Internet users around the world is included in the *Internet Users* section.

Internet World Stats

Web Address at: <http://www.internetworldstats.com/index.html>

- This site provides data on world Internet use, along with percent of population using the Internet. It also has regional tables showing Internet use by individual country. Access Internet usage statistics and population data for over 233 countries and regions of the world.

World Bank Data and Statistics: ICT at a Glance Tables

Web Address at: <http://go.worldbank.org/FDTYJVBR60>

- The ICT tables provide key data on information and communications technologies, with sections on ICT infrastructure & access, Computers and the Internet, ICT expenditures, and ICT business & government

environment.

The Information Economy

Web Address at: <http://www.sims.berkeley.edu/resources/infoecon/>

- The site provides a large number of links and informational resources dealing with the economics of the Internet, information goods, intellectual property, and related issues.

Hobbes Internet Timeline

Web Address at: <http://www.zakon.org/robert/internet/timeline/>

- An interesting website providing a detailed timeline of significant events and developments concerning Internet growth since the 1950s, with links to more detailed information. Also includes annual statistics beginning in 1969 on hosts, domains and networks.

(28) Global Geographic Information Systems / Maps

Scholars Lab: Geospatial Resources (Formerly Geostat)

Web Address at: <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/scholarslab/resources/index.html>

- Scholar's Lab houses maps, geospatial data, and social science datasets. Browse for data in six social science subject areas: Demographics, Economics, Health, Social and Behavioural Information, History and Politics. Most data deals with the United States but international data is available as well.

Geography Network

Web Address at: <http://www.geographynetwork.com/>

- The Geography Network is a global network of geographic information users and providers. Through the Geography Network, users can access many types of geographic content including dynamic maps, downloadable data, and more advanced web services.
- See the *Free Resources* link at the top of the page for material which can be downloaded for free as well as links to other online mapping resources such as the *National Geographic MapMachine* (see Applications).

Maps and GIS Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.library.northwestern.edu/map/index.html>

- This collection includes a large number of maps, atlases, gazetteers, and other reference materials. One notable feature is the *International Geospatial Data and Maps* link.

Historical Atlas of the Twentieth Century

Web Address at: <http://users.erols.com/mwhite28/20centry.htm>

- This unique site provides a collection of maps which chart socioeconomic trends, systems of government, international relations, populations, cities, wars and massacres, etc. throughout the 20th Century. Many of the maps are interactive and some allow users to 'zoom in' for considerable detail. Similarly, a more detailed explanation of the topic is often provided by

clicking on the legend of a particular map. A section containing links to historical maps on other sites is also available.

University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center: GIS and Map Resources

Web Address at: <http://www.pop.upenn.edu/resources/spatial.htm>

- This site provides links to a large collection of general and academic GIS and mapping resources.

World Bank Data and Statistics: Maps

Web Address at: <http://go.worldbank.org/BUW47KAO50>

- This option provides mapped layouts of data from the 2001 edition of the World Bank Atlas, which is a summary of the World Development Indicators. This site is interactive, allowing the user to ‘zoom’ and ‘pan’ around the maps, identify special features and make print outs. Topics include: People, the Environment, the Economy, States and Markets and Global Links.

Other relevant sources might include *NationMaster* in Section 1 (General Information) and *Government Publications and Maps* in Section 7.

LIBRARY MANUAL

- The following materials may be accessed through the Elizabeth Dafoe Library at the University of Manitoba and/or Data Library Services. For a more complete guide, users should consult the Data Library Services website, located at: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/datalib/>
- This guide to data resources is not comprehensive and contains only selected materials with relevance to global political economy research.
- Data Library Services helps current students, staff and faculty at the University of Manitoba to identify, acquire and manipulate electronic data sources. Most material held by the Data Library Resources comes from Statistics Canada or the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).
- If you need help finding or using electronic data, or for more information on the databases listed below, contact Gary Strike, Data Services Librarian in Dafoe Library. He can be reached by phone (204) 474-7086 or by email gary_strike@umanitoba.ca

(A) CD-ROM Databases

- The following contains descriptions of CD-ROM databases that can be accessed at the DLS Office Workstation, which is located in the Reference area of the Elizabeth Dafoe library. NOTE: A few of the datasets listed below have already been installed in the DLS workstation; the others can be installed for public use by contacting Gary Strike (see contact information at the beginning of the library manual). A few of these products may also be available for extended loan.

(1) *OECD Health Data 2002*

- *OECD Health Data 2002* is an interactive database containing information on many key aspects of the health care systems of 30 OECD member countries.
- The database enables users to examine OECD data files and analyze them in the form of tables, charts and maps. It also allows users to export data to other software packages. In total, the data comprise 1,200 different series, with selected time series from 1960 onwards. Most data cover the 1980s and 1990s, and some series run up to 1999 or 2000.

- The OECD health files are classified into nine parts. This breakdown relates to the detailed menus listed in chapter three of the User's Guide. The User's Guide can be found in Dafoe Library, call number:

GovDocs OECD1 H4.4 H42 CD-ROM 2002: User's Guide c.2

1. Health Status
2. Health Care Resources
3. Health Care Utilization
4. Expenditure on Health, Financing and Remuneration
5. Social Protection
6. Pharmaceutical Market
7. Non-medical Determinants of Health
8. Demographic References
9. Economic References

****This product has been installed in the DLS Workstation****

(2) OECD Main Economic Indicators: Historical Statistics 1960-1997

Dataset Overview

- OECD Main Economic Indicators provides a summary of the most recent changes in the economies of OECD countries, along with international statistics on the major economic developments affecting the OECD area over the past few years. The database contains monthly, quarterly and annual time series data beginning in 1960.

Information Provided

- The information provided on each country includes data on national accounts, business surveys, leading indicators, retail sales, industrial production, construction, consumer prices, producer prices, total employment, unemployment rates, wages, interest rates, money and domestic finance, foreign trade and balance of payments. Aggregate data is also available for the European Community, Euro Area and OECD.

Countries Covered

- The database covers OECD member countries as well as 10 non-member countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Slovak republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and the United States.

- For additional information on how to use the CD-ROM, see the following website: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/oecdmei.html>

(3) Signposts 2002: Envisioning the Future

- The information in this CD-ROM was compiled by the Worldwatch Institute (www.worldwatch.org), a United States non-profit organization which has tracked global data on environmental, economic and social trends for more than two decades.
- Signposts 2002 provides access to nearly 1,000 pages of text from the latest editions of two key WorldWatch publications: *State of the World* and *Vital Signs*. It also provides information from datasets going back as far as 50 years, as well as user-friendly graphs and tables.
- The *Trends Datasets* section of the CD contain 50 years of environmental and socioeconomic indicators, incorporating over 650 graphs, tables and datasets. The *Worldwatch Retrospective* section reviews the major environmental, economic and social events over the past 100 years. The CD also contains hyperlinked footnotes and links to other websites and online articles.

(4) World Development Indicators (WDI) 2002

- World Development Indicators (WDI) – a World Bank statistical publication – presents current information on global developments at both national and global levels, providing a comprehensive view of the world economy. The dataset provides over 80 tables and 600 indicators for 152 economies and 14 country groups, as well as basic indicators for another 55 economies. There are six major sections/themes of analytical commentary which are organized under the following headings: World View, People, the Environment, the Economy, States and Markets and Global Links.
- The 2002 version of the CD-ROM includes time series data from 1960 to 2000. It allows users to map and graph the data, and provides search capabilities broken down by country, year and series (indicator). Information can also be downloaded into other software programs.
- Much of the information available in the WDI database is organized into tables. The following is a description of the different types of data tables available in WDI:
 - (a) *Country at-a-Glance Tables*: Two pages of key indicators tracing the trends in social and economic development over the last three

decades. Aggregates for each country's regional and income groups are included. Information is organized under the following headings: Poverty and Social, Key Economic Ratios and Long-Term Trends, Structure of the Economy, Prices and Government Finance, External Debt and Resource Flows, Balance of Payments and Trade.

(b) *Economic Time Series Tables*: Four-page country tables of annual time series data from 1970 to 2000 for nearly 200 economies. Data are organized under the following headings: GNI Per Capita, Population, Origin and Use of Resources, Domestic Prices, Monetary Indicators, Central Government Finances, Foreign Trade, Balance of Payments, External Debt and Social Indicators.

(c) *Social Indicators Datasheets*: One-page tables prepared for over 190 economies. These cover three periods of estimates for the following indicators: Fertility, Mortality, Illiteracy, and Shares of GDP for Selected Social Expenditures. Comparative data for the country's income and regional groups are also available.

(d) *World Bank Atlas*: Provides data for 207 economies organized within five development themes: People, Environment, Economy, States and Markets, and Global Links. The tables present data for the latest available year, usually 2000.

People: population, infant mortality, female labour, poverty and child malnutrition.

Environment: deforestation, water use, and energy consumption as it relates to gross domestic product (GDP).

Economy: gross national income (GNI) and the shares of agriculture and capital formation in GDP.

States and Markets: private investment and infrastructure.

Global Links: financial flows, trade and tourism data.

(e) *World Development Indicators*: This section contains most of the text and all of the 82 tables from the World Development Indicators (WDI) print publication. The tables are grouped into six sections and usually present two years (1980 or 1990 and 2000) for 152 economies and 14 regional and income groups. An additional table covers key indicators for 55 other economies. The tables offer a broad overview of trends in development, the well-being of people and the environment, the roles of government and the market, and factors linking developing and high-income economies.

(f) *Population Projection Tables*: These tables provide population growth estimates and other demographic projections from 2000 to 2050, at five-year intervals. They are disaggregated by age group and gender and cover approximately 200 economies.

(g) *GNI Per Capita (including PPP estimates), Total GNI and GDP, and Population Data*: These tables present data for all countries and groups.

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(5) International Financial Statistics (IMF)

- International Financial Statistics was developed by the International Monetary Fund. It is a standard source of international statistics on all aspects of international and domestic finance. It provides current and historic data on a wide range of economic and financial indicators, from 1945 to the present.
- Information is provided on a wide range of topics including: interest rates, gross domestic product, employment, productivity, trade, monetary indicators, exchange rates, fund accounts, international liquidity, international banking, money and banking, prices, wages, international transactions, government finance, national accounts and population.
- For more information on how to navigate the CD-ROM, see the following website: http://www.columbia.edu/acis/eds/dset_guides/imf-files/ifs.html

(6) Global Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Database Series

- The Global GIS Database Series is a digital world atlas consisting of seven regional CD-ROMs. The atlas was developed by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and published by the American Geological Institute (AGI).
- The GIS database contains a wide range of information from the USGS archives and other organizations. It provides data on geology, hydrology, volcanoes, seismicity, ore deposits, energy resource data, climate data and ecological regions. Other geographical and cultural data such as country boundaries, locations of cities, elevations, population density, roads, airfields and utility lines are also included in the atlas.
- Extensive coverage is provided for all continents with the exception of Antarctica. Each of the seven CD-ROM's present a different area of the world: Central and South America, Europe, North America, North Eurasia, South Asia, South Pacific and Africa.

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(7) Human Activity and the Environment 2000

- *Human Activity and the Environment 2000* provides a statistical picture of Canada's environment with particular emphasis on human activity and its relationship to natural systems.
- The CD-ROM included with this report provides additional data and graphics not found in the printed publication, including:
 - (a) An html version of the publication, optimized for Microsoft Internet Explorer version 4 and later.
 - (b) Microsoft Excel versions of all data tables and figures, including additional material not found in the printed publication.
 - (c) Colour graphics and additional colour images.
 - (d) A database comprising 37 variables from the Census of Population and Census of Agriculture for the period of 1971 to 1996.
 - (e) A mapping/graphing tool that displays trends in agriculture and population data using sub-drainage basin and eco-zone geographies.
 - (f) A reproduction of the printed Human Activity and the Environment 2000 publication in pdf format

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(8) Inter-Corporate Ownership (ICO) 2003

- The 2003 Inter-corporate Ownership (ICO) database contains information on the ownership structure of the Canadian corporate sector; a guide to 'who owns whom' in Canada. Corporate ownership in the database is defined as the percentage of ownership of the corporation's voting shares. ICO includes legal corporate names, the country of control, The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code, province of the head office, the enterprise parent name and the percentage of voting rights owned. Of the more than one million businesses incorporated in Canada, the ICO database tracks the ownership of the largest group, currently numbering around 86,000.
- Users can search, evaluate and download data by company name, company type, industry, province, country of ownership and more. Wherever possible, researchers have analyzed any options, insider holdings, convertible shares or interlocking directorates which may affect the control of the corporation.

(B) Survey Data in SPSS

- The following contains descriptions of surveys which are loaded in Statistical Program for the Social Sciences (SPSS) and can be accessed at the DLS Office Workstation. The DSL workstation is located in the Reference area of the Elizabeth Dafoe library. Note: A few of the datasets listed below have already been installed in the DLS workstation; the others can be installed for public use by contacting Gary Strike (see contact information at the beginning of the library manual). A few of these products may also be available for extended loan.

(1) World Values Survey (WVS)

- The World Values Survey (WVS) is a worldwide investigation of socio-cultural and political change. The data is based on representative national surveys of basic values and beliefs that have been conducted in more than 65 countries. The surveys cover a broad range of subjects including attitudes to life, opinions on social and political issues, the family and general satisfaction. They also include sections on religion, morals and beliefs.
- The WVS builds on the European Values Surveys, first carried out in 1981. A second wave of surveys, designed for global use, was completed in 1990-1991. A third wave was carried out in 1995-1996, and a fourth wave in 1999-2001. The study has led to more than 300 separate publications.
- The DLS Workstation contains the first 3 waves of data: 1981-1984; 1990-1991; and 1995-1996. The 1999-2001 wave can be obtained by contacting Gary Strike (see contact information at the beginning of the library manual). For more information on the World Values Survey, see the following website: <http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/>
The 1999-2001 World Values Survey Questionnaire can be found at: <http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/statistics/WVS2000.pdf>

(2) International Social Survey Program (ISSP)

- The International Social Survey Programme (ISSP) is an annual program of cross-national collaboration on survey research. Formed in 1983, the ISSP group has developed topical modules dealing with important areas within the social sciences as supplements to regular national surveys. Every survey includes questions about general attitudes toward social issues such as the legal system, the economy, the family, etc. Special topics have included the environment, the role of government, social inequality, social support, family and gender issues, work orientation, the

impact of religious background, social and political beliefs, and national identity. Thirty-nine countries are members of the ISSP.

- The following provides a yearly breakdown of the ‘special topics’ included in the ISSP surveys:

2001 – Social Networks and Support Systems II: first replication of the 1986 social networks module.

2000 – Environment II: first replication of the 1993 environment module.

1999 – Social Inequality III: second replication of the 1987 and 1992 inequality modules.

1998 – Religion II: replication of the 1991 religion model.

1997 – Work Orientations II: the first replication of the 1989 module on work orientations.

1996 – Role of Government III: the second replication of role of government.

1995 – National Identity: assesses nationalism and patriotism, localism and globalism, diversity and immigration.

1994 – Family and Changing Gender Roles II: repeats the 1988 module on women, work and the family. It also adds items on household division of labour, sexual harassment and public policy regarding the family.

1993 – Environment: includes an environmental knowledge scale along with attitudinal and behavioural measures.

1992 – Social Inequality II: replicates and extends the 1987 social inequality module.

1991 – Religion: covers the impact of religious beliefs and behaviours on social, political and moral attitudes. It includes questions on religious upbringing, current religious activities, traditional Christian and existential beliefs.

1990 – Role of Government II: repeats the role of government theme from 1985.

1989 – Work Orientations: deals with motivations to work, desired characteristics of a job, problems relating to employment, satisfaction with one’s job and working conditions.

1988 – Family and Changing Sex Roles: covers the impact on the family of the changing labour force participation of women. It includes attitudes on marriage and cohabitation, divorce, children and childcare, as well as special demographics on labour force status, childcare and earnings.

1987 – Social Inequality: concerns beliefs about what factors affect social mobility (i.e. parental status, education, race, etc.), explanations for inequality, and assessments of social conflicts.

1986 – Social Networks and Support Systems: contains detailed behavioural reports on contacts with various friends and relatives, as well as questions about where one would turn if faced with financial need, emotional distress, illness, etc.

1985 – Role of Government: covers attitudes towards civil liberties, the economy, education and parenting, welfare and social inequality.

- The DLS Workstation currently contains data for the following years: 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996 and 2000. If data is required for other series years, contact Gary Strike (see contact information at the beginning of the library manual).

(3) *International Adult Literacy Survey (IALS)*

- The International Adult Literacy Survey (IALS) is a 22-country study conducted between 1994 and 1998. Nationally representative samples of adults aged 16 to 65 were interviewed in each country. The survey provides comparable literacy profiles across national, linguistic and cultural boundaries and analyzes the factors that influence literacy proficiency. A primary focus of the survey is the role of adult education and training in improving literacy skills and wider labour market outcomes.
- The interactive data retrieval system allows users to access customized tables on literacy and a wide range of combined intermediate variables related to the following topics: adult education, community activities, demographics, educational experience, household information, labour force experience, language background, mathematics, reading, self-reported skills, training and writing.

- The 1994 and 1996 editions of the IALS are available in the DLS Workstation. A 1998 database has been produced and can be obtained by contacting Gary Strike (see contact information at the beginning of the library manual).

(4) Canadian Surveys: National Data

- Many Canadian survey datasets have been installed in the DLS Workstation and are available in SPSS format. A selection of these include:
 - The Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS): Cycle 1.1
 - The Canadian General Social Survey: Cycles 1-15
 - The Canadian Elections Survey: Cycles 1965, 1968, 1972, 1974, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1993 and 1997
 - The National Population Health Survey: Cycles 1994, 1996, 1998
 - The National Longitudinal Study of Children and Youth: Cycles 1-3
 - Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics: 1993-1998
 - Labour Force Survey, 2000
 - Violence Against Women: 1993
 - Work Arrangements: 1991 and 1995

(C) NETDOC (Networked Databases on Campus)

- NETDOC provides access to numerous research databases. Some of the most useful for global political economy research include:
 - (a) UNSTATS: A large collection of statistical information compiled by the United Nations covering economic, social, financial and development topics. Use the 'browse' functions for access to all time series data collections in alphabetical order, by source or by topic.
 - (b) Alternative Press Index: This database indexes progressive journals and magazines which cover cultural, economic, political and social change around the world from 1991 to the present. The Alternative Press Index Archive holds materials from 1969 to 1990.
 - (c) PAIS International: An index to literature on political, economic, and social issues of current interest. It indexes and abstracts journal articles, books, statistical publications, conference proceedings and government documents from around the world. The database covers the public and social policy literature of business, economics, finance, law, international relations, public administration, government, political science and other social sciences.
 - (d) CANSIM (Canadian Socio-Economic Information Management System): A computerized Statistics Canada database of current and historic time series data covering social and economic aspects of Canadian life. Some of these aspects include agriculture, demography, education, health and welfare, labour, manufacturing and trade.
 - (e) EconLIT: Indexes and abstracts the world's literature in economics. The database includes over 400 major periodicals, articles in collective volumes (essays and conference proceedings), books, book reviews and dissertations. Subject coverage in EconLIT includes all fields of economics including economic theory, economic history, econometrics, public finance, economic development, labour economics, industrial relations, agricultural economics, natural resources and global economics.
 - (f) Economist Intelligence Unit: Country Profile: Outlines country economic and political status and background. Country Profiles put an annual perspective on the long-term political and social issues affecting each country. Covers 200 countries and updated annually.
 - (g) Economist Intelligence Unit: Country Reports: Each report examines and explains issues shaping individual countries. Covers the political scene, economic policy, domestic economy, sectoral trends, and foreign trade and payments. Detailed two-year forecasts

complement the analysis and pinpoint political and economic developments and trends. Covers 200 countries and updated monthly.

(h) Economist Intelligence Unit: Industry Briefings: Provides five-year forecasts and news analysis for eight key industries, along with relevant background information. Covers 60 major economies.

(i) Historical Abstracts: Indexes the scholarly literature on world history, excluding Canada and the United States, for the period of 1450 to the present. The history of Canada and the United States is indexed in *America: History and Life*. Political, diplomatic, military, economic, social, religious, intellectual and cultural history are included as well as interdisciplinary literature from fields such as anthropology, women's studies, political studies and economics.

(j) International Financial Statistics: Contains a collection of world financial statistics, mainly in tabular format. Users can access statistics on exchange rates, interest rates, imports/exports, consumer and commodity prices, foreign exchange, balance of payments, etc.

(k) Social Science Citation Index: A multidisciplinary social science database providing coverage of every article in over 1,700 journals. The database also covers individually selected items from over 5,600 scientific and technical journals.

(l) Sociological Abstracts: Covers interdisciplinary research in the social sciences for individuals looking for the 'sociological perspective' on various issues. Entries cover sociological aspects of 29 broad topics including anthropology, business, collective behaviour, community development, education, environmental studies, gender, law, marriage and the family, health, racism and urban studies.

(m) Women's Studies International: Covers the core disciplines in women's studies and the latest scholarship in feminist research. The publications indexed in the database come from a wide range of social science fields such as anthropology, sociology, social work, psychology, health sciences, education, economics, law, history and literary works. The database includes nearly 800 different sources of information including journals, newspapers, newsletters, bulletins, books, book chapters, proceedings, reports, NGO studies, websites and web documents, thesis and dissertations.

- To access NETDOC, go to the University of Manitoba 'Libraries' page and click on 'Databases / E-journals' located on the left.

(D) Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

ICPSR Direct

- ICPSR Direct is a service that provides direct access to ICPSR social science data holdings for all students, faculty and staff at ICPSR member institutions. The University of Manitoba is a member of the ICPSR Direct program. Through this service, datasets may be downloaded directly to a researcher's computer.
- The *ICPSR Thematic Categories* divide the data holdings into seventeen broad subject areas. Selecting a particular category allows users to retrieve a large theme-related subset of the entire archive, which can be searched. These categories include the following:

Census Enumerations
Community and Urban Studies
Conflict, Aggression, Violence and Wars
Economic Behaviour and Attitudes
Education
Elites and Leadership
Geography and Environment
Government Structures, Policies and Capabilities
Health Care and Facilities
Instructional Packages
International Systems
Legal Systems
Legislative and Deliberative Bodies
Mass Political Behaviour and Attitudes
Organizational Behaviour
Social Indicators
Social Institutions and Behaviour
Publication-Related Archive
External Data Resources

- In addition, ICPSR hosts a number of *Topical Archives*, including the Health and Medical Care Archive (HMCA), the International Archive of Education Data (IAED), the National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA), the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD), the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Data Archive (SAMHDA), and the Child Care and Early Education Research Connections (CCEERC).

To locate and download ICPSR datasets using ICPSR Direct:

- 1 Go to the <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/>
 - 2 Use the ICPSR homepage's search utility to locate desired study(s)
 - 3 Determine which study(s) you will be downloading from the results listing. Click on 'Downloads'
 - 4 Read the terms and conditions specified for the use of ICPSR data outlined in the link page. Type your email address in the box at the bottom of the page (your University of Manitoba email is preferred). Click on the 'Click to Continue' box.
 - 5 The first time you use ICPSR Direct, you will be asked to fill out a User Registration form. On subsequent sessions, this form will not appear as long as you use the same email address you provided in Step 4. Fill in the boxes as requested and click the 'Submit' box.
 - 6 Scroll through the information provided on the Browse and Download page. Select desired data files by clicking on them. The preferred format is 'compressed.' Files may be uncompressed and opened after downloading by using a utility such as WINZIP or Power Archiver, available on Software Express at: <https://webapps.cc.umanitoba.ca/software/>
 - 7 When prompted, select a directory on your computer on which to download the datafile(s).
- For more information, or for help using ICPSR Direct, contact Gary Strike (see contact information at the beginning of the library manual).

- The following datasets represent just a small fraction of ICPSR data holdings. They include selected examples of ICPSR data that may be relevant for global political economy research:

(a) World Debt Table Series: The World Debt Tables series was developed by the World Bank from reports submitted to the Debtor Reporting System (DRS) of the bank. ICPSR's collection of the World Debt Tables covers the period 1970-1992. These data collections provide information on external debt for 129 countries. The reporting countries are grouped into six geographic regions: Africa (south of the Sahara), East Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, North Africa and the Middle East,

Europe and Central Asia, and South Asia. In addition, detailed information on debt restructuring transactions is provided for public and publicly guaranteed long-term debt.

(b) World Tables of Economic and Social Indicators: ICPSR offers World Tables of Economic and Social Indicators data for the period 1950-1992, acquired from the World Bank Economic and Social Data Division. This series contains information on the economic, social and demographic characteristics of approximately 190 industrialized and developing nations. For each country, economic data are provided for external trade, balance of payments and external debts in U.S. dollars, international reserves, gross national product (GNP), gross domestic product (GDP), expenditures in current and constant local prices, and currency exchange rates. Social and demographic data provide information on population characteristics and other social indicators.

(c) Direction of Trade Series: This series consists of annual time series data obtained by ICPSR from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). It presents detailed information on imports and exports of various nations and regions of the world, grouped into three main categories: Industrial Nations; Developing Nations; and 'USSR, Eastern Europe, etc.' for the period 1948-1998.

(d) Government Finance Statistics Series: This series consists of annual time series data obtained by ICPSR from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The series presents combined statistics on detailed revenues and expenditures for all levels of government for 129 nations.

(e) GenderStats: An electronic database of gender statistics developed by the World Bank's Gender and Development Group in collaboration with the Development Data Group in the Development Economics Vice-Presidency. The purpose of this database is to provide statistics and indicators disaggregated by gender. It compiles data on key gender-related topics from a variety of national and international sources including national statistics, United Nations databases and World Bank surveys.

(f) Balance of Payments Series: This series consists of time series data from the International Monetary Fund. Beginning in 1965, the series provides information on the balance of payments among countries and regions of the world. It contains aggregate and detailed data for items such as investments, short and long-term capital, reserves and changes in reserves.

(g) National Capability Data, Annual Series: This collection contains economic, military, and population indicators for 155 countries from the period 1950-1988. There are two identification and 15 substantive variables, which include size of armed forces, military expenditure, crude steel production, energy consumption, urban and total population, real gross domestic production (RGDP), and percentage share of RGDP in consumption, investment and government.

(h) International Data Base: This dataset contains information from tables of demographic, economic and social data for all of the world's countries. Information includes population, health, nutrition, mortality, fertility, family planning and contraceptive use, economic activity data, literacy and housing. Tabular data are broken down by variables such as age, sex and urban/rural residence.

(i) International Archive of Education Data: The Archive acquires, processes and disseminates data collected by national, state or provincial, local and private organizations, pertaining to all levels of education in countries for which data is available. Data encompasses the 'inputs' to education (funding, personnel, teaching resources, facilities, teacher and student preparation, etc.), the many processes by which teaching and learning occur, and the 'outputs' of education (graduation and matriculation rates, drop-out rates, test scores, job placements, life histories, life assessments, etc.).

(j) World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers (Trade) Series: A major purpose of this data series was to determine worldwide and regional annual totals of military spending and to provide a basis for comparison with other economic information. The series supplies data on member countries of the United Nations as well as members of regional alliances or organizations such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the former Warsaw Pact, the World Bank, and members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Series holdings are from 1963 to 1993.

(k) Polity II: Political Structures and Regime Change 1800-1986: POLITY II was designed to develop longitudinal indicators of political structures and regime change. This file encompasses most countries from 1800 to 1986, and consists of annual information on the structural characteristics of regimes, institutional changes, and the impact of these changes on democracy, autocracy and power concentration.

(l) Polity III: Regime Type and Political Authority 1800-1994: This dataset – a modified and updated version of Polity II – focuses on indicators of political authority and regime type for 177 countries. Variables include two indicators of regime type (autocracy and democracy) and eight indicators of political authority including: regulation of executive recruitment, competitiveness of executive recruitment, openness of executive recruitment, monocratism, constraints on the chief executive, regulation of political participation, competitiveness of political participation, and centralization of state authority.

(m) United Nations Surveys of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems Series: The United Nations Surveys of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems Series (formerly known as the United Nations World Crime Surveys) started in 1978. It is comprised of five surveys covering the years 1970-1975, 1975-1980, 1980-1986, 1986-1990, and 1990-1994. Data was gathered on crime prevention and criminal justice among member nations. The surveys provide a source for charting trends in crime and criminal justice over two decades.