SEARCH TOOLS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE

http://searchtools.lib.umich.edu

Primary Uses

- Create your own list of frequently-used electronic journals
- Create your own list of journal indexes and databases
 - o Search many of them together at the same time
 - o Arrange for automatic updates of a given search

Data Bases for Combined Searches

Alternative Press Index Historical Abstracts

America History and Life International Political Science Abstracts

Catalog of United States Government LegalTrac
Publications MIRLYN

CQ Congress Collection National Technical Information Service

CQ Researcher, OCLC's World Cat

CQ Supreme Court Collection ProQuest
CQ Voting and Elections Collection SourceOECD

CQ Weekly Report Worldwide Political Science Abstracts

Data Bases for Requiring Separate Searches

Access UN National Journal

Google Public Affairs Information Service

Lexis-Nexis Academic UNBISNET

Lexis-Nexis Congressional United Nations Official Documents

Lexis-Nexis State Capitol System

Lexis-Nexis Statistical World News Connection

List Your Favorite E-Journals

Login with Uniqname and Password \rightarrow My Search Tools \rightarrow Find E-Journals \rightarrow Click on plus (+) to add to your list \rightarrow My E-Journals).

Create List of Data Bases to Search All at Once

Login with Uniqname and Password → My Search Tools → My E-Resources → Create a folder by clicking on the new folder icon → Find E-Resources by title or category, e.g. Government Information and Law → Click on plus (+) to add title to temporary folder →Click on My Search Tools → My E-Resources → Move resource from temporary to permanent folder using arrow

Searching SearchTools

Login with Uniquame and Password \rightarrow My Search Tools \rightarrow Power Search \rightarrow Choose Your Own File or Category: Government Information and Law – Use Boolean Protocols:

"war crimes" - Yugoslavia and Serbia - Yugoslavia or Serbia - Yugoslavia not Serbia - crim? - "war crim?" and (Serbia not Yugoslavia)

View the text of results by click on SFX-M button (database link as second alternative)

Saving/Downloading/Emailing Results

Print the results using the printer-friendly OR

Click on the market basket to save your results to My Shelf \rightarrow My Search Tools \rightarrow My Shelf \rightarrow Print, Export or Email search results from My Shelf

Saving Search and Notification of Additions

Assuming previous login with Unigname and Password as well as one search →

Click on Previous Searches → Click on Plus next to the Search you want to save → My Search Tools → My Saved Searches → Click on the bell next to the search → Fill in questionnaire with notification protocols when search has been updated

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