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- Subject
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**Background**

**World Legal Systems** (U Ottawa)

International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law
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  See especially vol. I- National Reports
    vol. II- Legal Systems of the World
    vol. IV- Persons & Family

Encyclopedia of Public International Law
http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/pdp/index.asp?ID=61

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Comparative legal traditions in a nutshell, by Glendon, Gordon, & Carozza
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http://www.womanstats.org/index.htm

**Research Guides / Bibliographies**

Germain’s Transnational Law Research: A Guide for Attorneys, by Claire Germain
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  See especially Family Law IV-137

Szladits’ Bibliography on Foreign and Comparative Law
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Transnational and Comparative Family Law: Harmonization and Implementation
By Marylin Johnson Raisch (Globalex)
http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Transnational_Comparative_Family_Law.htm

http://www.llrx.com/features/int_fam.htm

Index on Gender and Women (Afrol News)
http://www.afrol.com/Index/womenindex.htm

http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/population/annual_review.htm
A database of summaries and excerpts of legislation, constitutions, court decisions, and other official government documents from countries worldwide relating to population policies, reproductive rights and health, women's status and rights, children and adolescents, HIV/AIDS and related topics (abortion laws, domestic violence, women's human rights, and female genital mutilation). The database covers 1974 through the present (2007-)

Same-Sex Marriage: A Selective Bibliography of the Legal Literature
By Paul Axel-Lute (Rutgers)
http://law-library.rutgers.edu/SSM.html

Annotated Bibliography on Comparative and International Law relating to Forced Marriage

Family Violence Initiative (Canada Dept. of Justice)
http://www.canada.justice.gc.ca/eng/pi/fv-vf/interna.html

Women's Human Rights Resources Programme (U Toronto)
http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/diana/
--Research Guides & Bibliographies
http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/diana/rg.htm
--Women's Human Rights Resources Database

For more:
Search periodical indexes and the Internet. Add words like “bibliography,” “research guide,” “researching”, etc. to your search.
Check Globalex and LLRX.com
Books

Search the Online Catalog (BISON) and WorldCat.

A few sample searches:
Subject: Women-- legal status laws, etc
   Divorce
   Marriage law
   Family violence
   Women—violence against

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Journal Articles

Legal Periodical Indexes include:

   Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals
   Index to Legal Periodicals and Books (also on LEXIS and Westlaw)
   Legal Trac (also on LEXIS and Westlaw, but with different name: Legal Resource Index)
   Legal Journals Index (LJI) on Westlaw ONLY (European & UK legal periodical index)
   Index to Canadian Legal Literature LAW Reference KE 1 I53
   Index to Canadian Legal Periodical Literature Reference KE 8 I53

See also: Law & Legal Studies--International

Consult periodical indexes in multiple subject areas:
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Laws
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Martindale-Hubbell International Law Digest (also on LEXIS)  
LAW Reference KF190 .H824

Annual Review of Population Law  
http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/population/annual_review.htm

The International Survey of Family Law, ed. By Bill Atkin (annual, Law Library has 1996-present)  
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Nations of the World (Law Library of Congress)  
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GLIN (Global Legal Information Network) (Library of Congress)  
http://www.glin.gov/search.action

World Legal Information Institute (WorldLII)  
http://www.worldlii.org/

NYU Global Law Links  
http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/researchtools/globallawlinks/index.htm

Foreign and International Law Sources: An Annotated Guide to Websites Around the World (Harvard)  
http://www.law.harvard.edu/library/research/guides/int_foreign/web-resources/index.html

Droit-Afrique.com  
http://www.droit-afrique.com/
Legislation from African francophone countries:

Constitution Finder (University of Richmond)  
http://confinder.richmond.edu/

The Virtual Chase (Links to Foreign Law Resources)  
http://www.virtualchase.com/topics/foreign.shtml

* Foreign Government Resources on the Web (U Michigan)  
http://www.lib.umich.edu/government-documents-center/explore/browse/foreign-governments/255/search/

International Organizations on the Web (U Michigan)  
http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/intl.html

Marriage/Divorce Abroad of U.S. Citizens (US Dept. of State)  
U.S. Department of State American Citizens Services - Marriage/Divorce Abroad of U.S. Citizens  
http://travel.state.gov/law/citizenship/citizenship_775.html#marriage
Family Issues  http://travel.state.gov/law/family_issues/family_issues_601.html

Forced Marriage Unit (UK)
http://www.fco.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1094234857863

**Tutorials**

Introduction to Foreign Legal Research (CALI)
http://www2.cali.org//lessons/web/lwr32/index.php

**Search Engines**

http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/search/searchint.html

**Compare** your Internet search engine results (Google, Yahoo, MSN) at
Thumbshots ranking http://ranking.thumbshots.com

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Yahoo Advanced Searching
http://search.yahoo.com/web/advanced?ei=UTF-8
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**Blog Search Engines**

All about Blogs (Legal and Otherwise)
http://law.lib.buffalo.edu/research/webguides/law-blogs.asp

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