



# INTERNATIONAL, COMPARATIVE & FOREIGN DISABILITY LAW RESEARCH

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## PART 1: CORE SOURCES

### I. International Law Pertaining to Disability - United Nations

#### Major Sources

**International and Comparative Disability Law Web Resource**/Arlene Kanter and Wendy Scott, Syracuse University College of Law, 2004-

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/humanrights.asp>

The site is currently organized under three broad categories: **international disability laws**, regional disability laws, and individual countries' disability laws.

The International Law section is organized as follows:

#### **International Law**

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#### Additional International Resources

##### **Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (United Nations)**

<http://www.un.org/disabilities/convention/>

This is a new web site dedicated to the new UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In addition to the draft text and current convention news, the site links to background information about the convention, documents of the sessions relating to the development of the convention, UN organizations involved in disability rights related activities, and disability NGO's.

##### **UNEnable (United Nations Division for Social Policy and Development)**

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/>

Gateway to the United Nations' disability rights related activities. Includes history of UN activities in this area, international norms and standards, UN disability system (organizations involved in disability rights related activities), texts of relevant conventions and other UN documents, links to related resources.

##### **International Inter-governmental Organizations (University of South Carolina)**

<http://www.libsci.sc.edu/bob/IGOs.htm>

Alphabetical list of UN and regional IGO's with links to their web sites.

## **United Nations Official Document System (UNDOC)**

<http://documents.un.org/>

*From an ODS Press Release:*

“ODS covers all types of official United Nations documentation originating from duty stations worldwide, including selective documents of the regional commissions: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

Comprehensive coverage starts in 1993. Older United Nations documents are added to the system on a daily basis. Selective coverage of General Assembly and Security Council documentation currently reaches back to 1985. The ODS also provides access to the resolutions of the General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council and the Trusteeship Council from 1946 onwards.”

## **United Nations Treaties (COL Electronic Resource)**

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/international.asp>

This database includes the League of Nations Treaty series, in addition to the UN Treaty series. Also includes: Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General, Recently Deposited Multilateral Treaties, and Titles of the Multilateral Treaties deposited with the Secretary-General in the UN official languages. (Licensed database; Access provided to College of Law users only)

## **Access UN (SU Database)**

Syracuse University Database

Current and retrospective United Nations documents and publications. Covers 1950 - present.

### **III. Regional Laws Pertaining to Disability**

**International and Comparative Disability Law Web Resource**/Arlene Kanter and Wendy Scott, Syracuse University College of Law, 2004-

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/humanrights.asp>

The site is currently organized under three broad categories: international disability laws, **regional disability laws**, and individual countries' disability laws.

Regional materials are organized as follows. Under each major heading you will find introductory material; links to relevant regional governmental and non-governmental organizations and bodies; reports, court web sites, and other related web sites (not all of these materials are available for each region.)

#### Regional Disability Law: Europe

2.1 Council of Europe

2.2 European Union

2.3 Case Law in Europe Related to Disability

2.4 Non-Profit Organizations and Research Centers on Disability in Europe

Regional Disability Law: Americas

3.1 Organization of American States

Regional Disability Law: Africa

4.1 The Organization of African Unity (African Union)

Regional Disability Law: Other

5.1 Caribbean Community (Caricom)

5.2 Comunidad Andina (Andean Community)

**Additional Regional Resources**

**SU COL Center for Global Law & Practice: Regional or Specialized Sites (Donna Arzt)**

<http://www.law.syr.edu/academics/centers/glap/internationalhumanrights.asp>

Quick links to regional human rights bodies and courts, as well as relevant organizations' web sites.

**Inter-American Human Rights Database**

<http://hei.unige.ch/humanrts/iachr/iachr.html>

Includes individual country reports.

**Intergovernmental Organizations : Internet Resources by Subject (Duke University Library)**

<http://docs.lib.duke.edu/igo/subject.html>

Extensive list of links by region and subject.

**IV. National Laws Pertaining to Disability**

**International and Comparative Disability Law Web Resource/Arlene Kanter and Wendy Scott, Syracuse University College of Law, 2004-**

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/humanrights.asp>

The site is currently organized under three broad categories: international disability laws, regional disability laws, and **individual countries' disability laws**. See: [National Laws Pertaining To Disability](#)

**International Disability Rights Compendium 2003 (International Disability Rights Monitor)**

K637 .I58 2003

see especially,

Part III, Chapter 8: Overview and Comparative Analysis: National Laws Protecting People with Disabilities in Select Foreign Countries

### **Additional Resources for Foreign Law Research**

#### **Constitutions of the Countries of the World (COL Electronic Resource)**

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/international.asp>

This database contains the full text (English translations) of the constitutions of more than 190 countries. It also includes Introductory and Comparative Notes that examine recent amendments, as well as pertinent historical, political, and economic information for each country. (Licensed database; Single User access only; Access provided to College of Law users only; Remote access not available)

#### **Findlaw International Resources – Resources by Jurisdiction**

<http://www.findlaw.com>

Lists government and court web sites, by country

#### **Foreign law : current sources of codes and basic legislation in jurisdictions of the world /**

Thomas H. Reynolds, Arturo A. Flores.

Law Library - Reference K38 .R49 1989 (with supplementation)

A directory of sources for foreign legislation and compilations of laws. Although dated, this information is useful for identifying the titles of foreign legal codes.

#### **Global Legal Information Network (GLIN) Law Library of Congress**

<http://www.glin.gov/>

*From the GLIN Welcome screen:*

“ [a] public database of laws, regulations, judicial decisions, and other complementary legal sources contributed by governmental agencies and international organizations... Each document is accompanied by a summary in English and subject terms selected from the multilingual index to GLIN. All summaries are available to the public, and public access to full texts is also available in participating jurisdictions.”

#### **Library of Congress Portals to the World**

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

Country information, including information about the government and legal system, with links to other information by topic (e.g., education). The links to country specific search engines are also useful.

#### **Westlaw (Access with valid username and password)**

Westlaw has some foreign legislation in select countries' databases, e.g., United Kingdom Legislative Materials, Statutory Instruments and Court Rules. Emphasis is on the law of English-speaking common-law countries.

## **Lexis (Access with valid username and password)**

Lexis has some foreign legislation in the International Law Library, e.g.:

CELEX Database – Central & Eastern Europe Legal Texts from 1988 (most commercial)

CELEX Database – Russian Legal Texts from August, 1986

Hungarian Rules of Law from 1/1990

Italian Guida Normativa from 11/1991

There is also legislative information in some individual country's libraries on Lexis, e.g., in the French Language Library, see Journal Officiel-Lois et Decrets from 1/2000 (French language only)

## **IV. Case Law Pertaining to Disability Issues**

(Valid usernames and passwords required for access to Westlaw and Lexis)

### **International Case Law**

International Court of Justice Decisions (INT – ICJ), 1947 -

[Westlaw](#)

International Court of Justice Decisions, Combined (1948 -)

[Lexis](#)

International Court of Justice Web Site

<http://www.icj-cij.org/>

### **Regional Case Law**

**International and Comparative Disability Law Web Resource**/Arlene Kanter and Wendy Scott, Syracuse University College of Law, 2004-

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/topical.asp>

#### 2.4 Case Law in Europe Related to Disability

See also:

#### **European Human Rights Reports (EHR-RPTS)**

[Westlaw](#)

Full-text decisions from expression, company law, and prisoners' rights. Coverage begins with 1979. However, although we do not carry the series before 1979, some judgments included in the series post 1979 do date back to 1960.

#### **Human Rights Cases (HRIGHT)**

[Lexis](#)

Summaries and transcripts of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights from 1960, Butterworths Human Rights Cases from 1996, covering landmark decisions from international, European and English courts and tribunals.

#### **CELEX European Union Cases (ECJ)**

[Lexis](#)

Full text, English language decisions from the Court of Justice of the European Communities and the Court of First Instance as contained in the CELEX database, the comprehensive and authoritative database of European Union law. References to decisions in other languages are also included.

**European Court of Human Rights**

<http://www.echr.coe.int/echr>

**Inter-American Court of Human Rights (official)**

<http://www.echr.coe.int/echr>

**Inter-American Court of Human Rights (University of Minnesota)**

<http://hei.unige.ch/humanrts/iachr/iachr.html>

**Inter-American Human Rights Database**

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/pub/humright/digest/Inter-American/index.html>

Includes resolutions and reports on cases.

**Foreign Case Law**

**Findlaw International Resources – Resources by Jurisdiction**

<http://www.findlaw.com>

Lists court and government web sites, by country; good for recent cases of high courts.

**Westlaw and Lexis Databases** (Valid usernames and passwords required for access)

**Westlaw** contains some non-U.S. case law by region and country, especially for English language common law countries such as the UK, Canada and Australia.

**Lexis** foreign law cases may be found in some individual country's libraries, e.g., UK cases combined in the United Kingdom/British Isles Library.

Use the online or print directories to determine if case law is available for a specific jurisdiction.

**Web Sites**

Case law of individual countries may be located on a country's court web sites or a country's human rights related web sites. For example, a selection of current human rights cases in India human rights cases may be found at (Indian) National Human Rights Commission web site and on the India Supreme Court web site.

**V. Disability Rights from a U.S. Foreign Policy Perspective**

**Country Reports on Human Rights Practices.** United States Department of State.

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/hr/c1470.htm>

The Country Reports on Human Rights Practices are submitted annually by the U.S. Department of State to the U.S. Congress. The reports cover internationally recognized individual, civil, political, and worker rights, as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This is an annual collection by region and country.

**Foreign policy and disability.** Washington, DC (1331 F St., N.W, Ste. 1050, Washington 0004-1107) : National Council on Disability, [1996]

<http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS2165>

**International Disability and Victims of Landmines, Civil Strife, and Warfare Assistance Act of 2001 : report (to accompany H.R. 3169).** [Washington, D.C. : U.S. G.P.O., 2001]

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=107\\_cong\\_reports&docid=f:hr265.107](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=107_cong_reports&docid=f:hr265.107)

**Understanding the role of an international convention on the human rights of people with disabilities : an analysis of the legal, social, and practical implications for policy makers and disability and human rights advocates in the United States : a white paper,** National Council on Disability, 2002.

<http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS22821>

## **VI. Non-Governmental Disability / Human Rights Organizations**

Non-governmental organizations (NGO's) play a vital role as advocates for the disabled worldwide and are vocal participants in the development of international and regional instruments and legislation that address the rights of the disabled. Many significant non-governmental organizations have relationships and even official associative status with *intergovernmental organizations (IGO's)* such as the United Nations. For example, disability and human rights NGO's have participated formally and informally in the development of the U.N. Disability Convention.

### **International Organizations**

**International and Comparative Disability Law Web Resource**/Arlene Kanter and Wendy Scott, Syracuse University College of Law, 2004-

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/topical.asp>

1.8 International Disability and Human Rights Organizations

**NGO Research Guide (Duke University)**

<http://docs.lib.duke.edu/igo/guides/ngo/>

An excellent guide on how to conduct research in NGO's. Includes a complete browsable list, a list by topic, and a list by geographic region.

### **Regional Organizations**

**International and Comparative Disability Law Web Resource**/Arlene Kanter and Wendy Scott, Syracuse University College of Law, 2004-

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/topical.asp>

2.4 Non-Profit Organizations and Research Centers on Disability in Europe

## PART 2: SUPPORTING RESEARCH SOURCES

### I. Fundamental Research Sources

#### Reference Sources

##### **International classification of functioning, disability and health (ICF)**

by World Health Organization Staff (Contributor), World Health Organization, 2001  
R123 .I59 2001

##### **International human rights lexicon** / Susan Marks; Andrew Clapham

Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2005  
Reference K3240 .M365 2005

##### **Introduction to International Law Research**

Wendy Scott, Assistant Director for Faculty & Outreach Services, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, 9/2004, updated 8/2006

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/researchguides.asp> (PDF)

#### Bibliographies & Research Guides

Bibliographies are collections of sources prepared by experts in a particular field. Many are annotated (i.e., contain brief descriptions). Bibliographies can save you time and expand your research horizons. In addition to the selections below, look for bibliographies and lists of cited works at the end of book chapters and in journal articles.

##### **American Society of International Law (ASIL) Guide to International Law Resources**

<http://www.asil.org/resource/home.htm>

1997 -

See especially: [Human Rights](#)

A comprehensive guide to research sources and methods in international law, with links to primary and secondary source material.

##### **Disability Law Research Resources**

Wendy Scott, Assistant Director for Faculty & Outreach Services, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, 9/2004, updated 1/2006

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/researchguides.asp> [PDF]

This research guide contains links to free Internet websites and law library-licensed databases pertaining to disability law. It also includes references to print materials held at the Barclay Law Library. Access restrictions are noted for licensed electronic products.

## **Researching International Human Rights Law**

Marci Hoffman: University of California Berkeley - updated August 2006

[http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/online/guides/international\\_foreign/humanRights/index.html](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/online/guides/international_foreign/humanRights/index.html)

An well-organized, easy-to-use, and current web guide to human rights research. Many titles link to the UC Berkeley law library online catalog. Check SUMMIT for our holdings.

## **United Nations Documentation: Research Guide on Human Rights**

United Nations, Dag Hammarskjöld Library

<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/spechr.htm>

## **University of Minnesota Human Rights Bibliographies and Research Guides**

<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/bibliog/biblios.htm>

Electronic bibliographies and research guides on general international human rights as well as specialized resources, such as , *Human Rights in the African Context*, and *The Human Rights of Women*.

## **Subject Headings/Suggested Search Terms**

The following subject headings can be used to search by 'Subject Heading' in the Syracuse University online public catalog, SUMMIT: <http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/catalog/index.asp>.

These terms may also be helpful when constructing queries in databases or journal indexes.

People with disabilities (add country or region)

Examples:

People with disabilities Asia

People with disabilities Canada

*OR add any of the following terms to People with Disabilities*

*(Terms can be further subdivided by descriptors such as "Case Studies, Digest, History, Statistics, Handbooks, manuals, etc.: e.g., "People with disabilities Attitudes Case Studies.")*

Attitudes (add country or region)

Care ( added country or region)

Civil Rights (add country or region)

Classification (with/without country or region)

Congresses (i.e., conferences: with/without country or region)

Developing Countries

Developing Countries Family Relationships

Education (add country or region)

Education Cross cultural studies (with/without country or region)

Education Law and legislation (add country or region)

Employment (add country or region)

Employment Government policy (add country or region)

Employment Law and legislation (add country or region)

Family relationships (add country or region)

Functional assessment (add country or region)

Government policy (add country or region)

Institutional care (add country or region)

Legal status, laws, etc. (add country or region)

Legal status, laws, etc. (add descriptor, e.g., International cooperation)  
Long term care (add country or region)  
Medical care (add country or region)  
Mental health (add country or region)  
Rehabilitation (add country or region)  
Rehabilitation Developing Countries  
Research (add country or region)  
Services for (add country or region)  
Transportation  
Women (add country or region)  
Women Attitudes  
Women Health and hygiene  
Women Social conditions

People with disabilities and (add descriptive nouns)

Examples:

People with disabilities and computers  
People with disabilities and architecture

People with mental disabilities (Add descriptor, region or country)

People with social disabilities (Add descriptor, region or country)

People with visual disabilities (Add descriptor, region or country)

Children with disabilities (Add descriptor, region or country)

Children with mental disabilities (Add descriptor, region or country)

Disability studies (Add descriptor, region or country, especially “history” and “country”, e.g.,

Disability studies France History)

Discrimination against people with disabilities (Add descriptor, region or country)

See especially:

Discrimination against people with disabilities Government policy (add region or country)

Discrimination against people with disabilities Law and legislation (add region or country)

Sociology of disability

Women with disabilities (Add region or country)

## **II. Selection Of Treatises And Texts By Topic**

Resources listed here may be in the Barclay Law Library or the Syracuse University Library. SU Library holdings will be labeled as such throughout. This is a selection of sources; use the subject headings list above in SUMMIT - <http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/catalog/index.asp> - for additional holdings.

## **General**

**Disability, divers-ability, and legal change** / edited by Melinda Jones and Lee Ann Bassar Marks, The Hague ; Boston : M. Nijhoff Publishers ; Cambridge, MA : sold and distributed in North, Central and South America by Kluwer Law International, c1999. K637 .D574 1999

**Disability discrimination law in the United States, Australia, and Canada** / Dublin : Oak Tree Press in association with the National Rehabilitation Board, c1993. K637 .Q56 1993

**Disability rights** / edited by Peter Blanck, Aldershot, England; Burlington, VT: Ashgate, c2005. K637 .D57 2005

Essays by leading experts - some address international and comparative disability law and policy issues as well as topics of U.S. disability law and policy.

**Disability rights law and policy : international and national perspectives** / editors, Mary Lou Breslin and Silvia Yee ; papers conceived and commissioned by the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, Ardsley, NY : Transnational Publishers, c2002. K637 .D577 2002

- pt. 1. Disability anti-discrimination law the state of the world
- pt. 2. Foundational issues in the use of anti-discrimination law
- pt. 3. Focus on the operation of laws
- pt. 4. Real life needing, getting and living with disability anti-discrimination law

**The discourse of human dignity** / Regina Ammicht-Quinn; Maureen Junker-Kenny; Elsa Tamez, London : SCM Press, c2003. Bird-2nd Floor BD450 .D57 2003

See especially: Enrique Dussel -- Disability, equal dignity and care

**The Economics of disability: international perspectives** / [editors, Susan Hammerman, Stephen Maikowski], New York, N.Y. : Rehabilitation International, in cooperation with the United Nations, 1981. Bird-3rd Floor HD7255 .E33 1981

**Human rights and disabled persons** / by Leandro Despouy, New York: United Nations, 1993. HV1552 .D47 1993

Looks at the legal issues respecting disabled people and the particular problems that face them. Analyzes national and international responses and evaluates means of improving the situation and educating the public.

**Human rights and disabled persons : essays and relevant human rights instruments** / edited by Theresia Degener and Yolán Koster-Dreese, Dordrecht ; Boston : Martinus Nijhoff, 1995. K637.Z9 H86 1995

Introduction / Frank Newman

Disabled persons and human rights: the legal framework / Theresia Degener

The significance of equality and non-discrimination for the protection of the rights and dignity of disabled persons / Aart Hendriks

Standard rules in the disability field: a new United Nations instrument / Bengt Lindqvist

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and disability: a conceptual framework / Gerard Quinn

Disability and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights / Philip Alston.

**Human rights and disability: the current use and future potential of United Nations human rights instruments in the context of disability** / Gerard Quinn and Theresia Degener, with Anna Bruce ... [et al.], New York : United Nations, 2002.

HV1568 .Q56 2002

Part 1. Background: shift to a human rights frame of reference

Part 2. Evaluation of the current use of the UN human rights instruments in the context of disability

Part 3. Options for the future: towards maximizing the potential of the UN human rights instruments in the context of disability

**Human rights of the disabled: based on the United Nations instruments on human rights** / H. J. M Desai, Bombay : National Association for the Blind, 1990.

Bird – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor HV3011 .D47 1990

**The last civil rights movement: Disabled Peoples International** / Diane Driedger ; New York, NY, St. Martin's Press, 1989

HV1551 .D74 1989

An historical overview about DPI's work in the disability rights movements in over seventy countries.

### Accessibility

**Transport for disabled people : international coordination and standardization of measures and policies to promote mobility** / [Paris, France] : ECMT ; [Washington, D.C. : OECD Publications and Information Centre, distributor], 1987.

Bird-4th Floor HV1568.6 .T73 1987

### Children/Families

**Families speak out : international perspectives on families' experiences of disability** / [compiled by] Helle Mittler, Cambridge, MA : Brookline Books, c1995.

Bird-4th Floor HV3004 .M58 1995

**Human rights--disability--children : towards international instruments for disability rights : the special case of disabled children : proceedings of the conference** /

organized by the Division of the Partial Agreement in the Social and Public Health Field under the aegis of the Norwegian chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers; Council of Europe, Strasbourg 8-9 November 2004.

Bird-Govt Info-Int'l, 3rd Floor

KJC3490.A6 H86 2005

**The international law on the rights of the child** / by Geraldine Van Bueren.  
Dordrecht ; Boston : M. Nijhoff ; Norwell, MA : Sold and distributed in the USA and Canada by  
Kluwer Academic Publishers, c1995.  
K639 .V363 1995

**Supporting families with a child with a disability : an international outlook** / by Alan  
Gartner, Dorothy Kerzner Lipsky, and Ann P. Turnbull, Baltimore : Brookes Pub., c1991.  
Bird-4th Floor HV697 .G37 1991

### **Education**

**Disability, human rights and education : cross cultural perspectives** / Felicity Armstrong;  
Len Barton, Buckingham [England] ; Philadelphia : Open University Press, 1999  
Bird-4th Floor HV1568 .D568 1999

**Education and disability in cross-cultural perspective** / edited by Susan J. Peters.  
New York : Garland Pub., 1993.  
Bird-4th Floor LC4019 .E3215 1993

### **Employment**

**Achieving equal employment opportunities for people with disabilities through legislation :  
guidelines** / International Labour Office, Geneva : ILO, 2004.  
K1771 .A23 2004

**Disability, discrimination, and equal opportunities : a comparative study of the employment  
rights of disabled persons** / Brian Doyle, London, England ; New York, NY, USA. : Mansell,  
1995.  
K1771 .D69 1995

### **Disability Rights in Europe**

**Disability rights In Europe: from theory to practice** / edited by Anna Lawson, Caroline  
Gooding. Oxford : Hart, 2005.  
KJC3490.A6 D57 2005

### **Mental Health**

#### **Human rights and mental health series**

Mental Disability Rights International

<http://www.mdri.org/publications/index.htm>

Reports conducted by Mental Disability Rights International and regional experts on the status of human rights for the disabled in countries around the world. In the preparation of their reports, the research teams may meet with human rights organizations, mental disability rights groups, community organizations and government representatives. The teams report on country

compliance with national and international standards for the treatment of persons with mental and developmental disabilities and makes recommendations for reform.

**The human rights of persons with intellectual disabilities: different but equal** / edited by Stanley S. Herr, Lawrence O. Gostin, Harold Hongju Koh, Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2003.

K637 .H86 2003

**Human rights treaty drafting through the lens of mental disability ; the proposed International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities** / Aaron A Dhir, Cornell Law School LLM Papers Series, 2004. (PDF)

<http://lsr.nellco.org/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1009&context=cornell/lps>

**International human rights and comparative mental disability law: cases and materials** / Michael L. Perlin, Arlene S. Kanter, Mary Pat Treuthart, Kris Gledhill and Eva Szeli Durham, North Carolina : Carolina Academic Press, 2006

On order

**Involuntary detention and therapeutic jurisprudence: international perspectives on civil commitment** / Kate Diesfeld; Ian R Freckelton, Aldershot, Hampshire ; Burlington : Ashgate, 2003

K640 .I58 2003

## Women

**International women's human rights and humanitarian Law; outline of major documents and a brief research guide**

Bora Laskin law Library, University of Toronto

<http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/resguide/women2.htm>

**Voices from the shadows : women with disabilities speak out** / Gwyneth Ferguson Matthews, Toronto : Women's Press, c1983.

Bird-4th Floor HV3021.W66 M3 1983

**Women and rights** / Caroline Sweetman, Oxford, UK : Oxfam, 1995.

Bird-4th Floor HQ1236 .W63645 1995

See especially:

Enforcing women's rights through law

From basic needs to basic rights

'Women and disability don't mix': double discrimination and disabled women's rights

**Women's health, women's rights : perspectives on global health issues** : papers from the 9th International Women's Health Meeting / Toronto, Ont. : Centre for Feminist Research, York University, 2003

RA564.85 .I57 2002

### **III. Selection of Journals And Journal Databases/Indexes**

#### **Journals: International Disability Focus**

##### **Disability, Handicap & Society**

Three issues yearly (Mar., June, and Oct.)

Bird-4th Floor HV1551 .D57

Library has: v.3 (1988)-v.8 (1993)

##### **Disability Studies Quarterly**

Syracuse University Library E-Journal (Access restrictions may apply)

Electronic holdings begin with v.20:no.4 (2000 : Fall)

Multidisciplinary and international journal of interest to social scientists, scholars in the humanities, disability rights advocates, creative writers, and others concerned with the issues of people with disabilities.

##### **International Journal Of Disability, Development and Education (WilsonSelectPlus)**

Syracuse University Library E-Journal (Access restrictions may apply)

Library holdings: 1996-2000

A multi-disciplinary peer-reviewed journal with an international focus.

##### **Journal of Disability Policy Studies**

E. S. Bird Library HV1551 .J67

Library holdings: 1990 -

Articles deal primarily with U.S. law, but some foreign and international topics are also covered.

##### **Review of Disability Studies**

Law Library Floor 2

Bird-4th Floor HV1568.2 .R48

Library holdings: both libraries own 2004 (v.1.) -

Internationally-focused academic journal in the field of Disability Studies published by the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

“The journal contains research articles, essays, and bibliographies relating to the culture of disability and people with disabilities. It also publishes forums on disability topics brought together by forum editors of international stature” (RDS web site :

<http://www.rds.hawaii.edu/about/>)

## **Journals - Human Rights Focus**

There are many journals devoted to human rights issues.

There are several ways to locate human rights journals in the Law Library and Syracuse University Library:

- 1) Access SUMMIT - <http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/catalog/index.asp>
- 2) Click on "Apply limits" button
- 3) Go to "Type" limits and select "serial" from the scroll-down menu
- 4) Click on "Apply limits" button at the bottom of the screen
- 2) On the search screen, Search for "human rights" under keyword

OR

Use any of the subject headings listed on pages 3-4 and add the word "periodicals" to that subject heading, e.g., People with mental disabilities periodicals

For an extensive list of electronic publications in the area of human rights, see:

**The University of Minnesota Human Rights Electronic Publications**  
<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/links/journals.html>

## **Specialized Journal Indexes & Journal Databases**

In addition to standard journal databases on Westlaw and Lexis, there are several specialized indexes that may provide additional materials.

**Bibliography of Law Review Articles on Disability Law** / Professor E. Ann Puckett  
University of Georgia Law School  
[http://www.law.uga.edu/cgi-bin/faculty/new\\_disdb/dynddb.pl](http://www.law.uga.edu/cgi-bin/faculty/new_disdb/dynddb.pl)

The focus of this bibliography is U.S. law and policy; however, there are a number of citations listed under the subtopic, "International." It appears that the bibliography was last updated in 2004.

**Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals: A Subject Index to Selected International and Comparative Law Periodicals and Collections of Essays**  
<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/periodicals.asp>

Indexes articles and book reviews including journals, essay collections, festschriften, and congress reports from 1985 to the present. Covers international law (public and private), comparative law, and municipal law of countries other than the United States, British Isles, and British Commonwealth. Updated quarterly. (Licensed database; Access provided to College of Law users only.)

**Public Affairs Information Service International (PAIS International)**  
SU Database  
Full-text or bibliographic information  
Links to SU Library e-journals and SUMMIT

Covers national and international public policy and social issues . The database covers over 1600 periodicals and journals, as well as books, directories, reports, and government documents.

### **PAIS Archive**

SU Database

Full-text or bibliographic information

Links to SU Library e-journals and SUMMIT

Retrospective database of the above, covering 1937 to 1976.

### **RAVE**

Law Faculty of Duesseldorf

<http://www.jura.uni-duesseldorf.de/rave/e/englhome.asp>

A database of citations offered in English, French and German, of recent decisions and articles on public international law as well as European law since 1995. RAVE provides links to the full-text of articles, when available.

### **Social Sciences Abstracts**

SU Database

Full-text or bibliographic information

Links to SU Library e-journals and SUMMIT

1983-

English-language articles in the area of social sciences, including political science, social policy, and law. Substantial listings of international, comparative and foreign disability topics.

**Westlaw & Lexis (if viewing electronically, click on the right-hand links to access the database)** Valid usernames and passwords required for access.

International Law Reviews, Journals & Texts (INT-TP)

International Law Review Articles, Combined

[Westlaw](#)

[Lexis](#)

See also individual foreign language newspapers in both research systems.

## **IV. Internet Databases**

### **CIRRIE Database of International Rehabilitation Research**

<http://www.cirrie.buffalo.edu/>

A searchable database at the University of Buffalo's CIRRIE which taps more than 5000 sources, around a quarter of which include abstracts or links to the full text of the material. The database offers a detailed search facility allowing users to select broad, narrow or related search terms from a detailed thesaurus, and to specify geographical region, language, or year of publication of materials. Articles derive from a wide range of periodical literature, including Disability and Rehabilitation, Asia & Pacific Journal on Disability, and International Journal of Rehabilitation Research. *Compiled by: Centre for International Rehabilitation and Research Information and Exchange (CIRRIE)*

### **International Information Support Centre Research Library**

[http://www.asksource.info/res\\_library.htm](http://www.asksource.info/res_library.htm)

Contains information resources in subjects relating to international health and disability, including bibliographic information about books, reports, websites, organisations, newsletters and more. You can search the entire database, or browse by topic.

### **National Rehabilitation Information Center (NRIC) Databases (Index & Abstracts)**

<http://www.naric.com/research/>

There are more than 70,000 items listed in three databases, some addressing international, comparative and foreign disability-related information. You can search all databases concurrently, or you can search in any of the following individual databases:

**REHABDATA:** abstracts of books, reports, articles, and audiovisual materials relating to disability and rehabilitation research. Each abstract includes bibliographic information, a 250-word abstract, and, when appropriate, information regarding the project that produced the document. The index spans research from 1956 to the present.

**NIDRR Project Database:** NARIC collects data on every project funded by NIDRR in a given fiscal year. Each record includes institutional and contact information, funding data, and an abstract of project goals and activities. The database includes projects funded from 1993 to the present.

**The NARIC Knowledgebase:** The Knowledgebase represents 25 years of collecting resources for information and referral. The database includes agencies and organizations, directories, databases, journals and other periodicals, and online resources.

Some items are available in full-text. For others, check SUMMIT to determine if the SU Library of Law Library owns the journal or document. If not, we can try to obtain it for you through Interlibrary Loan.

#### **See also:**

### **EISIL – the Electronic Information System for International Law**

American Society of International Law

<http://www.asil.org/system/eisil.htm>

Searchable database of primary source documents and web sites organized by broad subject areas. See especially: International Human Rights – Disabled Persons

This database includes authoritative descriptive information for each resource and link.

### **Intute: Social Sciences (formerly SOSIG)**

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/lost.html>

Intute: Social Sciences is a free Internet service of selected, high quality Internet information for students, academics, researchers and practitioners in the social sciences, business and law. It is part of the UK Resource Discovery Network. The Catalogue points to thousands of resources and each one has been selected and described by a librarian or academic. The catalogue is browsable or searchable by subject area.

See especially headings under: Education, European Studies, Government Policy Law, and Women's Studies

**University of Minnesota Human Rights Library**

<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>

Searchable database of more than 23,000 human rights documents. You can search the entire database or browse by the subject of "Disabled Persons."