

Eurasian Security and Geopolitics



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Library Research Session

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Welcome – Login, Attendance

Learning Outcomes: During this session students will learn to:

- Identify books on Eurasian security, geopolitics, environmental issues, etc. that are available in KU Libraries’ collections and collections at other major research libraries
- Identify a variety of news sources for the region of Eurasia.
- Identify databases, websites, datasets, government information, etc. that is relevant to topics in Eurasian Security and geopolitics.

Part I: KU Libraries Website

1. Help: Evaluating resources, Citing sources, RefWorks –description (see handout)
2. Services: ILL/DD – Set up profile on WebRetrieve
3. Articles and Databases: Quick Search (What am I searching?) Find articles by citation, Db’s A-Z
4. E-Journals: Find articles by citation
5. Research by Subject
 - a. Sciences > Environmental Studies; Geography > Dbs, Websites, Contacts & Guides
 - b. Area Studies > REES > Dbs, Websites, Contacts & Guides

Part I: Research Problems

6. Library Catalog

PROBLEM 1

- a. Search the library catalog using one of the scenarios below. Identify the number of hits.

Search for:	Menu	Search by		Search for:	Menu	Search by	Hits?
Security	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	
Geopolitics	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	
Islam	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	
Environment?	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	
Natural resources	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	
water	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	

- b. Select one of the records (books) and write down the “Subjects:” associated with book.

- c. Follow one of the “Subjects” (or Library of Congress Subject Headings). Describe what you find?





News sources (KU Libraries > Research by Subject > Area Studies > REES > Articles & Dbs.)

Databases

- The Current Digest of the Post Soviet Press (CDPSP)
- East View Universal Databases – Central Newspapers (UDB-COM)
- East View Universal Databases – CIS and Baltic Publications (UDB-CIS)
- Factiva
- ISI Emerging Markets
- Lexis-Nexis Academic
- Transitions Online
- World News Connection (WNC)

Websites

- Kidon Media-Link <http://www.kidon.com/media-link/index.php>
- Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) <http://www.rferl.org/default.aspx>
- BBC World Service (*Русская служба*) <http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/russian/news/default.stm>
- Johnson's Russia List (JRL) <http://www.cdi.org/russia/johnson/default.cfm>

Scholarship

Environmental Studies Database > See subject guide

REES Databases in English > Research by Subject > Area Studies > REES > Articles & Dbs.)

- *MECAS Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies (Coming soon - free trial subscription has been requested)
- American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies (ABSEES)
- Article First
- Central and Eastern European Online (CEEOL) [vernacular languages only]
- Columbia International Affairs On-line (CIAO)
- East View Universal Databases – CIS and Baltic Publications (UDB-CIS) [some English]
- East View Universal Databases: Social Sciences and Humanities (UDB-EDU) [Russian only]
- Expanded Academic
- JSTOR
- Project Muse
- ProQuest Research Library
- Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies [some English]
- Web of Science – Social Sciences Citation Index
- Wilson Omnifile
- Worldcat (Books)
- Worldwide Political Science Abstracts (CSA)



Major web sites on Eurasian, security, geopolitics, environment, etc.

- [The Brookings Institution](http://www.brookings.edu/) (<http://www.brookings.edu/>)
- [Center for Strategic and International Studies](http://www.csis.org/) (<http://www.csis.org/>)
- [Central Asia-Caucasus Institute: Silk Road Studies Program](http://www.silkroadstudies.org/new/index.htm) (<http://www.silkroadstudies.org/new/index.htm>)
- [Central Asia Studies Worldwide](http://cesww.fas.harvard.edu/index.html) (<http://cesww.fas.harvard.edu/index.html>)
- [Energy Information Administration](http://www.eia.doe.gov) (<http://www.eia.doe.gov>)
- [Erik Herron's Guide to Post Communist States on the Web](http://web.ku.edu/~herron/) (<http://web.ku.edu/~herron/>)
- [George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies: MERLN \(Military Education Research Library Network\)](http://merln.ndu.edu/index.cfm?secID=153&pageID=3&typez=section) (<http://merln.ndu.edu/index.cfm?secID=153&pageID=3&typez=section>)
- [Global Disaster Watch](http://home.att.net/~thehessians/disasterwatch.html) (<http://home.att.net/~thehessians/disasterwatch.html>)
- [ISN -International Relations and Security Network](http://www.isn.ethz.ch/) (<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/>)
- [Jamestown Foundation](http://www.jamestown.org/) (<http://www.jamestown.org/>)
- [UNEP/GRID-Arendal: Central & Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia](http://enrin.grida.no/) (<http://enrin.grida.no/>).

Web sites for global emergencies/disasters

- [EM-DAT: Emergency Events Database](http://www.emdat.be/) (<http://www.emdat.be/>)
- [Global Disaster Watch](http://home.att.net/~thehessians/disasterwatch.html) (<http://home.att.net/~thehessians/disasterwatch.html>)
- [International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](http://www.ifrc.org/index.asp) (<http://www.ifrc.org/index.asp>)

Data & Statistics

The following are comprehensive sites containing data organized by country:

- [World Bank](http://econ.worldbank.org/) (<http://econ.worldbank.org/>)
- [Asian Development Bank—Economic and Social Statistics](http://www.adb.org/Economics/default.asp) (<http://www.adb.org/Economics/default.asp>)
- [FAO's Statistics Web Page](http://www.fao.org/statistics/) (<http://www.fao.org/statistics/>)
- [IMF Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board](http://dsbb.imf.org/Applications/web/dsbbhome/) (<http://dsbb.imf.org/Applications/web/dsbbhome/>)
- [Inter-American Development Bank:Online databases](http://www.adb.org/Economics/default.asp) (<http://www.adb.org/Economics/default.asp>)
- [UN Statistics Division](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm) (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm>)
- [UNICEF's TRANSMONEE Database](http://www.unicef-irc.org/databases/transmonee/) (<http://www.unicef-irc.org/databases/transmonee/>)
- [United Nations Scientific, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](http://www.uis.unesco.org/ev.php?ID=2867_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC) (http://www.uis.unesco.org/ev.php?ID=2867_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC)
- [World Factbook](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook) (<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook>)
- [World Health Organization Statistical Information System](http://www.who.int/whosis/en/) (<http://www.who.int/whosis/en/>)

Government Information

- [Worldwide Governments on the WWW](http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/world.html) (<http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/world.html>)
- [Официальная Россия - Russian Federation's directory to government information](http://www.gov.ru) (<http://www.gov.ru>)

