

Eurasian Security and Geopolitics



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Library Research Session

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[Jon 5 min.]

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.

Overview

- KU library's Website
- Library Catalogs
- Research Problems

Part I: KU Libraries Website [Scott 10-15 min.]

1. Help
 - a. Evaluating resources (handout)
 - b. Citing sources (handout)
 - c. RefWorks – definition / description (handout)
2. Services
 - a. ILL/DD – Set up profile on WebRetrieve
3. Articles and Databases
 - a. Quick Search: What am I searching? > 4 Dbs
 - b. Articles & Dbs home | Find articles by citation | Search in more Dbs.
 - c. Db's A-Z
4. E-Journals
 - a. E-Journal home | 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

[Segue to Jon]



Part I: Research Problems [Jon 25-30 min.]

6. Library Catalog [10 min]

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	123
Geopolitics	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	39
Islam	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	96
Environment?	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	103
Natural resources	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	19
water	all	Keyword	AND	Central Asia	all	Keyword	35

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?

7. Worldcat [10 min]

RESEARCH PROJECT: For the research paper, you will "explore a specific process, problem, or event in the region of Eurasia." This could include one or more regions (Balkans, Central Asia, East-Central Europe, Caucasus, Baltic states) or individual countries (Azerbaijan, Estonia, Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Poland, Turkey, etc.), or a governing body like the NATO, EU or CIS.

PROBLEM 2

a. Write down your specific country/region of interest and identify other related keywords. If you have a specific conflict, event, issue, topic, or process, etc. already in mind, please write this down.

b. Use Worldcat to find recent monographic studies (books) that discuss International security, geopolitics, environment, water resources, etc. AND your country/region of interest. Use subject headings and Keywords. Give two citations: one that KU owns, and another that KU does not own.

(Point out KU Link > tool that connects you to ILL > place request)

8. Databases / Websites [10 min]

PROBLEM 3: You have decided to research how the recent events in Georgia are impacting the region in regard to oil exportation. One component of your paper will discuss how the crisis in Georgia was viewed or interpreted around the world. How could you capture this information?

- What: News sources
- How to find: REES > Articles and Databases; REES > Websites; Other
 - Students: Choose one database or website for new sources listed below
 - Jon: SHOW > East View CDPSP



- o Jon: SHOW > Kidon Media-Link

PROBLEM 4: Many countries have a vested interest in the exploitation of Caspian Sea oil, including the United States, but are interested in another major security issue for the region, namely, a sustainable source of fresh water. What kind of information would you look at? Where would you go to research this kind of information?

[Scott]

- Environmental Studies > Scott's guide online

[Jon]

- REES > Articles and Databases [samples below]
 - o Mention MECAS – trial hopefully coming soon [post announcement on Blackb.
- Major web sites on Eurasian, security, geopolitics, environment, etc. [see below]
- Data/Statistics [see below]
- Government Information [see below]

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>)

