



# LAW OF TREATIES

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A treaty is an agreement, usually in writing, whereby two or more states or international organisations create, or intend to create, a relation between themselves, operating within the sphere of international law. Treaties may be called conventions, declarations, protocols, acts, accords, exchange of notes, etc. They may be bi-lateral or multi-lateral. (*Treaties* are generally adopted by states and *Conventions* generally adopted by bodies).

## 1. TEXTBOOKS

The Library classifies textbooks either by jurisdiction (**GO13, GA2 etc.**) or according to subject area, examples of which include **Comparative Law (SB)**, **Public International Law (SG)** and **Private International Law/ Conflict of Laws (SH)**. Textbooks on **Common Law** topics for **Common Law** jurisdictions (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK, USA) are shelved in a special section (**SJ**)

There may be further copies of **Short Loan** textbooks in the **Main Collections** on the lower floors. Please check the Catalogue for alternative locations.

Treaties and law of treaties material is shelved at SG35 and SG40<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Please see also FOL sections for large sized material.

Subject bibliographies covering treaties are shelved at BS40

Key textbooks on treaties include:

Aust, A.	<i>Modern treaty law and practice</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. 2007	SG35 AUS
Brownlie, I.	<i>Basic documents in International law</i> . 6th ed. 2009	SHORT LOAN
Dougan, M. & Currie, S.	<i>50 years of the European treaties: looking back and thinking forward</i> . 2009	GO1.A1.B DOU
Evans ed.	<i>International law</i> 3rd ed. 2010	SHORT LOAN
Evans ed.	<i>Blackstone's International law documents</i> 9th ed. 2009	SHORT LOAN
Klabbers, J.	<i>The concept of treaty in international law</i> 1996	SG35 KLA
Klabbers, J.	<i>Treaty conflict and the European Union</i> 2009	SH5 KLA
McNair, A.D.	<i>Law of treaties</i> 1961	SHORT LOAN
Orakelashvili, A. & Williams, S. ed.	<i>40 years of the Vienna Convention on the law of Treaties</i> 2010	SG35 ORA
Ramcharan, B.	<i>Fundamentals of international human rights treaty</i>	SG85 RAM

Rosenne, S.	<i>law</i> 2011 <i>Developments in the law of treaties. 1945-1986.</i> 1989	SG35 ROS
Sinclair, I.	<i>Vienna Convention on the law of treaties</i> 2nd ed. 1984	SHORT LOAN
Vandevelde, K.	<i>Bilateral investment treaties: history policy and interpretation.</i> 2010	SG75 VAN
Waelde, T. ed.	<i>The energy charter treaty</i> 1996 <i>Basic documents of international economic law</i>	GO1.C.7 WAL SHORT LOAN
Zamora, S.	1990	

## 2. LIST OF SERIALS

A selection of titles

Titles marked **Electronic resource** can be accessed from the catalogue (ULRLS) record for the relevant journal.

BRITISH yearbook of international law	SG5.J.8
EUROPEAN Communities treaty series (HMSO)	FOL SG40.J.16
EUROPEAN journal of international law	SHORT LOAN
INTERNATIONAL and comparative law quarterly	SG5.J.59
INTERNATIONAL law reports	SG25.J.4
INTERNATIONAL legal materials	FOL SG5.J.90
INTERNATIONAL Tax treaties of all nations	SG75 DIA
MAX PLANCK yearbook of United Nations law	SG15.J.15
MULTILATERAL treaties deposited with the [U.N.] Secretary General	FOL SG40.J.14
TREATIES in force (U.S.)	SG40.J.9
UNITED Kingdom treaty series	FOL SG40.J.5
UP TO THE END OF 1985 IN RES	
UNITED Nations statement of treaties registered	FOL SG40.J.10
UNITED Nations treaty series	Electronic Resource
UNITED STATES treaty index: 1776-2000 consolidation	SG40.J.15
UNITED STATES. Treaties in force	SG40.J.9

## 3. FINDING TREATIES

The Flare Index to Treaties <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/flag/introtreaties.htm> is a searchable database of basic information on over 1,500 of the most significant multilateral treaties from 1856 to the present, with details of where the full text of each treaty may be obtained in paper and, if available, electronic form on the Internet.

For further guidance in finding treaties, particularly more recent electronic sources, please refer to the online guide on Public International Law.

[http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/guides/subject\\_guides.htm](http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/guides/subject_guides.htm)

The following printed reference sources can help with finding older treaties

Bowman, M. and Harris, D.	<i>Multi-lateral treaties: index and current status.</i> 1984 - 1995	BS40 BOW
Parry, C. and Hopkins, C.	<i>Index of British treaties: 1101-1988.</i>	BS40 PAR
Rohn, P	<i>World treaty index.</i> 2nd ed. 1984-85	BS40 ROH
	<i>United States Treaties in force</i>	SG40.J.9
	<i>United States Current treaty index: cumulative index to the United States slip treaties and agreements</i>	SG40.J.15

These printed subject guides are all available on the IALS web site at the following address.

[http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/guides/subject\\_guides.htm](http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/guides/subject_guides.htm)

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