

migration law research

john quentin heywood

11 february 2019

roadmap

- the basics
- international law research
- foreign law research
- u.s. law research
- social science/statistical research

links for fun & profit

<https://internationalcourts.net>

<https://internationalcourts.net/migration2019>


the basics


- no matter where you are searching, use other people's work
- use the taxonomy

what is a taxonomy?

here is a key example
(sorry)

Change View
1 Constitutional Law
The Constitution was written to be understood by the voters, and its words and phrases were used in their normal and ordinary as distinguished from technical meaning; normal meaning may include an idiomatic meaning, but it excludes secret or technical meanings that would not have been known to ordinary citizens in the founding generation.
[8 Cases that cite this headnote](#)

	
92	Constitutional Law
92V	Construction and Operation of Constitutional Provisions
92V(A)	General Rules of Construction
92k590	Meaning of Language in General
92k592	Plain, ordinary, or common meaning



the basics

- how to find articles
 - indexes are your friend
 - full-text searching is not always your friend
- how to find books
 - the catalog
- how to find anything else
 - specialized databases & the google
- use research guides

international law research

- refworld
- un materials
- hudoc
- european union
- inter-american system

foreign law research

- not as easy as you would think
- it takes 3 years to learn to navigate the u.s. system...foreign legal systems are just as complex
- most nations don't legislate, adjudicate, or enforce their laws in **english**

u.s. law research

- AILA link
- Westlaw
- Lexis
- country reports on human rights

social science/statistical research

- use the main university library's resources

a few final words

- don't waste your time
 - if it is taking too long to find something, come ask a librarian
- my office is **N216**
- my email is:
heywood@wcl.american.edu