

Cultures of Latin America

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Getting started...

Reference Resources

(subject encyclopedias and dictionaries, guides, bibliographies, statistics, and surveys)

General Reference Resources

Balderston, Daniel, Mike Gonzalez and Ana M. López, eds. *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Latin American and Caribbean Cultures*. London; New York: Routledge, 2000. 3 v. (Ref F 1406 E515 2000)

Iberia, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Portals to the World. Compiled by Hispanic Division, Library of Congress.

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

Internet Resources for Latin America. Compiled by Molly Molloy.

<http://lib.nmsu.edu/subject/bord/laguia/>

LANIC: Latin American Network Information Center.

<http://www1.lanic.utexas.edu/>

Latin American & Caribbean Studies Subject Pages & Guides. UAlbany Libraries.

http://library.albany.edu/subject/latin_main.html

South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. London: European Publications, 1985- (Ref F 1414.2 S68X 2005) Latest issue shelved in Ref

Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection (University of Texas at Austin)

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/americas.html>

Tenenbaum, Barbara, ed. *Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture*. New York: C. Charles Scribner's Sons; London: Simon & Schuster: Prentice Hall International, 1996. 5 v. (Ref 1406 E53 1996)

Reference Resources on Specific Topics

Kapiszewski, Diana, ed. *Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. Westport: Oryx Press, 2002. (Ref F 1410 E56 2002)

Núñez, Benjamin. *Dictionary of Afro-Latin American Civilization*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1980. (Ref F1408.3 N86)

Walter, Lynn. *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2003. 6 v. *Contents related to Latin America: v. 2 Central and South America. v. 5. North America and the Caribbean*. (Ref HQ 1115 G74 2003)



☐ Bibliographies and Guides to Research Resources

The BiblioNoticias Series.

Compiled at the Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas at Austin.

Description: subject-oriented bibliographies focusing on Latin American issues.

Electronic access for titles published since 1990.

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/benson/bibnot/bibnot.html>

Britton, John A. *The United States and Latin America: a Select Bibliography*. Lanham : Scarecrow Press; Pasadena: Salem Press, 1997. (F 1418 Z999 B75X 1997)

Comitas, Lambros. *The Complete Caribbeana, 1900-1975: a Bibliographic Guide to Scholarly Literature*. Millwood: KTO Press, 1977. 4 v.

Covington, Paula H. *Latin America and the Caribbean: a Critical Guide to Research Sources*. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1992. (Ref F1408 Z999 L385x 1992)

Where to find...

Books and Journal Articles

Keywords are terms considered to be “key” to finding information. *You might find them useful for your catalog and database searches.* Some examples:

- **Keywords in different languages.** Latin America, América Latina...
- **Synonyms.** Indigenous groups (people), indians...
- **Related keywords.** Military regimes, dictatorships, paramilitary, guerillas...

Other searching techniques to expand/narrow down your search

- **Boolean operators** (AND, OR, NOT)
- **Limits** (by date, language, format, specific field, electronic full-text availability...)
- **Truncation**

University at Albany Online Catalog (MINERVA)

► Subject Headings Search

- ① Access the Online Catalog (Minerva): <http://minerva.albany.edu>
- ② Select *Subject heading begins with...* under the *Browse an Alphabetical list* section (on the right side of the screen)
- ③ Type in your subject heading under the *Browse for* dialog box. Click on the *Browse* button
- ④ A list of subject headings will be retrieved. On the right side of the screen, you will see the number of records assigned to each subject heading.

The following Library of Congress Subject Headings are useful for searching resources by subject in our online catalog. This list only includes some examples of subject headings frequently used. (*See next page*)



Latin America Economic conditions
Latin America Foreign Relations United States
Latin America Economic conditions
Latin America Emigration and immigration
Latin America History
Latin America Politics and government
Latin America Race relations
Latin America Social conditions
Social Movements Latin America
Women Latin America



Indexes & Databases



All databases accessible via Database Finder

<http://library.albany.edu/databases/search.asp>



Handbook of Latin American Studies

A bibliography on Latin America consisting of works selected and annotated by scholars and edited by the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress. **1935-**

Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI)

Provides access to bibliographic information of scholarly articles and book reviews from key journals worldwide on Latin American and U.S. Latino topics. **1970-**

Latin American Periodicals Tables of Contents (LAPTOC)

Access: <http://lanic.utexas.edu/larp/laproc.html>

Searchable database that provides access to the tables of contents of journals, primarily in the humanities and social sciences, published in Latin America. **1940-**

Other Databases

- *General Interest:* EBSCO Academic Search Premier, LexisNexis Academic.
- *Subject-Specific:* Anthropological Literature, Historical Abstracts, PAIS, Sociological Abstracts, and Women's Studies International.



Where to find...

Free Scholarly Full-Text Documents Online

Digital Libraries, Gateways, and Portals	
Earth Trends http://earthtrends.wri.org/ <i>Environmental information</i>	LATINDEX http://www.latindex.org/ The <i>Indice</i> provides access to full-text journals.
ELDIS – Latin America and Caribbean http://www.eldis.org/latin/ <i>Development information</i>	Red de Revistas Científicas de América Latina, El Caribe, España, y Portugal (Red AL y C) http://www.redalyc.com/
Hispanic Division. Online Collections. Library Of Congress http://www.loc.gov/rr/hispanic/onlinecol.html	Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO) http://www.scielo.org/

Regional and International Organizations	
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC/CEPAL) http://www.eclac.cl/publicaciones/ http://www.eclac.cl/estadisticas/	International Monetary Fund (IMF/FMI) http://www.imf.org/external/pubind.htm
Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) http://www.iadb.org/publications/	Organization of American States (OAS) http://www.oas.org/ Click on <i>Publications</i> • Foreign Trade Information System http://www.sice.oas.org/
Inter American Agency for Cooperation and Development http://www.iacd.oas.org/template-ingles/interamer.htm	World Bank <i>Documents & Reports</i> http://www-wds.worldbank.org/ <i>Latin America & Caribbean</i> www.worldbank.org/lac

A selective list of Research Centers

☐ Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO)
<http://www.clacso.org/wwwclacso/espanol/html/biblioteca/fbiblioteca.html>

☐ Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)
<http://www.flacso.org/biblioteca.php>

☐ Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estratégicos (RIE)
<http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org/>

