

Library Guide for First-Year Seminar: Russia In Crisis Fall 2004

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COLLECTIONS

Reference Collection - Includes such sources as encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, and indexes (print/electronic). Located and consulted in the Reference Room or online. They provide basic facts, dates, summary information, and references.

For example, *Historical Dictionary of Russia* (Ref DK36 .R39 1998)

Circulating Collection - Books that can be borrowed for use outside the library. They are located primarily in the Underground Stacks, exception: Art (N's) on the Mezzanine levels.

For example, *Comrade Criminal: Russia's New Mafiya* by Stephen Handelman. (HV6453.R8 H36 1995)

Periodical Collection - journals, magazines, and newspapers located on the ground floor (1990 - present) and in the underground stacks compact storage (pre-1990), *arranged alphabetically by title*. The Microform Room on the ground floor contains back files of many periodicals in microform. Increasingly, periodicals are also or solely available in electronic format from ELIZA or research databases. For example, *Problems of Post-Communism* (print); *Current Digest of the Soviet Press* (print & online); *Russia Today* (online).

Audiovisual Materials - music cds, cd-roms, and video located at the Circulation Desk for use in the library's Listening/Viewing Area in the underground stacks or, for cd-roms, in the Reference Room.

Archives & Special Collections - used by appointment.

TOOLS FOR INFORMATION ACCESS IN THE LIBRARY

ELIZA, the Library's online **catalog**, available from the Library Home Page, is the "key" to finding information in the Wallace Library, in all its collections. Search by 1) **author** -- personal and institutional names; 2) **title**, if a particular work or periodical title is known; 3) **subject** heading, to search by assigned Library of Congress subject heading; and 4) **keyword**, to combine words and to find subject headings in records. (Books, periodical titles, audiovisual material, special collections, and interactive multimedia are all catalogued in ELIZA).

Note **location** and **call number** to locate the item on the shelf.

INDEXES/ABSTRACTS/FULL TEXT DATABASES - Used to find articles in journals, magazines, and newspapers. Available for topics in many subject areas and disciplines from the Library Home Page's *Alphabetical List* or *Subject List of Reference Databases* on the Electronic Resources page.

Locating Periodicals in the Wallace Library

Search *by title* using **ELIZA**, the library's online catalog. Issues received to date are indicated. The Web version of ELIZA often provides direct links to electronic full-text journals when available. Some online databases (e.g., *LexisNexis Academic* and *World News Connection*) provide access to the full-text of an article directly from the search results.

Citing Your Sources

Refer to **Diana Hacker's Pocket Style Manual** or her *Writer's Reference*. Diana Hacker has a great site, as well: <<http://www.dianahacker.com/writersref>> Databases, e.g., *LexisNexis Academic*, provide citation examples in their Help pages. Be sure to ask for help at the Reference Desk.

INTERNET NEWS SOURCES

(Best for very recent news. The best indexing and deeper archives are available if you use the Wallace Library News Databases.)

General News Gateways

- *Google News*
<<http://news.google.com>>
"Search and browse 4,500 news sources updated continuously." Use advanced search for Russian sources.
- *Kidon Media-Link*
<<http://www.kidon.com/media-link>>
Links to international newspapers, news magazines, TV & radio news stations/ program, and news agencies. Sources in English are coded **en**. Access to news, other than today's, often requires subscription.

Selected Sites

- *Post-Soviet Armies Newsletter*
<<http://www.psan.org>>
For news and analysis of post-Soviet armies in the CIS.
- *REESWeb: Russian and East European Studies*
<<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/reesweb/>>
A comprehensive index of electronic resources on Russia and Eastern Europe. This Virtual Library site is searchable.
- *Russia Profile*
<<http://www.russiaprofile.org/index.wbp>>
An Internet and print magazine produced by Independent Media for RIA Novosti, the country's leading state-owned news and information agency, with an "editorial policy independent from outside influences, including from the Russian government." A new project - one of its major goals is to "broaden the scope of news coming out of Russia."
- *Russian Environmental Digest* - "the world's major English-language press on environmental issues in Russia." (RED does not have a website. It's necessary to subscribe to it to receive information via your email. To subscribe, write to majordomo@teia.org with "subscribe redfiles" in the message body.)
- *Transitions Online*
<<http://www.tol.cz>>
Based in Czechoslovakia, this Internet magazine covers current issues in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. TOL Wire offers a daily selection of news briefs and analyses, in English translation, from selected independent newsrooms across the former Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Balkans. It is both a platform for and an access point to locally generated news. Read critically to find the Russian perspective.

Be sure to look at the following online newsletter for news about Russia:

CDI Russia Weekly, 1998- . (Center for Defense Information) An online newsletter that carries news and analysis on aspects of today's Russia, including political, economic, social, military, and foreign policy issues. Includes related "**Johnson's Russia List**."

>> Access via ELIZA, the Library's online catalog.

NEWS DATABASES FROM THE WALLACE LIBRARY

>> Access through Electronic Resources Page

Use the following resources to find the full-text of Russian news articles and other information from Russia but *in English* relevant to your research paper topics – **Russian perspective:**

LexisNexis Academic. Dates vary but most begin in the early 1990's.

For newspapers, magazines, trade journals, legal material, and much more. In addition to news from the western press, includes **some Russian news sources**, e.g., *TASS*, *Moscow Times*, and the *Current Digest of the Soviet Press*(1983-1992)/*Current Digest of the Post-Soviet Press* (1992-present). **(See attached descriptions for title-by-title information)**

World News Connection, rolling current 3 years.

A non-US news media translation service; **full-text**; daily updates.
LOGOFF when you complete your search in this database.

SEARCHING World News Connection FOR RUSSIAN NEWS SOURCES

- Note that search results come up in a separate window.
- For different word endings, use the ? wildcard (truncation).
- You can use parentheses () between words for phrase searching and logical connectors AND, OR, and NOT to combine search words.
- **Be sure to logoff from the search results screen when you are done.**

Region/Topic Searching

Select Region: Central Eurasia and then your topic area(s). Limit by publication date. Search for specific terms within topic area(s).

Simple Searching

Search by keyword(s) in the entire article or within the Headline/Lead Paragraph for greater relevance. Limit by publication date, only.

Advanced Searching (recommended method of searching)

Several search options – select as needed.

Boolean AND, OR, NOT can be used in search boxes -- particularly useful for keyword and publication searches.

“City/Source” refers to City source or news publication (e.g., Moscow, ITAR/TASS)

Logoff from results screen!

SEARCHING LexisNexis Academic FOR RUSSIAN NEWS SOURCES

Do a *Guided News Search* and follow these steps:

Option One

Step 1: **News Category** ---- select **WORLD NEWS**

Step 2: **Select a News Source** ---- **EUROPEAN NEWS SOURCES**

Option Two

Step 1: **News Category** ---- select **NEWS TRANSCRIPTS**

Step 2: **Select a News Source** ---- **Official Kremlin Intl News Broadcast**

Step 3: **Enter Search Terms** in fields, using "connectors" as needed

Step 4: Indicate **Date(s)** as desired

Step 5: **Search this publication title(s):** type titles using *or* between each one (See *list below* for Russian press titles) **Be sure to do this step for Option One!**