Welcome to Library News in International Studies

I began working at the University of Chicago as the bibliographer for international studies, sociology, political science and public policy in September 2012. Since I have not met all of you, I wanted to briefly introduce myself.

Before coming to Chicago, I worked for eleven years at Boston College, most recently as librarian for government documents, sociology and gender studies. I have a Masters of Library Science from Simmons College in Boston and am working on a thesis to complete an MA in sociology from BC.

As a librarian here, I will conduct instruction sessions, meet with students, faculty, or staff to talk about library resources or services, and accept purchase requests for our collections. I look forward to working with all of you in these and many other capacities.

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New Research Guide

I have published a new research guide for international studies: http://guides.lib.uchicago.edu/internatl_studies. It is intended to bring together a variety of resources for research but is by no means comprehensive. The guide highlights several different types of primary resources you might be drawing on for your research projects at this time of the year, including US and international government documents, public opinion data, and datasets for statistical analysis. Suggestions and feedback are welcome!

Featured Resource: Armed Conflict Database

This database is maintained by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) and seeks to cover international and internal conflicts, as well as terrorism. It provides information on 70 armed conflicts including topics such as terrorism, refugees/returnees, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), weapons and fatalities, as well as historical background information, annual updates and timelines. Users can generate reports and download data as well as browse through year-by-year analyses and fact sheets online.
The Caucasus: Land of Diverse Cultures

Exhibit, Second Floor Reading Room of Regenstein Library. Runs through April 2013.

The title chosen for this mini-exhibit reflects one exceptional aspect of the Caucasus...Continue reading.

Use UBorrow Instead of Recall or Standard Interlibrary Loan for Rapid Loans

The Library’s UBorrow service, launched approximately a year ago, has proven to be a rapid system for borrowing books from 12 university libraries in the Midwest and the nearby Center for Research Libraries. Books requested through UBorrow will typically arrive on campus within a week and can be checked out for 12 weeks, with an option for a 4-week renewal. Learn more.

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