Context / Background Information

Oxford Reference Online  Entries in many encyclopedias published by Oxford Univ. Press; authoritative alternative to Wikipedia


Cultural sociology of the Middle East, Asia, & Africa: an encyclopedia / SAGE Publications, 2012

The Middle East: a guide to politics, economics, society, and culture / M.E. Sharpe, c2012
Main Reference  DS44 .M497 2012 (2 vols.) LIBRARY USE ONLY

Encyclopedia of the modern Middle East & North Africa / Macmillan Reference USA, 2004
Main Reference  DS43 .E53 2004 (4 vols.) LIBRARY USE ONLY

Databases for Scholarly Articles

Academic Search Complete  large database with a broad range of articles on all areas of study

Anthropology Plus  scholarly articles in anthropology and related fields

Historical Abstracts  index to articles in world history journals

Index Islamicus  Includes scholarship from various disciplines written about the Middle East, Muslim areas of Asia and Africa, and Muslim populations across the globe

Middle Eastern & Central Asian Studies  (includes North Africa) political and economic affairs, law, international relations, business, the arts, society, anthropology, religion, and history

Worldwide Political Science Abstracts  articles in politics journals

Research Tools Everyone Should Know About

OBIS & OhioLINK  - catalog of books at Oberlin & catalog of books at other Ohio college and university libraries that you can request to have delivered to Oberlin

Journal Finder  Listing of Oberlin’s print & online periodical holdings (use tab on search box)

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Primary Source Materials

American Univ. in Cairo: University on the Square: Documenting Egypt’s 21st Century Revolution  is a participatory archives initiative developed by the American University in Cairo in February 2011. The digital collection continues to grow as project contributors share their experiences through oral history interviews and donations.
ArtStor collection of art images with global coverage from prehistory to the present

Digital National Security Archive (DNSA) Declassified US government documents. Especially strong in coverage of Egypt in the 1970s, mainly via the Kissinger Telephone transcripts (US diplomat, Secretary of State under Nixon and Ford)

National Security Archive George Washington University site, scans of declassified US government docs 1985-present

OAIster millions of open access digital images and texts from across the globe

Polling the Nations Public opinion polls from all over the world on a variety of subjects

ProQuest Congressional Bills, laws, reports, and documents of US congressional activities

News & Newspaper Sources

FBIS Reports (1941-1996) Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) was a federal agency under the CIA that monitored and translated foreign media into English for the purposes of US Intelligence. FBIS Daily Reports include radio and television broadcasts, news transmissions, newspapers, periodicals, speeches, public notices and government statements

World News Connection (1995-2013) Translated global news sources, successor to FBIS reports

Factiva thousands of news feeds from all over the world, focusing on current news, 1980s-2015

To access sources FROM EGYPT:
  Click on the arrow next to “All Sources”
  Use the dropdown menu “Select Source Category”
  Choose “By Region”
  Expand the menu for “Africa” then “North Africa”
  Click on Egypt and it will select media from Egypt
  Enter your search terms (note: default is set to the most recent 3 months)

Egyptian Gazette – longstanding English-language newspaper in Egypt
  1952-1967 Full text available from Center for Research Libraries
  and Saturday Edition 1952-1967 (titled Egyptian Mail) Full text available
  2001-2013 Full text available in Factiva

Al-Ahram weekly English-language newspaper in Cairo. Search seems to get results back to 2012

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