Background & Context Information – Print & Online Sources

**Encyclopedia of Governance (print and online)**  
Main Library JC11 .E53 2007, vol 1 & 2  
*Consult the ‘Reader’s Guide’ for background on political phenomenon, indexed thematically*

**Europa World**  
A leading source of political and economic information on over 250 countries.  
*Read the “Country Profile” for every country you’re interested in, especially the “Contemporary Political History” section*

**Science & Technology Databases**

**Annual Reviews**  
Critically reviews the most significant research literature in over 40 focused disciplines within the fields of biomedical, life, physical, and social sciences. These reviews both summarize recent scholarly advances and prompt new research activity

**Environment Complete**  
Covers agriculture, ecosystem ecology, energy, natural resources, pollution & waste management, environmental technology, environmental law, public policy, social impacts and urban planning

**Google Scholar**  
Includes articles from scientific journals and citation metrics

**History of Science, Technology & Medicine**  
An international bibliography indexing journal articles, conference proceedings, books, dissertations, serials, maps and other materials

**Web of Science**  
Scholarly literature in the sciences, health and medicine, social sciences, arts, and humanities and proceedings of international conferences, symposia, seminars, colloquia, workshops, and conventions. Includes cited reference searching across many databases

**Databases for Scholarly Publications in Political Policy**

**Worldwide Political Science Abstracts**  
References to articles in political science and related fields, including international relations, law, and public administration & policy
PAIS International (Public Affairs Information Service)  
References to periodicals, books, governmental and NGO publications, research reports from think tanks in all areas of public policy

CIAO: Columbia International Affairs Online  
Working papers from research institutes and think tanks, occasional papers from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, proceedings from conferences, books, journals and policy briefs

Research Funding - Think Tanks

Think Tank Search by the Harvard Kennedy School of Government  
http://guides.library.harvard.edu/hks/think_tank_search

- search the websites of multiple think tanks or browse lists of US/non-US based organizations  
- explore links to the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program at the University of Pennsylvania

Find Policy  
http://www.findpolicy.org/

- search selected think tanks based on geography or theme

News Databases

Contemporary Sources

- Factiva  
  Full text access to selected U.S. and international news sources – includes the Wall Street Journal

- LexisNexis Academic  
  Full text access to selected U.S. and international news sources

Foreign News Translations

- World News Connection, 1995 – 2013  
  Full text translation and English-language news and information from local media sources around the world (includes e.g. newspapers, periodicals, TV and radio broadcasts). Produced by the Open Source Center, a U.S. Government agency

- FBIS Daily Reports, 1941-1996 (Foreign Broadcast Information Service)  
  Full text translations of news reports from foreign newspapers and television and radio broadcasts, interviews, speeches, editorial commentary and other materials; compiled by the U.S. Intelligence community