

# World Constitutions Illustrated

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Focusing on the study of historic and current constitutions of governments, World Constitutions Illustrated enables scholars to research the constitutional and political development of every country in the world. It includes substantial constitutional histories for all countries. For every constitutional document, researchers can find the original text, amending laws, consolidated text, and important related texts.

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- Thousands of books on constitutional law, with specific chapters linked to specific countries
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- International Journal of Constitutional Law
- Niles' National Register
- Review of Constitutional Studies
- Seton Hall Constitution Journal
- Bill of Rights Review
- Constitutional Commentary
- Constitutional Forum
- East European Constitutional Review
- First Amendment Law Review
- Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly
- And more!

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## FEATURED WORKS

### **Annual Human Rights Reports Submitted to Congress by the U.S. Department of State (1976-current) (Human Rights and the Helsinki Accords and the United States – Series 1)**

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### **Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia**

The *Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia* comprises introductions to the major legal systems in the world, with coverage ranging from legal education and the way of professional practice, to the form of government and substantive law. This compilation is a result of the efforts of Kenneth Robert Redden, who was a Professor of Law at the University of Virginia for four decades. Professor Redden, later assisted by Linda L. Schleuter, gathered information from hundreds of distinguished contributors from all over the globe in order to present this multi-volume encyclopedia. This work serves as a standard reference work for members of the legal profession in every country, and is also used as a reference work in law schools and other university disciplines.

### **World Factbook (1981-current)**

The *World Factbook* is prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency for the use of U.S. Government officials. Presented in almanac form, it includes information about the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 266 independent states, dependencies, areas of special sovereignty, and governments from around the world. HeinOnline's coverage begins in 1981 and continues through the most recently published edition.



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- Original text and original language
- English translation
- Amending Laws
- Consolidated Texts
- List of all related documents identified
- Indication of the most current documents

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- World Factbook
- Country Studies
- Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia
- Annual Human Rights Reports Submitted to Congress by the U.S. Department of State
- Links to chapters and sections from within the classic books that specifically discuss the country

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- Thousands of links to articles carefully reviewed and chosen by our editors
- Links to more articles\* discussing the political and constitutional development of a country's constitution

\* You must be subscribed to the Law Journal Library to link to the articles.

## Bibliography of Select Constitutional Books

Our editors created a bibliography of select books related to the study of constitutional development of each country

## Links to Other Online Sources

- Portals of the World
- World Factbook (for the most recent information)
- GlobaLex
- Wikipedia
- Government web site of each country
- And more!

## View Key Metadata for Each Constitution

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- Description of the Document
- Document Date
- Document Source
- Document Source Location
- Promulgated Date
- Language of Origin
- Language of Document
- Country Editor's Name
- Country Editor's Bio
- Notes concerning the particular version of the text

The screenshot shows the HEINONLINE interface for Australia. The left pane displays metadata for the document 'Attorney-General's Department [2003] - English', including its title, description (English original text of Act No. 142 of 1985), official reference number (Act No. 142 of 1985), document date (2003-03-31), document source (Attorney General of Australia), document source location (www.comlaw.gov.au), and adoption date (1985-12-04). The right pane shows a list of documents for Australia, with a red arrow pointing to the 'Attorney-General's Department [2003] - English' entry, which has a 'more information icon' next to it.

## ABOUT THE EDITOR

**Jefri Jay Ruchti** was born in Montreal, Canada (1949), and named for John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He attended the University of Wisconsin (as had his grandfather, father, and brother) and the University of Chicago. He began actively collecting the texts of historical and current constitutions in 1984, mentored through the following years as an editor and translator by Gisbert H. Flanz (1916-2015). In addition to his work on the World Constitutions Illustrated database, Ruchti also provided his editorial guidance to help develop **State Constitutions Illustrated**.

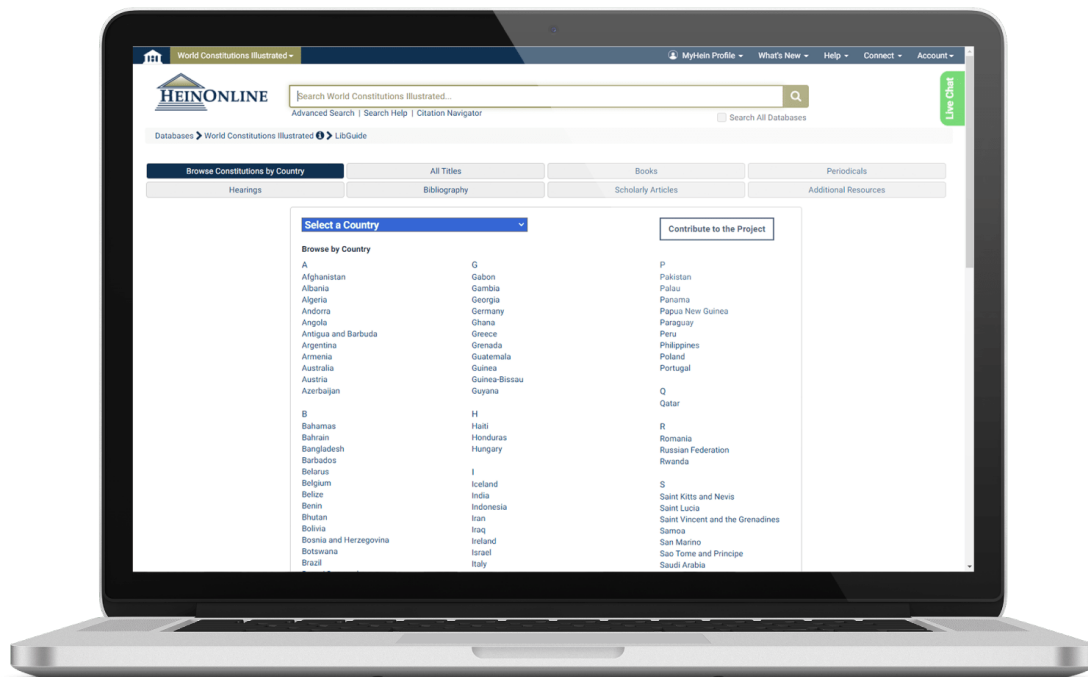
Outside of his work as an editor, Ruchti has pursued an independent career as an artist, working primarily in dry media on Japanese paper, exhibiting widely in the United States. He lives with his wife, Leigh Whiteman, in Guilford Connecticut.

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