

## How Do I Find Articles in Foreign Newspapers?

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### The basic situation:

- for recent articles, a newspaper's **Web site** is the best place to look
  - for historical content (articles from past years, going into the 19<sup>th</sup> century), **microfilm** is about the only option. See below for locating microfilm.
  - there is very little content online other than very recent articles. A few individual newspapers have been digitized and put on the Web.
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### IDENTIFYING NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN A PARTICULAR COUNTRY

- **Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory** lists periodicals by country : in Volume Two, under "General Interest Periodicals". It will, of course, also show where each might be indexed.
- Check the **Europa Yearbook** for each country. "Principal dailies" are listed by city for each country.
- A good guide to consult is **Foreign Newspapers**, held by the The Center for Research Libraries (GenRef Z 6945 .C431 1992Q). Part II is a *Geographical List*, by country. Each title has some publication information. You can browse by country to find newspapers from a particular time period.
- The Library of Congress also has a guide to its foreign newspapers: **Newspapers in Microform: Foreign Countries** (GenRef Z 6945 .U5 N43b). Also good for browsing by country. LC also has published **lists for specific countries**. Try a Keyword search on *library congress newspapers country name*.
- Individual titles in a Library Catalog rarely have **Subject Headings**, so it may be difficult to identify titles that way. You can, however, easily locate **histories of the periodical press** in any given country, and **bibliographies of newspapers**, which will help you identify titles from a particular time period.

Do a Subject Keyword search on "**bibliography**" and the country name and the word press or newspapers or periodicals. Ex: french press bibliography, or, french newspapers bibliography, or, french periodicals (with or without the keyword bibliography).

- Examples:
- Bibliographie historique et critique de la presse periodique française
  - Publicaciones periódicas y relaciones de noticias de los siglos XVII y XVIII : catálogo
  - Guide to bibliographies of Russian periodicals and serial publications, 1728-1985
  - Chinese newspapers in the Library of Congress : a bibliography
  - Die Deutsche Presse; Zeitungen und Zeitschriften
  - A census of British newspapers and periodicals, 1620-1800

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## INDEXES FOR NEWSPAPERS

- Lexis-Nexis (see below) is about **the only database** that indexes foreign newspapers. It does not provide historical coverage however.
- BPI: an online index to **French newspapers** (including the major ones and many other periodicals) that indexes back to 1997. “... contient des articles sur **l’actualité culturelle et sociale internationale** issus du dépouillement sélectif d’une **centaine** de journaux français.”  
<http://hged.ck.bpi.fr/icons/bpi2/nogedfrench.htm>
- A few newspapers have been **indexed individually**. *Le Monde* for example. These are rare, but you can try a *Title Keyword* search on the title of the newspaper to locate them. Try the Hopkins Libraries Catalog and WorldCat.
- **Indexes and Guides to Western European Periodicals** in the Humanities and Social Sciences: a Web site that gathers many indexes in one place. Sort by country or time period.  
<http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~eshierl/wess/IGWEP.html>
- There are individual **indexes in print format** that index specific periods of time, for individual countries. There are also general works on the periodical press that sometimes include indexes to authors, subjects, or even titles. They can be tricky to find. Consult the following Guides:
  - Using Periodicals in Research: French  
<http://www.library.jhu.edu/researchhelp/french/PERIODICALS.pdf>
  - Using Periodicals in Research: Italian  
<http://www.library.jhu.edu/researchhelp/italian/periodicals.pdf>
  - Using Periodicals in Research: German  
<http://www.library.jhu.edu/researchhelp/german/periodicalsguide.pdf>
  - Using Periodicals in Research: Spanish  
<http://www.library.jhu.edu/researchhelp/spanish/PERIODICALS.pdf>
- There may be an **index on the Web** for a specific newspaper. Try a Google search on the title and the word “index”. This usually works for smaller papers that have ceased publication.

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## ACCESS TO NEWSPAPERS

- **Lexis-Nexis** indexes and includes many foreign newspapers. You must be in **Guided News Search**, and select **Non-English Language News** as your category. You can then select the appropriate language under **News Source**. The **Source List** option gives you details about which newspapers are included and what years they cover.
- Most of the newspapers that MSEL receives in print are not retained after 60 days. Some are received as microfilm. We have the following **major newspapers on microfilm**:
  - Le Monde (France : 1944- )
  - Frankfurter Allgemeine (Germany : 1949- )
  - Corriere della Sera (Italy : 1945- )
- To find any individual title in the Hopkins Libraries, do an Alphabetical **search in the Catalog** on Journal/Newspaper Title.
- If we do not own the newspaper you're looking for, check the database **WorldCat**. Search for the title of the newspaper as a *Serial*. You can usually order a roll of microfilm from another library through **InterLibrary Services**.
- To identify newspapers that are available in microfilm (from UMI), see **Newspapers in microform** : *GenRef: Z 6945.N48*
- The **Library of Congress** has a large collection of newspapers on microfilm. Check this page:  
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/lcnewsp.html>
- The **Center for Research Libraries** (above) also has a **Web site** for its foreign newspapers that is useful for access, once you've identified a title:  
<http://www.crl.edu/content.asp?11=5&12=23&13=44&14=27>
- Most **current newspapers** have a Web site. Try this page for current and historical content:  
**Selected Western European News and Newspapers:**  
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~wessweb/news.html>
- A Google search will easily find others. Keep in mind though:
  - Access to archives (older articles) often involves a fee.
  - The Web site may or may not have a search engine for older articles.
  - The search engine may not go back more than a few years. So for older material, try some of the resources listed above. You may want to also **consult a Librarian**.