INTERNATIONAL ELDER LAW RESEARCH: A BIBLIOGRAPHY

INTRODUCTION

This selective bibliography is a group effort⁠¹ to present an overview of international elder law resources in both online and print formats. Elder law practitioners and policy makers are the anticipated audience for this bibliography, and it is hoped that this resource will be useful as an introduction to the growing body of international elder law resources. This bibliography focuses on materials published within the last ten years although some older, background materials are included. Most references are to English language materials, but these references may lead to sources in other languages.

Elder law, on an international field, encompasses differences in socio-legal systems, levels of development, and economic stability, all of which are reflected in a country’s policy regarding issues related to aging. There are obvious, additional distinctions: Civil versus Common law; socialist versus capitalist economic systems; religious versus secular societies; and homogenous versus multi-cultural populations, which come together to determine underlying elder law policies.⁠²

A wide variety of search terms may be used to locate international elder law resources including:

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² These distinctions are borrowed, in part, from Israel Doran, Elder Guardianship Kaleidoscope - A Comparative Perspective, 16 Intl. J. L. Policy & Fam. 368 (2002).
In addition, search terms related to specific legal topics may also be useful in locating pertinent resources. For example:

Consumer Fraud    Health Care Reform    Reverse Mortgages
Estate Planning   Living Wills          Succession
Financial Planning Probate Law       Wills

For country specific resources, add the name of the country to the search term, or use “international” with various search terms to locate more broadly focused materials.

Materials in this bibliography are arranged in the following categories:

- **Agencies and Organizations** that focus on international elder law issues
- **Conventions, Documents and Reports** relating to international elder law
- **Web Sites and Databases** with a specific international elder law focus
- **Journals and Books** provides references to articles and titles focusing on international elder law arranged in the following topics:
  - General Legal Issues
  - Economic Policy
  - Health and Quality of Life
  - Housing Policy
  - Social Policy

**International Elder Law Journals** is a list of the major journals with a primary focus on international elder law issues.

It should be noted that this is a selective bibliography, and no attempt has been made to include every agency, organization, convention, document, report, database, web site, article or book relating to international elder law. Given the tremendous growth in resources in the area of international elder law such an undertaking is beyond the scope of this bibliography. Rather this bibliography is intended to serve as an overview of materials published in this field during the last ten years, and to provide a starting point for further research in international elder law. The authors welcome your comments and suggestions regarding this project.
AARP (formerly American Association of Retired Persons)
http://www.aarp.org/

AARP is the leading nonprofit organization for people aged 50 and over in the United States; with over 35 million members, its aim is to provide information and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all persons as they age. The AARP website provides links to much information on international aging issues. A number of the specific links are included in this section.

AARP
601 E. Street NW
Washington DC 20049
1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277)

AARP Global Aging
http://www.aarp.org/research/international/

Global Aging Program
Contact the Global Aging Program at intlaffairs@aarp.org

AARP International Forum in Long-Term Care
http://www.aarp.org/research/longtermcare/trends/a2003-09-02-longtermcare.html

AARP International: Resources
http://www.aarp.org/research/international/resources/aging-organizations.html

International and Regional Organizations and Networks
Concerned With Aging

AARP International: Resources
http://www.aarp.org/research/international/resources/Articles/a2002-08-05-orginternational.html

Organizations of Seniors around the world

AARP Public Policy Institute
http://www.aarp.org/research/ppi/
The AARP Public Policy Institute (AARP PPI) focuses on federal, state, and international policy research and analysis. Its aim is to foster public debate on issues involving the older population.

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING (UNITED STATES)
http://www.aoa.gov/

The Administration on Aging’s website provides information about the agency itself, federal legislation on aging issues, and programs geared specifically to the older population and to caregivers. A section of the website deals specifically with international issues.

Administration on Aging
Washington, DC 20201
Phone: 202 619-0724

AGEING AND ETHNICITY Web
http://www.eng.aeweb.org/

The Ageing and Ethnicity site provides information on issues related to elder ethnic minority persons throughout the world.

ALZHEIMER EUROPE
http://www.alzheimer-europe.org/

Alzheimer Europe, which has as its goal advancing the care and treatment of patients, is a non-profit composed of 31 organizations from 26 countries.

CENTER FOR DEMOGRAPHY OF HEALTH AND AGING (CDHA)
http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/cdha/

The Center for Demography of Health and Aging (CDHA), at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, sponsors research in several areas of aging, including inequalities in health care and international comparisons of health and aging. The Center is itself sponsored by the National Institute on Aging.

Center for Demography of Health and Aging
University of Wisconsin - Madison
The Hastings Center, founded in 1969, is a research institute devoted to the study of bioethics and health care. Much of its research centers on end-of-life issues, public health, and new technologies. The Center has a world-wide group of experts and researchers who examine current and breaking ethical and social issues in medical science.

The Hastings Center
21 Malcolm Gordon Road
Garrison NY 10524-4125
Telephone: (845) 424-4040
Fax: (845) 424-4545
Email: mail@thehastingscenter.org

HelpAge International is a world-wide network putting together non-profit groups that work with disadvantaged older people throughout the world and seek to improve their quality of life.

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1st floor, York House, 207-221 Pentonville Road
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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY AND GERIATRICS

With membership of over 45,000 professionals worldwide, in over 64 countries, the IAGG and its member groups provide research and training in gerontology and related fields. It has consultative status with the United Nations.

The Secretariat Office address is:
Rua Hilário de Gouveia 66 / 1102 Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, RJ 22040-020 Brazil
Phone/fax: 55 21 22351510
iagg@iagg.com.br

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ON AGEING

IFA is a network of groups and persons seeking to improve the lives of older persons throughout the world by changing policies and bringing public and private sectors together on social problems of the aging.

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CANADA

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INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (See UNITED NATIONS)

INTERNATIONAL LONGEVITY CENTER
http://www.ilcusa.org/who/world.htm

The non-profit International Longevity Center-USA has as its goal highlighting aging and longevity in positive ways, showing in its research and educational programs the contributions that the aging can make to the world.
International Longevity Center - USA
60 E. 86th Street
NY, NY 10028
Ph: 212-288-1468
Fax: 212-288-3132
info@ilcusa.org

ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD) AGEING SOCIETY
http://www.oecd.org/topic/0,2686,en_2649_37435_1_1_1_1_37435,00.html

More than 30 countries are members of the OECD, which issues publications and statistics regarding economic and social issues, including education, development, and science; the OECD also has relationships with over 70 other countries and groups. The OECD provides country surveys on major social and economic issues and helps policy-makers throughout the world decide on their positions and strategies. The OECD has specific information dealing with the implications of aging throughout the world.

Ageing Society Contact
Information and queries can be sent to:
olderworkers.contact@oecd.org

OECD
2, rue André Pascal
F-75775 Paris Cedex 16
France

UNITED NATIONS (Specific International Elder Law Programs are listed below)
http://www.un.org/

UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
http://www.un.org/esa/

Division for Social Policy and Development
The U.N.’s Division for Social Policy and Development has as its goal the cooperation of countries worldwide in improving the quality of life for their aging and other possibly disadvantaged persons.

Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, DC2-1320, New York, NY 10017, USA

UN PROGRAMME ON AGEING

Division for Social Policy and Development

Address:
United Nations
Division for Social Policy and Development
Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, DC2-1320, New York, NY 10017,

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

The International Labour Organization (ILO) of the U.N. brings governments, workers, employers and employees all together to promote labor and decent work practices throughout the world.

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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
http://www.who.int/en/

The World Health Organization, United Nations agency for health, seeks to help all persons throughout the world attain the highest level possible of physical, mental and social well-being. The WHO sponsors programs and research aimed at all populations, including the aging.

WHO---Prevention of elder abuse

Conventions, Documents and Reports

CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF ADULTS

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY
http://www.itcilo.org/actrav/actrav-english/telearn/global/ilo/law/coehr.htm

International Labour Office
CH-1211 Geneva 22
Fax: +41 22 799 6570

HELSINKI CONFERENCE ON DISSEMINATION OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH RESULTS ON AGEING, 2006

ILO CONVENTION (C102) CONCERNING MINIMUM STANDARDS OF SOCIAL SECURITY.
http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/english/convdisp1.htm

ILO CONVENTION (C128) CONCERNING INVALIDITY, OLD AGE AND SURVIVORS' BENEFIT CONVENTION.
http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/english/convdisp1.htm

LOLEX—International Labour Office
http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/english/

ILOLEX, a trilingual database, contains Conventions and Recommendations and other kinds of documents issued by the ILO.

UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL REPORT---Major Developments in the Area of Ageing since the Second World Assembly on Ageing

Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
Report of the Secretary-General

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF IMPAIRMENTS, DISABILITIES AND HANDICAPS

UNITED NATIONS, INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS. Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid Spain, 8 – 12 April 2002.

MADRID INTERNATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION ON AGEING
http://www.eldis.org/static/DOC10444.htm


Websites and Databases

AARP AgeLine® DATABASE
http://www.aarp.org/research/agesource/

AARP’s AgeLine database, which is easily accessed via the Age Source web page, provides abstracts of research from medical and social science sources, and provides some consumer content
as well. Links are given for persons wanting to purchase the entire document. It can be searched at no cost.

**AGE SOURCE WORLDWIDE**
http://www.aarp.org/research/agesource/

Information sources available on AARP’s Age Source database have a specific focus on aging and are easily available on the internet. Age Source is searchable by subject, country, language, or any combination of those.

**AGEING POPULATIONS RESOURCE GUIDE**
http://www.eldis.org

**ELDIS GATEWAY TO DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION**
http://www.eldis.org/ageing/index.htm
Eldis is one of a family of knowledge services from the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex

**GLOBALHEALTH.GOV**
http://www.globalhealth.gov/

The Office of Global Health Affairs, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, represents the Department to other governments on international and refugee health issues. The website offers links to country information, world health statistics, global health topics, and fact sheets.

**TINTERNATIONAL AGING**
http://www.aoa.gov/prof/international/resources/resources.asp

The AOA’s International Ageing resources page gives information from the UN, WHO, and other federal and non-governmental sources.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS (U.S. Social Security Administration)**
http://www.ssa.gov/international/inter_intro.html

This site provides information about the United States program of international Social Security agreements, about receiving U.S. Social Security benefits outside the United States and about Social Security programs in other countries. Links to the text and
detailed description of the Social Security agreements and Social Security web pages of other countries are included.

Web Bibliographies

PENN STATE’S DICKINSON SCHOOL OF LAW INTERNATIONAL SOURCES ON AGING
http://www.dsl.psu.edu/clinic/international.htm

PACE LAW SCHOOL’S RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH IN ELDER LAW.
http://www.library.law.pace.edu/research/elderlaw.html#Research%20Guides

VIRTUAL CHASE
http://www.virtualchase.com/topics/elder_law.shtml

Useful source of web links to all areas of elder law.

Journals and Books

General Legal Issues

Journals


**Books**


Alex Butler, *Emerging Issues for Australia in the Assessment of Older People: a Review of Recent International Literature* (La Trobe University 1998)


*Global aging: the Challenge of the New Millennium* (Center for Strategic and International Studies 2000)


HelpAge Intl., *State of the World’s Older People 2002* (HelpAge International 2002)

Paul Hinchliff and Bo Priestley, *Making Our Voices Heard: Older People and Decision-making in East and Central Europe* (HelpAge International 2001)


United Nations, *Compilation of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) of and for Older Persons: a Work in Progress* (UN 1999)


**Economic Policy**

**Books**


Han Emanuel, *Ageing and the Labour Market: Issues and Solutions, or Are There?* (Intersentia 2006)


**Health and Quality of Life Policy**

**Journals**


**Books**

Toni C. Antonucci, Corann Okorodudu & Hiroko Akiyama, *International Perspectives on the Well-being of Older Adults* (Blackwell 2003)

Bridget Campion & Leo Walsh, *Globalization and the Culture of Life; Care of the Frail Elderly and the Dying* (Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute 2005)


Henriette Gardent & Council of Europe, *Use of the International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities and Handicaps in Relation to Elderly People* (Council of Europe 1997)


Martin Lyon Levine, *The Elderly: Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care Policy* (Ashgate 2001)


**Housing Policy**

**Journals**


**Books**


Social Policy

Journals


Eleanor Pallo Stoller & Charles F. Longino Jr., “Going Home” or “Leaving Home”? The Impact of Person and Place Ties on Anticipated Counterstream Migration, 41 Gerontologist 906 (2001)


Books


HelpAge International & United Nations Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs, *Sustainable Social Structures in a Society for All Ages* (UN 2002)


*United Nations Principles for Older Persons* (UN 1998)


**International Elder Law Journals**

Hundreds of journals are directly dedicated to aging issues, and even more regularly publish articles focusing on elder law issues. The following list is by no means comprehensive, but rather is representative of the types of journals and law reviews available that focus on international elder law topics.


*Ageing and Society*. Journal of the international Federation on Ageing. Cambridge University Press, 6 times/year. Interdisciplinary and international, with extensive reviews, abstracts, and reports on research in specific areas.

*American Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease & Other Dementias*. Drexel University College of Medicine, 6 times/year. For and by professionals on the frontlines, especially those who deal every day with patients having dementias and their families.

*American University International Law Review*. Washington College of Law’s International Legal Studies Program, 6 times/year.

*Arab Law Quarterly*. published in the Netherlands, quarterly. Covers all aspects of Arab laws, both Shari’a and secular.

*Boston College International and Comparative Law Review*. bi-annual. One of approximately 30 law reviews in the United States that focus on international legal issues, and one of only two that publishes an annual survey of European Union law.

*Contemporary Gerontology.* New York, quarterly. Emerging issues, reports from abroad and contemporary issue analysis.

*Elder Law Journal.* United States, bi-annual. Estate planning, living wills, arrangements for long-term nursing care, as well as social work, gerontology, ethics, and medicine.

*European Journal of Health Law.* The Netherlands, quarterly,


*Global Ageing.* International Federation on Ageing, Canada, 3 times/year.

*Indian Journal of Gerontology.* India, quarterly. Contains research papers, popular articles and allied studies on ageing.


*International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family.* Oxford University Press, Great Britain, 3 times/year. Covers law which goes beyond the jurisdiction dealt with, or which is of a comparative nature, including literature specific to law and legal policy and in related disciplines (such as medicine, psychology, demography) of special relevance to law and the family,


*International Journal of Social Welfare.* Stockholm, Sweden, quarterly. Focuses on global implications of the most pressing social welfare
issues, with an inter-disciplinary approach examining those issues from the various branches of the applied social sciences.

*International Legal Practitioner.* Great Britain, 3 times/year. Promotes the exchange of information amongst lawyers in general practice throughout the world, on the widest range of subjects, practices and procedures.

*International Social Security Review.* Switzerland, quarterly. The only international quarterly on social security, with articles on systems in different countries and in-depth discussions of topical questions; regularly has a comprehensive round-up of all the latest publications in the field. Quarterly.

*Islamic Law and Society.* United States, annual. Research in both classical and modern Islamic law in Muslim and non-Muslim countries.

*Journal of Aging and Health.* United States, bi-monthly.


*Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect.* United States, quarterly.

*Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry and Neurology.* United States, quarterly. Research, clinical reviews, and case reports on neuropsychiatric care of aging patients.

*Journal of Health Care Law & Policy.* University of Maryland Law School, United States, bi-annual.


*Palliative Medicine: The Research Journal of the European Association for Palliative Care.* Great Britain, 8 times/year. International, interdisciplinary journal dedicated to improving knowledge and clinical practice in the care of patients with far advanced disease.


Tax Management International Journal. BNA, United States, bi-annual. Analysis by distinguished international tax practitioners on rulings, laws, regulations, treaties and other matters.

Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics. United States, bi-annual. Covers many interdisciplinary topics in health policy, health law, and biomedical ethics, for academicians, professionals, students and policy makers and legislators in health care.