SELECTED SOURCES FOR HISTORY 4525H:
Research Seminar in International History – The Cold War
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LIBRARY CATALOGS

OSU Library Catalog: http://library.ohio-state.edu/search/ Find all formats of information provided by OSU Libraries
OhioLINK: http://ocol1.ohiolink.edu/search/ (Collected catalogs from academic libraries in Ohio, including OSU)
Order items in the catalog from other university libraries in Ohio if the item is not available at OSU

Check OSU catalog and Ohiolink for Books, Films, bibliographies and other cataloged items:
Sample subject headings: United States Foreign Relations Soviet Union
Keyword searches – “cold war” and propaganda*

Check OSU catalog for primary sources owned by OSU on specific subjects:
Sample subject headings: United States –Foreign Relations –Soviet Union –Sources
Cold War – History – Sources
Keyword searches: “cold war” and (memoir* or diar* or “personal narrative”) “cold war” and archive*

Also, you may limit a keyword search to the following subject headings: archives, correspondence, diaries, personal narratives. Another possible approach using OSCAR is to do a subject or keyword search and limit to MIC (microforms room) as the location.

JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOKS

American History and Life. Indexes journals, books, and dissertations in American history and culture from pre-colonial times to the present.

Historical Abstracts
A database covering the world's scholarly literature in history on the history of the world, excluding the United States and Canada, from 1450 to the present.

JSTOR. Archive of digitized, core journals in history and other fields.
Foreign Affairs 1922-2007 (JSTOR): current
“Reviews current events as they affect US relations worldwide…international, political, commercial and cultural relations.”

Social Science & Humanities Retrospective 1907-1983
Interdisciplinary database to scholarly periodicals from the period; Index split in two: Humanities Abstracts 1984-; Social Sciences Abstracts 1983-

Reader's Guide Retrospective 1890-1983
Indexes mostly popular literature on the period.

American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies.
Indexes articles published since 1989 on a variety of topics related to Eastern Europe and Russia.


NEWPAPERS AND OTHER MEDIA

ProQuest Historical Newspapers [Full Text]
Includes full text search of selected large city newspapers including Chicago Tribune (1849-1987), Los Angeles Times (1881-1987), The New York Times (1851-present [not latest 3 years]), Philadelphia Tribune (1912 - 2001), The Washington Post (1877-1994), Wall Street Journal (1889-1995); also selected Black (can be search separately) and Jewish newspapers.

Nexis Uni. 1980s- Online access to US and international newspapers, selected periodicals, and law review journals (earlier than 1980s). Also has text of state and federal statutes and court decisions, some from early 20th century.

Times Digital Archive (Online: 1785-1985) Search full text of the Times of London and view facsimile image of the newspaper articles. Full text of recent years in Nexis Uni.

Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) Daily Reports
This resource is an archive of transcripts of foreign broadcasts and news that provides insight into the second half of the 20th century. Many materials are firsthand reports of events as they occurred.

Joint Publications Research Service (JPRS) reports
JPRS Reports, 1957-1995, provides translations of foreign publications related to “military, socioeconomic, political, environmental, scientific and technical issues and events.” JPRS was a US government agency.

SELECTED FOREIGN AFFAIRS DOCUMENT COLLECTIONS

US Documents:

Foreign Relations of the United States. 1861-1980s
Search all volumes: https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments ; Browse volumes: https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/pre-truman
Online full text searchable; Print available at JX233A3 in Thompson Library [2nd floor mezzanine]. FRUS is the US Dept. of State's official collection of foreign relations documents that are publicly available. Includes from a various executive departments.
Proquest Congressional (1789- )
Search full text and find Congressional reports, documents, and hearings; also full text for bills, public laws and the Congressional Record.

Digital National Security Archive
"The most comprehensive collection available of significant primary documents central to U.S. foreign and military policy since 1945." Additional, related documents are available at the National Security Archive at George Washington Univ.

History Vault (US sources)
Among the various digital, full text files spanning the Cold War era are the following:
- Records of the U.S. Information Agency, Cold War Era Special Reports
- Records of the Subversive Activities Control Board, 1950-1972
- NAACP Papers
- Lyndon B. Johnson National Security Files
- Documents of the National Security Council

U.S. Intelligence on Europe, 1945-1995
"4,000 formerly classified U.S. government documents provides a comprehensive survey of the U.S. intelligence community's activities in Europe, including Eastern Europe, Turkey and Cyprus, covering the time period from the end of World War II to the fall of the Iron Curtain and beyond."

Cold War Intelligence Online: The Secret War Between the U.S. and the USSR, 1945-1991. Brill
"formerly classified U.S. government documents (most of them classified Top Secret or higher) provides access to the declassified documentary record about the successes and failures of the U.S. intelligence community in its efforts to spy on the Soviet Union during the Cold War"

U.S. Intelligence on the Middle East, 1945-2009. Brill
“These documents shed light on the U.S. intelligence community's spying and analytic efforts in the Arab world, including the Middle East, the Near East, and North Africa. They cover the time period from the end of World War II to the present day, up until the 2002-2003 Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) assessments, the Global War on Terror, the Iraq War, and Iran's nuclear program."

Cold War International History Project
Documents related to The Korean War, The 1956 Polish and Hungarian Crises, The Soviet Invasion in Afghanistan, The Cuban Missile Crisis, The 1980-81 Polish Crisis, The End of the Cold War. See also Digital Archive-International History Declassified

Searchable site that contains public presidential documents, such as executive orders, radio addresses, and speeches. Also included are the texts of presidential debates since 1960, national party platforms since 1840, state of the union addresses since 1793, and historical statistical data on the presidency and presidential elections.

British Documents:

Documents on British Policy Overseas. (Covers 1898-1990)
Primary source documents from Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, shedding light on diplomatic history throughout the twentieth century. It is based on three distinct print series which form a record of British peacetime
diplomacy since the end of the nineteenth century: British Documents on the Origins of the War 1898-1914, Documents on British Foreign Policy 1918-1939 and Documents on British Policy Overseas.

Search full text and retrieve pdf of documents produced or provided to the British Cabinet. At this time the documents include "Conclusions" for cabinet discussions and agreed action points; "Memoranda" for policy proposals and positions taken by ministers or government departments; "Notebooks" for transcripts of cabinet discussions revealing a minister's stance before consensus; "Precedent" books for policy on how the Cabinet works.

Archives Direct. (British sources) 1930s-1960s (up to 1980s for South Africa)
Search and retrieve full text of documents from the British Colonial, Dominion and Foreign Offices’ confidential correspondence relating to Africa, the Americas and the Middle East. Find “diplomatic correspondence, letters, reports, surveys, material from newspapers, statistical analyses, published pamphlets, ephemera, military papers, profiles of prominent individuals, maps and many other types of document.”

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Documents:

NATO E-Library – “NATO's most important official texts” and other official documents and publications since 1949

United Nations Documents:

DAG Repository  http://repository.un.org/
DAG is a source of current and historical digital UN documents, maps, AV, archival and other materials from the Dag Hammarskjöld Library at the UN.

United Nations Documents and Publications.
1946-present (Full text since 1993; Selected full text prior to 1993) Covers all types of official United Nations (UN) documentation. ODS provides access to the resolutions of the General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, and Trusteeship Council.

International Document Sources:

Cold War: Voices of Confrontation and Conciliation (Oral History transcripts)
“This [digital] collection will provide a unique opportunity to read the recollections of many of the players in the Cold War. These transcripts of oral recollections will assist scholars in understanding the motivations for conflict and conciliation.”
The resource is part of the Archives Unbound database.

Archives Unbound
Search and examine original images of primary sources from a wide variety of US and international primary source collections. Search across all collections or limit to specific collections. Among the collections related to the Cold War are Records of the U.S. Department of State for specific countries, Records of the U.S. State Department Central Files, Country Intelligence Reports for specific countries in the late 1940s, collections on postwar China and Vietnam, documents on East Germany, 1950-1963 and much more.

BIOGRAPHY

Marquis Biographies Online (US and international) Brief biographical sketch