

Cultural Property: A Legal Research Guide

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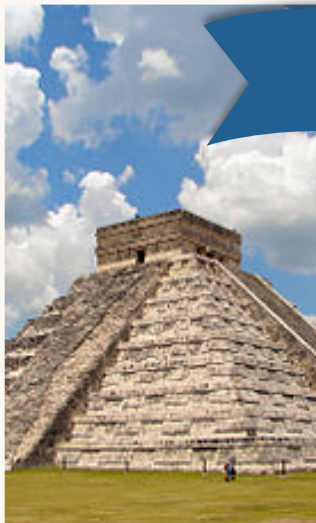


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Cultural Property provides the researcher with an abundance of information on cultural property including information on primary law, secondary resources, and non-legal resources. Historically, there have been many advocates for protecting property in times of warfare, and while past international conventions were mainly focused on limiting destruction and looting of tangible cultural property during war, the focus and scope of cultural property has expanded to include an increasing range of property and situations.

KEY CHAPTERS

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The section on international conventions includes lists of relevant conventions, arranged chronologically by the date the convention was concluded. Each convention listed notes the date of signature, sources researchers may consult to obtain the full text, and websites of sponsoring convention organizations & more. Also included are annotations summarizing the impact of the conventions and whether they are binding and upon whom.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Due to the vast amount of scholarship on the law of cultural property, there are chapters dedicated to various reference materials throughout the guide. These sources help to provide an overview of cultural property topics and will help researchers gain a basic understanding of concepts and issues as questions arise. In addition to reference works, books, articles, periodicals, and blogs are thoroughly discussed.

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to the conventions and reference materials, this guide also includes tips on locating books and articles, sources for current awareness, commentaries that provide insight into the impact and meaning of individual conventions, web-based databases and resources, organizations actively involved in the protection of cultural property, and professional and museum ethics and practices.

COMMENTARIES AND EXPLANATORY REPORTS

Denys P. Myers, *U.S. Dep't of State, The Treaty of Versailles and After: Annotations of the Text of the Treaty* (1947).

Int'l Comm. of the Red Cross, *The Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949: Commentary* (Jean S. Pictet ed., 1952), available at <http://www.icrc.org/ihl.nsf/CONVPRES?OpenView>.

CURRENT AWARENESS: PERIODICALS

American Antiquity. Washington, D.C.: Society for American Archaeology, 1935– .

<http://www.saa.org/AbouttheSociety/Publications/AmericanAntiquity/tabid/124/Default.aspx>

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