



INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION: A SELECTIVE LIST OF REFERENCE SOURCES

The relationship between the International Labour Organization and McGill University is a longstanding and intimate one. At the beginning of the Second World War, when the ILO was compelled to leave Switzerland for a more secure base of operations, the Canadian government offered it sanctuary. The ILO relocated to Montreal, and was housed on the grounds of McGill, first on McTavish Street, and later on University Street, where the McConnell Engineering Building now stands.

The ILO is a specialized UN agency that formulates international labour standards in the form of Conventions and Recommendations setting minimum standards of basic labour rights: freedom of association, the right to organize, collective bargaining, abolition of forced labour, equality of opportunity and treatment, and other standards regulating conditions across the entire spectrum of work related issues. It promotes the development of independent employers' and workers' organizations and provides training and advisory services to those organizations. The Government Information Service is a depository library for the documentation of the ILO and has been receiving its documentation since 1920.

This guide lists items found mainly in the Humanities and Social Sciences Library (McLennan-Redpath), and the Government Information Service (McLennan, second floor) unless otherwise indicated. Many more titles are available in McGill Libraries. Please check MUSE, McGill's online catalogue for others. You can search MUSE by author, title, subject, and keyword. There are also titles listed in the Government Information Service card catalogue that may be helpful. Please ask staff at the Government Information Reference Desk for assistance.

MUSE can be searched under such subject headings as:

International Labour Office – periodicals, serials	International Labour Organization – periodicals, serials
Labour Laws and Legislation – periodicals	Labor movement – periodicals
Labor supply	Labor supply – statistics
Labor market	Labor market – statistics
Labor policy	

*In order to search for publications spelled “labour” and “labor” at the same time use “labo#r” as a keyword to retrieve both terms.

Caution:

Many major ILO monographs are included within the Conference Documents, but are not listed individually in MUSE. If the ILO publication you are seeking does not appear in MUSE, recheck the title in [Labordoc](#) (the online catalogue of the ILO Library). If the [Labordoc](#) record clearly indicates that the title is part of the International Labour Conference, you will find the document on the third floor of McLennan (HD4813 R38), or (post 1997) at the website of the ILO Conference at <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/relm/ilc/index.htm>

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS: These documents include reports submitted to the ILO Conferences, Voting Records, Discussions of Reports, Provisional Records, and Press Releases.

International Labour Conference	85th Sess. (1997)-	http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/relm/ilc/index.htm
Record of Proceedings	89th Sess. (2001)-	GovInfo REF ZZ LB R26 CD-ROM
	2nd Sess. (1920)-	McL folio HD4813 I5465
Report	12th Sess. (1929)-	McL HD4813 R38
Record of the Director General	68th Sess. (1982)-	McL HD4813 R36
	10th Sess. (1927)–67th Sess. (1981)	McL HD4813 R38
Governing Body	267th Sess. (1996)-	http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/relm/gb/gbdoc.htm
Minutes of the Governing Body	16th Sess. (1932)-58th Sess. (1974)	McL folio HD7801 M5
	191th Sess. (1973)–260th Sess. (1994)	GovInfo AV HD7801 M5 Micro fiche

CONVENTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, STANDARDS, LAWS

International Labour Conventions and Recommendations	1919 – 1995	GovInfo REF K1703 A1 I5 1996
International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-88)		GovInfo REF HB2581 I63 1990
ILOLEX: database of international labour standards (includes conventions and recommendations)		http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/english/index.htm
NATLEX: national laws on labour, social security and related human rights		http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex_browser.home

ENCYCLOPEDIAS, HANDBOOKS & GUIDES

Freedom of Association: a User's Guide, Standards, Principles and Procedures of the International Labour Organization		GovInfo ZZ LB1 2000 F61
History of the International Labor Organization		McL HD7801 A53 1971b
ILO Thesaurus, 1998: Labour, Employment and Training Terminology		McL REF Z695.1 L12 I6 1998
The International Labour Organization : a Handbook for Minorities and Indigenous peoples		McL HD7801 R69 2002

ANNUAL REVIEWS & CURRENT EVENTS

International Labour Review	Current year	GovInfo Magazine Rack
	1987-present	available online through MUSE
	1921 - 2002	McL HD4811 I65
World Labour Report	1984 -	GovInfo ZZ LB W54
World of Work: the Magazine of the ILO	1992 -	GovInfo Journal
	1996 -	Selected articles available online at http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inf/magazine/index.htm
World Employment Report	1998 -	GovInfo ZZ LB W52

STATISTICS

Bulletin of Labour Statistics	Current year	GovInfo Magazine Rack
	1994 -	Selected articles available online at http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/papers/istart.htm
	1965 -	McL HD4826 I6
Global Employment Trends	2002 -	GovInfo ZZ LB G47
LABORSTA : database on labour statistics	http://laborsta.ilo.org/	
Key Indicators of the Labour Market (KILM)	1999 -	GovInfo ZZ LB K23
	1980 - 1999	GovInfo REF ZZ LB K23 CD-ROM
Key Indicators of the Labour Market: Country Profiles	1999 -	GovInfo ZZ LB K24
Yearbook of Labour Statistics	Current year	GovInfo REF folio HD4826 I63
	1949 -	McL HD4826 I63
Yearbook of Labour Statistics Retrospective Edition on Population Census	1945 - 1989	GovInfo REF folio HD4826 I63

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Publications of the International Labour Office	1937-1965	GovInfo REF Z7164 L1 I6533
ILO Catalogue of Publications in Print	1975-1995	GovInfo REF Z7164 L1 I6532
Catalogue of Publications in English of the International Labour Office, 1919-1950	1919-1950	GovInfo REF Z7164 L1 I65 1976
Subject Guide to the Publications of the International Labour Office, 1919-1964	1919-1964	GovInfo REF Z7164 L1 I56
Subject Guide to the Publications of the International Labour Office, 1980-1985	1980-1985	GovInfo REF Z7164 L1 I57 1987
Rural Development: an Annotated Bibliography of ILO	1983-	GovInfo Z7164 C842 S33

Publications and Documents, 1983-1990	1990	1991
Women Workers: an Annotated Bibliography, 1984-1994	1984-1994	McL REF Z7963 E7 W67 1995
Labour and Population Programme: an Annotated Bibliography	1991	GovInfo Z7164 L1 L32 1991

INTERNET RESOURCES AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

International Labour Organization Homepage	http://www.ilo.org/
International Labour Conference (includes reports and record of proceedings) 85th Sess (1997) -	http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/realm/ilc/index.htm
ILOLEX: database of international standards	http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/english/index.htm
NATLEX: national laws on labour, social security and related human rights	http://natlex.ilo.org/
Key Indicators of the Labour Market	http://www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/strat/kilm/index.htm
Labordoc: ILO Library catalogue of books, journals, reports and documents	http://www.ilo.org/public/english/support/lib/labordoc/index.htm
LABORSTA: database on labour statistics	http://laborsta.ilo.org/

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