INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LINKS
PLUS
COUNTRY PROFILES & INTERCULTURAL INFORMATION
Prepared by Evangel University Library Staff
Updated October, 2011
Links checked: February 2012

{Books and online books that may be helpful are appended at the end, plus a link to
a bookstore specializing in International Business Etiquette books.]

NOTE: Many of the descriptions of the databases were supplied in whole or in part
by the editor of the FITA Newsletter, the Federation of International Trade
Associations' biweekly online publication (which see below). http://fita.org/webindex/

Outline of Topics:

1. General Information
2. Air Miles to Specific Countries
3. Business Etiquette in the Countries
4. Company Registers
5. Country Based Internet Search Engines
6. Country Reports
7. Culture within a Country
8. Dangers Abroad
9. Development
10. General Information on countries
11. Global Rankings
12. Governance
13. Heritage
14. Maps
15. Newspapers
16. Newsletters
17. Regional Resources
18. Statistics & Demographics
19. Women in Global Business
20. Library Collections: "BEST LINKS"

1. General Information on countries, their statistics, culture, etc.:

Asian Internet Resources: Portal to Asian Internet Resources (PAIR)
http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/PAIR/ This project, put together by area studies scholars,
librarians and subject experts based at the libraries of the University of Wisconsin,
the University of Minnesota and Ohio State University, has more than 6,000 annotated
links to resources on dozens of Asian countries. (Not supported after December 2010.)

Factbook provides information on the history, people, government, economy, geography,
communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 266 world entities.
Our Reference tab includes: maps of the major world regions, as well as Flags of the
World, a Physical Map of the World, a Political Map of the World, and a Standard Time
Zones of the World map.

CIBERWeb: Centers for International Business Education and Research
http://ciberweb.msu.edu/ The CIBER program links the manpower and information
needs of U.S. business with the international education, language training, and research
capacities of universities across the U.S. It includes research and programs of 33
centers.

Country Analysis Briefs: Energy Information Administration: Independent Statistics and Analysis
http://www.eia.doe.gov/countries/
*Country Background Notes (State Department publications for each nation revised within the year) [http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/] It covers all nations and "is like having the ultimate geographical encyclopedia..." It provides basic information plus links to additional information.

"DOING BUSINESS IN" Series: HLB International [http://www.hlbi.com/] (Note their: Please Select a Nation or State drop down menu.] There are detailed reports on every country from Argentina to Vietnam.) There are overviews of the country, with information about its geography, population, political institutions, language and currency. Additionally, you'll find information about foreign investment (including relevant treaties and laws), labor matters, setting up a company, and taxation issues.

*eCrat.com: Links for Many Countries: Useful country information [http://www.ecrat.com] This site has a collection of links to useful sites, and it's quite comprehensive. Click on "Country Information" and see links to a wide variety of perspectives on countries, including: economic, cultural, political, human rights & corruption, public health, trade agreements, etc..

*eDiplomat: Global Portal for Diplomats [http://www.ediplomat.com/] For reports on specific countries go to Diplomatic Post Reports and click on Post Reports.

Everything International [http://faculty.philau.edu/russowl/russow.html] “This site is full of reliable, current, and inexpensive links to international business information. It's maintained by a college professor, Lloyd C. Russow. Just click on a category at the home page and you'll see hundreds of links, all of them annotated with Professor Russow's comments, and cross-linked to other categories. The links are checked for accuracy every ten days... And if you do nothing else, make sure you visit the "Village of 1,000" page, which has a fascinating perspective on world demographic statistics."


Global Connector, [http://www.kelley.iu.edu/connector/gc_home.cfm] compiled and maintained by Indiana University. Click on Country Search or Industry Search and then choose the search parameters for very targeted information.


Governments on the WWW (dated list but still useful) [http://www.gksoft.com/govt/] International Information Programs. US Department of State. [http://www.america.gov/] Access the regions named at the bottom of the page. (Not updated after March 31, 2011.)

*Internet Public Library. International Trade and Country Information [http://www.ipl2.org/] Use the Search Box to locate selected scholarly sites about countries.


Marketing & International Business Links, maintained by Syed Tariq Anwar, Professor of Marketing & International Business, Department of Management, Marketing & General Business, College of Business, West Texas A & M University [http://wtfaculty.wtamu.edu/~sanwar/bus/otherlinks.htm]

Portals to the World. Library of Congress. (offers very detailed information for each country) [http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html] (presently being reviewed by staff of Library of Congress, 2-15-12.)

*Regional Studies, International Affairs, and Business and Economics. World Wide Web Virtual Library. [http://vlib.org/Regional] This is the index to academic quality links maintained by
academicians. Note especially the links in its Directory to International Affairs

*UNESCO Portal: An international gateway to information
http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/ Within its
WorldWide box, it includes portals to collections of links for Africa, Arab States,
Asia/Pacific, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, North America

Web Resources for International Trade. FITA: Federation of International Trade
Associations http://www.fita.org This is the home page. Researchers may click on
International Trade Web Resources, or enter a country in their search box,(with the drop
down menu) “Search our Website”, or they may use: http://www.fita.org/webindex.html

*World Bank Data and Statistics
http://data.worldbank.org/ The World Bank collects economic data about countries, and
its Data and Statistics page groups countries according to their level of income and
indebtedness, with categories from low to high income, and severely indebted to less
indebted.

*World Bank Mapped: A New Perspective on the World
Mapped, click on a country to access World Bank facts and figures, plus news and
information about World Bank projects. Either target a country on the map, or select it
from the drop-down list. There are also links to other pages at the World Bank site, to
browse a virtual library, create a country report, and more.

World Trade Point Federation http://www.tradepoint.org/ “Your access to the world’s largest
international trade promotion network created by the United Nations.”

Yahoo’s Business and Economy/Directories
http://dir.yahoo.com/Business_and_Economy/Directories/ While useful, not all links are
academic quality. Use the search bar to locate specific information or a foreign nation’s
information.

2. Air Miles to Specific Countries:
Air Routing International: Time and Distance Calculator
http://www.airrouting.com/content/TimeDistanceForm.aspx

Airport City Codes: Time and Distance Calculator between any two airports in the world
http://www.airportcitycodes.com/aaa/T&DCFrame.html

Indo.com http://www.indo.com/cgi-bin/dist Distance “as the crow flies”

Time and Date.com http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/distance.html Calculate distance
between two locations.

Travel Math: Flight distance calculator http://www.travelmath.com/flight-distance/ Measured by the
“great circle” distance formula.

Web Flyer: Mileage Calculator

World Airport Codes http://www.world-airport-codes.com/ “... the place to find airport codes,
abbreviations, runway lengths and other airport information.”

3. Business Etiquette in the Countries:
(See also:
International Business Etiquette and Manners for Travelers bookstore
leading resource for International Business Etiquette and Manners"
http://www.international-business-etiquette.com/besite/default.htm
Asian Business Etiquette: Asia Pulse's Guide to Business Etiquette in Asia
http://www.tomcoyner.com/etiquette1.htm This covers 15 countries.

Asian Business Etiquette: Bowing (eHow.com)
http://www.ehow.com/about_6673958_business-etiquette-asia.html

Business Etiquette in Africa
http://www.pasadenaisd.org/rayburn/clubs/bpa/contest/Africa.html

Business Etiquette in Asia
http://www.pasadenaisd.org/rayburn/clubs/bpa/contest/asia.html

Business Etiquette in Australia and New Zealand
http://www.pasadenaisd.org/rayburn/clubs/bpa/contest/Australia.html

Business Etiquette in Europe
http://www.pasadenaisd.org/rayburn/clubs/bpa/contest/europe.html

Business Etiquette in India
http://www.pasadenaisd.org/rayburn/clubs/bpa/contest/India.html

*Business Etiquette in Latin America
http://www.pasadenaisd.org/rayburn/clubs/bpa/contest/Latinamerica.html

Business Etiquette in the Middle East
http://www.pasadenaisd.org/rayburn/clubs/bpa/contest/middleast.html

International/Intercultural Etiquette Articles
http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/cultural-services/articles-etiquette.html

International Business: Business Card Etiquette
http://blog.appliedlanguage.com/international-business-business-card-etiquette/

*International Business Etiquette, Culture & Manners, The Web's Leading Resource of . (See full list of countries at the bottom of the page http://www.cyborlink.com/default.htm


International Business Card Etiquette

Learning Asian Business Card Etiquette

4. **Company Registers (International):**

Researchers can find online gateways to worldwide company registers on the

Commercial Registry Office of Switzerland
http://zefix.admin.ch/zfx-cgi/hrform.cgi/hrPage?language=4&amp;amt=007 or on the
RBA Information Service website http://www.rba.co.uk/sources/ (The available links will take you to a selection of business information sites.)

5. **Country Based Internet Search Engines:**

Country Based Search Engines, gathered by Phil Bradley, Internet consultant.

http://www.philp.com/countryse.htm "currently a total of 4,020 search engines and 222 countries, territories, islands and regions."

International Directory of Search Engines: Search Engine Colossus
http://www.searchenginecolossus.com/ “explore 312 countries and territories.”

Search Engines Worldwide http://search-engines.seoimage.com/

Domain Name Registries around the World [information to locate country specific info.]
http://www.norid.no/domenenavnbaser/domreg.html For information from within a country, if you use Google.com or Bing.com, use the term "site" plus a colon and then, with no space, the two-letter country designators, i.e., site:ca locates sources in Canada (.ca). (Check the Help screens of other search engines to learn how they limit a search to sites within a country.)

6. **Country Reports:**
The WWW Virtual Library is a series of portals to information on the Web http://vlib.org/ . The Asian Studies WWW Virtual Library is maintained by the Australian National University, Canberra, and has a wealth of information about countries from Afghanistan to Vietnam. Each country has a separate portal providing the country’s history, culture, religion, government, economy, political life, current events, geography, etc. Most of the portals are hosted at university sites to provide credible, unbiased, and accurate information. [This site was closed to additional links in January 2011.]

Association of Religion Data Archives National Profiles http://www.thearda.com/internationalData/
“ARDA's National Profiles provide detailed data by country on religious adherents, religious freedom, demographics and a host of other social measures. Choose a country to see its profile.”

*Background Notes on the Countries of the World (U.S. Department of State)
http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/

*BBC News Country Profiles http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm
“Full profiles provide an instant guide to history, politics and economic background of countries and territories, and background on key institutions. They also include audio or video clips from BBC archives.”

Best Country Reports http://www.bestcountryreports.com/ “Cultural, travel, business, statistics, communications, language, trade, maps” (Commercial site selling information)

Bridgat.com http://countries.bridgat.com Travel profiles arranged by broad areas/continents or alphabetically.

*BUBL Links Countries (Catalogue of Internet Resources) http://bubl.ac.uk/link/world/index.html
These links offer country reports and other country specific research sites.


Countries A to Z: Altapedia Online http://www.altapedia.com/country_index.htm

Country Channels on GlobalTrade.net Country Profiles http://tinyurl.com/3sfrn7q Browse by country.

Country Codes.org http://countrycode.org/ “Country Codes, Phone Codes, Dialing Codes, Telephone Codes, ISO Country Codes” “CountryCode.org is your complete guide to call anywhere in the world.” See also: Zip Codes Worldwide below.

Country Information (International Monetary Fund) www.imf.org/external/country/index.htm IMF reports and publications arranged by country.

*Country Profiles (Global Education) www.globaleducation.edna.edu.au/globaled/go/pid/37 “This section gives concise and up to date introductions to the featured country and the achievements and challenges of its people.”

*Country Reports: cultural, historical, & statistical country information http://www.countryreports.org

FITA Country Miniportals, http://tinyurl.com/3uwmbxl Go to the bottom of page to select region or country.

2012 Index of Economic Freedom www.heritage.org/index/ “Compiled by the Heritage Foundation and the Wall Street Journal, it gauges the economic success of 183 countries around the world based on 10 measures that evaluate openness, the rule of law, and competitiveness. The Index ranks economies according to what its researchers consider to be their economic freedom...” Use its “Locate Your Country” search bar.

• Download the Economic Freedom Map
• View the country rankings of Global Economic Freedom
• Read the highlights of the Index of Economic Freedom
• Find more on the 2012 Index of Economic Freedom website

Global Edge International Business Resources http://globaledge.msu.edu/resourcedesk/ “...
thousands of international business resources..."

Kompass Database: 2.3 million companies in 70 countries
http://www.kompass.com  It offers information useful for marketing, competitive research, brainstorming, trade contacts, etc. See its Worldwide dropdown menu.

Lexmundi: Access More than 130 Guides to Doing Business for Countries, States or Provinces!
http://www.lexmundi.com

*Market Research Library (United States and Foreign Commercial Service (US&FCS))
http://www.buyusainfo.net/adsearch.cfm?search_type=int&loadnav=no “Get accurate and detailed information—at no cost—from more than 100,000 country and industry market reports, written by our in-country trade professionals.”

*NationMaster.com (http://www.nationmaster.com/index.php) It can compare countries. This is a good source for statistics, especially country comparisons. It also has country profiles, statistics, flags, maps, and education. It provides a "data source and a handy way to graphically compare nations."

*One World: Nations Online: A portal to countries of the world http://www.nationsonline.org/ "

*UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office Country Profiles
http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-the-fco/country-profiles/ This site provides research about countries worldwide. Click on a region of the world map, then on the country to get a detailed profile. These profiles have information about the population, economy, political life, history, and other aspects of each country. NOTE: there are links within each article linking to other sites with information.

World Biz.com www.worldbiz.com It includes business culture, doing business, business customs, etiquette and business protocol. This site also provides business advice and tips on country-specific business practices, business communication, business relationships and business travel, plus, how to start and do business the right way including knowledge on conducting business meetings, business negotiations, business entertainment, security issues, etc. “The reports are current and constantly updated.”

Zip Codes Worldwide http://www.escapeartist.com/Zip_Codes/ " Zip Codes & Postal Codes of the World – Worldwide Postal Codes” See also Country Codes above.

7. Culture within a country:

- Diverse Peoples series available from Credo Reference accessible on the EU Library Web page. It includes:
  - Canada's Diverse Peoples
  - The Former Soviet Union's Diverse Peoples
  - The Former Yugoslavia's Diverse Peoples
  - Iran's Diverse Peoples
  - Nigeria's Diverse Peoples
  - South Africa's Diverse Peoples

- You may also do an area specific search using Credo Reference by using searches such as: diverse peoples Latin America, or, diverse peoples South America or by country name.

Countries and Their Cultures http://www.everyculture.com/ “illustrated articles on more than one hundred world cultures.” Indexes: 1) Alphabetically 2) By continents or major area


Cultural Profiles Project (Canadian official site), http://www.cp-pc.ca/, is a helpful site that provides cultural information on about one hundred different countries and is unique in providing the cultural information. “Each cultural profile provides an overview of life and customs in the profiled country. While the profile provides insight into some customs, it does not cover all facets of life, and the customs described may not apply in equal measure to all newcomers from the profiled country.”
Culture Crossing: a community built guide to cross-cultural etiquette and understanding: country guides to culture, etiquette, and more http://www.culturecrossing.net/

CULTUREGPS : **Navigate Intercultural Differences on your iPhone** (telephone used to help cultural understandings) www.culturegps.com

This is a tool for iPhone and iPod Touch that offers a “Global Positioning System” for the cultural context of countries around the world. Because consumption habits vary from one country to another, and because the way people work together is influenced by their nationalities, this application can be really useful when... you have to verify a marketing strategy or understand the behavior of a business partner. (The methodology is based on data collected by IBM between 1967 and 1973, upgraded and extended in 2001 by Prof. Geert Hofstede. The website Itim International http://www.geert-hofstede.com/ has more information.

Executive Planet http://www.executiveplanet.com “…provides valuable tips on business etiquette, customs and protocol for doing business worldwide; and **Essential business culture guides for the international traveler.**

FITA (Federation of International Trade Associations) Archives: Cultural Issues http://fita.org/webindex/browse.cgi/Entering_International_Markets/Cultural_Issues

There are both general and country specific links.

GLOBESMART : **Profit from Cultural Awareness (Asperion)** globesmart.com/ (Need to register) Globesmart is a cross cultural resource that helps improve teamwork, management, negotiation, perception of consumer habits, etc. through understanding of cultural differences and adaptation. The website charges a subscription fee but lets you look at 3 full services for free. The content will help you learn the typical styles and strategies that are used by negotiators in different cultures, understand the different expectations of customers around the world, adapt training to domestic needs and prepare expatriates to modify behavior when moving abroad.

Kwintessential International Etiquette Guide, Customs and Protocol Guides http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/resources/country-profiles.html This site has cultural and business etiquette information. Scroll down to see profiles of countries, with information about language, culture religion, family values, meeting and personal etiquette, dining, dress, negotiating, taboos and much more.

Nations Online Project http://www.nationsonline.org/ This site is a portal of gateways to the countries, cultures and nations in the world, reference directory and a destination guide.

World Digital Library (UNESCO) http://www.wdl.org/en/ This includes things related to culture. May be browsed by continent, place, time, or topic. It includes: “…significant primary materials from countries and cultures around the world.”

8. **Dangers Abroad: Alerts and Warnings:**

*Country** Travel Reports and Warnings http://www.voyage.gc.ca/countries_pays/menu-eng.asp

This Canadian government site details travel reports for more than 200 destinations worldwide. It offers information about safety & security, crime, terrorism, getting around inside the country, natural disasters & climate, current warnings, local laws & customs, entry/exit requirements, health concerns, etc. to help you have a safe trip.


Global Risks 2012 is a publication of the World Economic Forum. It offers a comprehensive series of reports which examine in detail the broad range of global issues it seeks to address with stakeholders as part of its mission of improving the state of the world.

Global Risks 2012, Seventh Edition (An initiative of the Risk Response Network), provides a high-level overview of 37 selected global risks as seen by members of the
World Economic Forum, who are leaders and decision-makers around the world.


U.S. State Department’s International Travel Information provides: Country Specific Information; Travel Alerts; and Travel Warnings.

Travel Advice (U.K. Foreign and Commonwealth Office)

9. Development:
“Here you will find every page of every World Development Report published by the World Bank since the first report was released in 1978.” Search by: Title, Topic, World Bank Data, Regions, and Related Content.

10. General Information on countries, their statistics, culture, etc.:
Asian Internet Resources: Portal to Asian Internet Resources (PAIR)
[http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/PAIR/](http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/PAIR/)
This project, put together by area studies scholars, bibliographers and subject experts based at the libraries of the University of Wisconsin, the University of Minnesota and Ohio State University, has more than 6,000 annotated links to resources on dozens of Asian countries. (Not supported after December 2010.)

Center for the Study of Global Christianity
[http://www.gordonconwell.edu/resources/Center-for-the-Study-of-Global-Christianity.cfm](http://www.gordonconwell.edu/resources/Center-for-the-Study-of-Global-Christianity.cfm)

11. Global Rankings:
Global Business Rankings (World Bank)

*Corruption Perceptions Index 2011 [http://cpi.transparency.org/cpi2011/results/](http://cpi.transparency.org/cpi2011/results/) This is developed by Transparency International: The Global Coalition against Corruption
They also have: Global Corruption Barometer, Bribe Payers Index, Promoting Revenue Transparency, Regional and National Surveys and Indices.

*Resources

These online reports were gathered by David R. Butcher, “How Nations Measure Up: Global Rankings,” *ThomasNet: Industrial Market Trends*, Feb. 18, 2009

1. IMD: World Competitiveness Center
[http://www.imd.org/research/centers/wcc/index.cfm](http://www.imd.org/research/centers/wcc/index.cfm)
It has published *IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook* since 1989, available by subscription. (Not located in any Missouri library.)


12. Governance:
Guardian World Government Data http://www.guardian.co.uk/world-government-data
This reports “aggregate and individual governance indicators for 212 countries and territories for the most recent 12 year span, for six dimensions of governance: 1) Voice and Accountability, 2) Political Stability and Absence of Violence, 3) Government Effectiveness, 4) Regulatory Quality, 5) Rule of Law, and 6) Control of Corruption.” Data is compiled from diverse sources.

13. Heritage:
*World Heritage Centre (United Nations) http://whc.unesco.org/ It has Interactive Maps and is searchable by countries within Cultural, Natural, and Mixed Properties. It has a search engine.

14. Maps:
A Map with U.S. State GDPS Compared to Countries: A Unique Perspective http://strangemaps.wordpress.com/2007/06/10/131-us-states-renamed-for-countries-with-similar-gdps/ This site has a map of the U.S. that illustrates the economic power of U.S. States by comparing them to countries with similar Gross Domestic Products. Scroll down the page to see the actual statistics for each comparison.
This page is part of the Strange Maps (http://strangemaps.wordpress.com) site, which has interesting and creative uses for maps on the Web.
macroeconomic data for most countries. The IMF Data Mapper is a complementary tool. It projects the WEO data on to a map and offers a quick way to compare countries useful for example, to enhance a PowerPoint presentation: make a selection, copy the screen and add the image! [Be prepared to wait while it loads.]


Trade Map: Trade Statistics for International Business Development http://www.trademap.org This provides databases and tools useful for exploring foreign markets. Trade Map is one of them. It covers 220 countries and provides export performance, international demand, alternative markets and the role of competitors in them. The trade statistics come from the most authoritative sources available. There is a license fee for the service, although people in developed countries are entitled to a 1 week free trial and people in developing countries are entitled to free subscriptions.

World Bank Mapped http://geo.worldbank.org/ “We’ve mashed up Google Maps with World Bank data to give you a visual entry point to browse our projects, news, statistics and public information center by country.” Use its Select a Country search box. [This is a large file. Be prepared to wait while it loads.]


World Mapper http://www.worldmapper.org/ “The world as you’ve never seen it before.” “…A collection of hundreds of world maps, each focusing on a particular topic.”

15. Newspapers:
International Newspapers
Online Newspapers.com: thousands of world newspapers on the Net http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/ English language newspapers from other countries.
WORLD PRESS: newspapers from around the world http://www.theworldpress.com World Press offers links to over 5,200 news publications in more than 192 countries.

16. Newsletters:

17. Regional Resources:
African Infrastructure: Interactive Data on Infrastructure in Africa www.infrastructureafrica.org The Africa Infrastructure Country Diagnostic (AICD) is a World Bank program to improve public understanding of Africa's infrastructure. This provides World Bank data on infrastructure, its interactive maps and customized reports for overviews of the countries.


Global Access (MSU) http://www.msuglobalaccess.net/ “MSU Global Access is a portal to information about the world that contains a database of Websites and other resources selected by experts at Michigan State University. It also features some newly-created resources.”

WWW Virtual Library: International Affairs Resources http://www2.etown.edu/vl/ “…is an Internet directory of over 2000 annotated links to high-quality English-language sources of information and analysis in a wide range of international affairs, international studies, and international relations topics.” Arranged by Media Sources, Organizations, Regions and
Countries, and Topics
*Latin American Economy [www.latameconomy.org/en] Its coverage and methods of analysis cover the economic, social and political developments of Latin American countries. It provides comprehensive and comparable data and analysis. Latin American Economic Outlook 2011 report is available online.

**WWW Virtual Library: Latin American Studies ([Latin American Network Information Center](http://lanic.utexas.edu/las.html) [This one is of the two premier collections of Latin American information. The other one is the University of Miami.])

*MercaTrade.com: Latin America and Caribbean Business Resources [http://www.mercatrade.com/resources] [Embassies, Country Profiles for Latin America, Business Traveler, Business Etiquette, Tax Free Zones] It offers “…a rich database of useful articles and resources to help … improve … business knowledge and find information for … daily business needs.”

Native Web [http://nativeweb.org/](http://nativeweb.org/) See its master list of subject areas relating to Native Peoples around the world offered at the bottom of the page.


WWW Virtual Library: Indigenous Studies [http://gml.cwis.org/](http://gml.cwis.org/) Click Search. Use the name of the area desired as a search string. You should receive quantities of possible sources.

18. Statistics & Demographics:

*Bing.com* Statistical & demographical information can be found on Bing.com by making a search such as “demographics brazil” and limiting it by using the Images tab. A similar search can be made on Google.com which see below.

EUROSTAT: Economic Data from the European Union [epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home) This compares economic data of countries of the European Union. Eurostat, the Statistical Office Zone, provided by the European Commission, offers this data. Select the desired indicators, plus the countries and compare.

GEOHIVE: All the Statistics you Need [http://www.geohive.com](http://www.geohive.com) GeoHive provides important economic and population statistics (ranking of countries by GDP, exports, imports, etc.)

*Google.com* Google accesses and uses any information collected by the World Bank that can be quantified and displayed. When a search was made for “demographics of Latin America,” thousands of pages were presented when the search was limited in the left margin to “Pages with images.”


International Economic Statistics (IES) Database [http://liber8.stlouisfed.org/iesd/](http://liber8.stlouisfed.org/iesd/) “The International Economic Statistics Database simplifies the search for worldwide economic indicators. The database provides links to individual indicators (such as GDP and CPI) for each country, as well as a detailed description of the data. Descriptions are searchable by title, country, subject, and keyword. The links are checked regularly to maintain accuracy. Indicators are continually added.”

International Data Base (IDB) of the U.S. Census Bureau [http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/index.php](http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/index.php) Find tabular data for countries and regions as well as demographic indicators, population pyramids and source information for
countries. Plus, country rankings, global population trends, links to historical population estimates, population clocks, and estimates of population, births, and deaths occurring each year, day, hour, or second.

Library of Congress: Demographics Online Links (Business Reference Services)

National Geographic Maps of Vital Statistics

NationMaster: World Statistics and Country Comparisons
http://www.nationmaster.com/index.php "NationMaster is a massive central data source and a handy way to graphically compare nations. NationMaster is a vast compilation of data from such sources as the CIA World Factbook, UN, and OECD."

*OFFSTATS: Official Statistics on the Web (University of Auckland Library, Australia)
http://www.stats.auckland.ac.nz/ It has statistics for every country.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Country Web Sites
http://www.oecd.org/countrieslist/0,3025,en_33873108_33844430_1_1_1_1_1,00.html
This has good statistics about countries. Click on a country name, and then on "Statistics" to find links to statistical profiles that are rich with information.


United Nations. Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific

World Bank Group: Data and Statistics: Key Development Data & Statistics (Data by Country)

World Bank Data Sets http://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog The data catalog is a listing of World Bank datasets, include databases, pre-formatted tables and reports. Each of the listings includes a description of the data set and a direct link to that set. Where possible, the databases are linked directly to a selection screen to allow users to select the countries, indicators, and years they would like to search. Those search results can be exported in different formats.

WORLDSRICHESTCOUNTRIES.COM: GDP and GDP per capita world ranking
www.worldsrichelstcountries.com Compiled from institutions such as the IMF, the CIA World Fact Book, the United Nations and others, the website give a broad comparative overview and ranking of the economies and trade throughout the world. The website's Economic Country News has interesting links to the latest developments in world economies.

19. Women in Global Business:

Women's Global Network
http://www.wgn-global.com/ClubPortal/ClubStatic.cfm?clubID=929&pubmenuoptID=8918
A network and affiliation of over 2000 global women's organizations, each special, unique and important!

Women's Global Business Alliance - Peer Counsel™ (WGBA)
http://www.boardbench.com/Services/wgba.htm is developing a collaborative network that provides opportunities for executive women worldwide to work and learn together.

It promotes female trade professionals worldwide. "...a non-profit professional organization designed to promote women doing business in international trade by providing networking and educational opportunities."

Women Entrepreneurs in the Global Economy

Women in International Business
20. LIBRARY COLLECTIONS OF “BEST LINKS” FOR INTERCULTURAL INFORMATION:
Columbia International University Library
http://www.ciu.edu/content/library-online-resources-subject Many sources of information for those in intercultural pursuits. It has many Regional Resources sites.
Overseas Ministry Center Library Links http://www.omsc.org/links.shtml
Wabash Center Library: Internet Guide to Religion
Africa Religion
http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/result_browse.aspx?topic=557
China Religion
http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/result_browse.aspx?topic=565
Latin America Religion
http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/result_browse.aspx?topic=578&pid=361
Religions - By Faith Traditions, Geographical Areas, or People Groups
http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/guide_headings.aspx

21. BOOKS:
Books in the EU Library that may be helpful:
Below are the names of authors with travel etiquette books and the areas they cover.
Axtell, Roger E. He has a series of “Do's and Taboos” around the world, arranged by countries.
Bosrock, Mary Murray She covers Europe, Asia, and Russia is separate volumes.
Foster, Dean He covers Asia, and Mexico & Latin America in separate volumes.
Nwanna, Gladson I. He covers in an outline format the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East in separate volumes.

CREDO Reference (on the EU Library Home Page) locates information on a country in over 560 reference books not owned in a print format by the EU Library.

eBooks (on the EU Library Home Page) locates complete full-text books with information about a country. It will give a table of contents plus chapter titles. It includes any Index, so shorter sections can be located within the text. These include recently published titles.

International Business Etiquette Bookstore:
International Business Etiquette & Manners Book Store