Post-World War II Allied Trials for Axis War Crimes

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Introduction

This pathfinder will discuss print, online, and microform resources dealing with post-World War II Axis war crime trials involving Germany and Japan. Descriptions of print and microform resources will emphasize the collections at the University of Iowa College of Law Library and Main University Library.

Media and Finding Aids

I. Media

A. Print

Print resources in this pathfinder include bound volumes of primary law (international statutes and war crimes tribunal trial transcripts, documentary evidence, and court opinions) and secondary resources (mainly scholarly treatises). In addition, print government documents such as hearings and congressional reports, will be included.

B. Online

Online resources include links to guides to war crime collections in other academic law libraries, academic libraries, and in specialty libraries such as the United States Holocaust Museum Library.

C. Microforms

Microforms include the following resources: microfiche (sheets); microfilm (on reels); CD-ROMs. All of these resources can be found in the Law Library Special Services Center; the Main Library Media Services Center; and the Main Library Government Document Center.

II. Finding Aids

A. Library of Congress Subject Headings

Library of Congress Subject Headings consist of controlled vocabulary used in American library bibliographic records. In online public access catalogs (OPACs), like the University of Iowa's InfoHawk OPAC, the LC subject headings are particularly useful because they are links which aggregate holdings in all of the UIowa Libraries (including both the Law Library and Main Library) that are classified under a particular subject.
For example, here are some subject headings from treatises cited in this pathfinder:

- War crimes--Trials--Germany (West)--Nuremberg--1945-1946
- International Military Tribunal for the Far East. Tokyo war crimes trial
- War crime trials--Japan
- World War, 1939-1945--Atrocities
- Tokyo Trial, Tokyo, Japan, 1946-1948--Bibliography
- War crime trials--Japan--Bibliography

**B. University of Iowa's InfoHawk Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)**

InfoHawk is an OPAC allowing for both exact title and author searching as well as "advanced" searching using, inter alia, author, title, or subject keyword searching. In addition, advanced searching allows publisher searching, browsing by LC call number, and limiting by location or type of media.

**Allied European Theatre of Operations (ETO)**

**I. Introduction to Coverage of ETO War Crime Trials**

This pathfinder will outline English and German language primary and secondary resources available for the two sets of Allied trials at Nuremberg (both between 1945 and 1950), and for selected trials at other sites in occupied Germany.

**II. English Language Materials**

**A. English Language Materials-Print**

**Primary Materials**


Research Guide will soon be available in LibGuide format.


The Trial of German Major War Criminals by the International Military Tribunal Sitting at Nuremberg, Germany, 1945-1946: Speeches of the Prosecutors for the United States of America; The French Republic; The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at the Close of the Case Against the Indicted Organizations. London: His Majesty’s Stationery Office, 1946. D804 .G42 I54.


**Secondary Materials**


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Research Guide will soon be available in LibGuide format.


B. English Language Materials-Online

Donovan Nuremberg Trials Collection--Cornell Law Library. [link]

Frederick K. Cox International Law Center War Crimes Research Portal--Case Western Reserve School of Law. [link]

Justice Mallory B. Blair's Trial Notebooks from American Military Tribunal III--Tarlton Law Library, Jamail Center for Legal Research, Tarlton Law Library. [link]

Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group. [link]

These items, from the United States National Archives (NARA) include:

- Interim Reports to the US Congress from October 1999 and March 2002
- Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Records
- CIA Name and Subject Files
- FBI Subject Files
- US Army Intelligence Files
- News Releases
- Newsletters


Yale University's Avalon Project: The International Military Tribunal for Germany: Contents of The Nuremberg Trials Collection. [link]

Yale University's Avalon Project: The International Military Tribunal for Germany: The Laws of War. [link]

C. English Language Materials-Microfiche and Electronic


### III. Foreign Language Materials

German, French, and Italian language materials are included below.

#### A. German Language Materials


Research Guide will soon be available in LibGuide format.


**B. French Language Materials**


**C. Italian Language Materials**


**Allied Pacific Theatre of Operations (PTO)**

**I. Introduction to Coverage of PTO War Crimes Trials**

Technically the PTO only includes the Pacific Ocean Areas and the Southwest Pacific Areas of American/Allied operations. To the extent that English language resources are available for the China-Burma-India Theatre of Operations and the South-East Asian Theatre of Operations, they will be included in this pathfinder.¹

As in the ETO coverage *supra*, the pathfinder will include coverage of primary and secondary materials.

¹ One German language title is included with the secondary materials.
II. English Language Materials

A. English Language Materials-Print

Primary Materials


**Secondary Materials**


B. English Language Materials-Online


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C. English Language Materials-Microfiche


**War Crimes Trials as Portrayed in Film and Drama**

*Der Frankfurter Auschwitz-Prozess* [videorecording]. Amherst, MA: DEFA Film Library, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2006. Main Media Services Video Record 20850 DVD.

*Der Rat der Götter*. Northhampton, MA: Icestorm International, Inc., in association with the University of Massachusetts. Main Media Services Video record 27780 VHS.


