HOW TO FIND RELIABLE SOURCES FOR YOUR RESEARCH?

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Start with a simple search



Avoid Wikipedia some entries are reliable, some are not





Use online scholarly databases



Newspapers and magazines are also rich sources of information



Don't forget the library

Primary Sources for Legal Research

- Case law
- decisions from courts
- Legislation
- law that has been enacted
- Regulations
- a rule made by an authority
- Constitutions
- aggregate of fundamental principles
- Treaties
- a formally ratified agreement between states

Secondary Sources

- Legal encyclopaedias
- Legal sources online
- Law journals
- Blog posts

Secondary sources are particularly useful for:

- Learning the basics of a particular area of law
- Understanding key terms in an area
- Identifying essential cases

How to Evaluate Web Resources?

- Start with Sites You Know
- Check the Date
- Who are the author and publisher?
- What is the author's expertise?
- Is the web page on which you found the information part of a larger educational, or scholarly site?

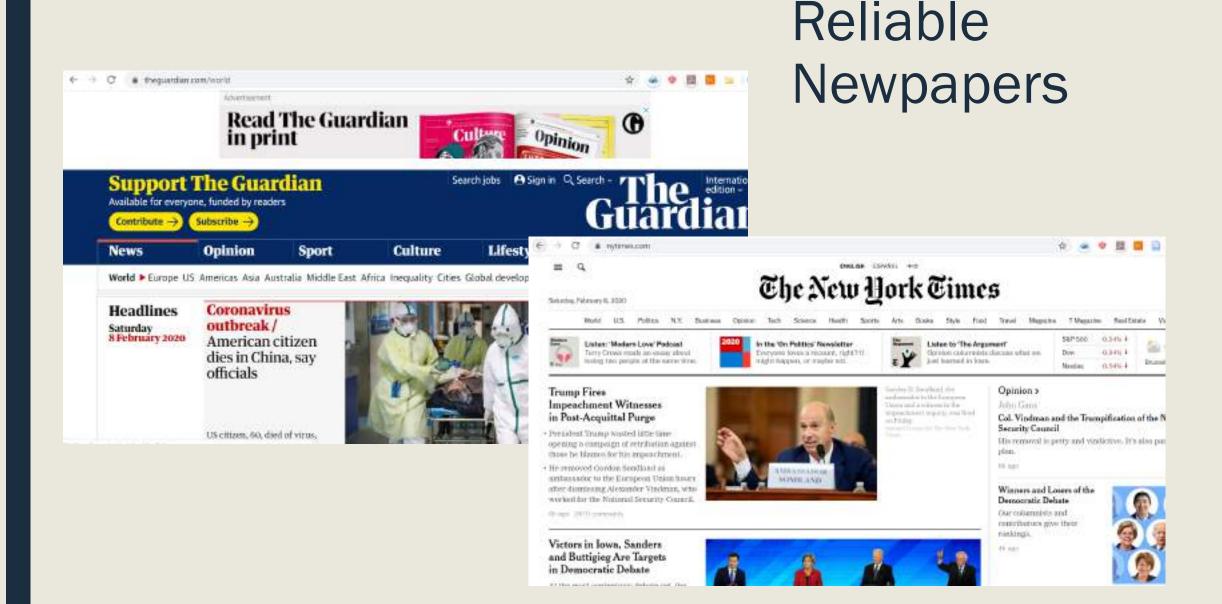
How to Evaluate Web Resources?

- Does the author or publisher have a bias that could affect the reliability of the information?
- Is that point of view clearly stated?
- Is the author funded by a political organization or party?
- Attention! Even researchers make mistakes!
- always double-check the sources and footnotes if in doubt

- Accuracy
- Is the information accurate?
- Is the information complete?
- Does the source provide citations so you can verify the information?
- Timeliness
- When was the information written?
- When was it last updated?
- Coverage
- Does the source include all the information you need?
- What time period is included?
- Does the source only include information since a certain date?

Newspapers

- Do you know the newspaper?
- Is there a political agenda that the newspaper has?
- Might the author(s) be biased?
- Are the sources reliable?
- How is the newspaper financed?
- If you know that there is a certain opinion, try to take that into account



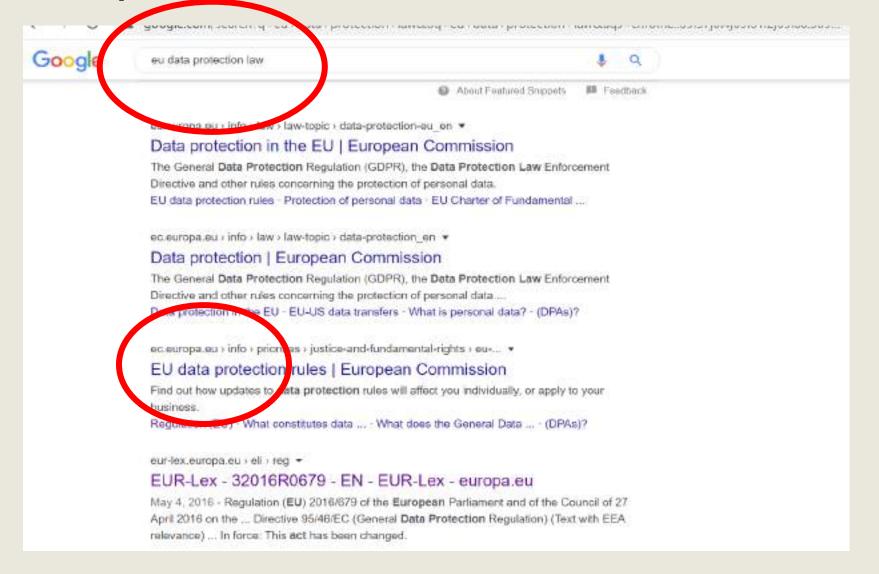
What to avoid with online sources generally?

- Sources that are not double-checked
- Try to avoid posts from social media networks, unless you know for a fact that they are reliable sources
- Research articles without citation
- out-of-date materials (published over 10 years ago)
- websites ending in .com, .org, .net
- Wikipedia can never be considered as a reliable source of information since it can be edited by anyone
- However, it can be used when you are first trying to understand the topic

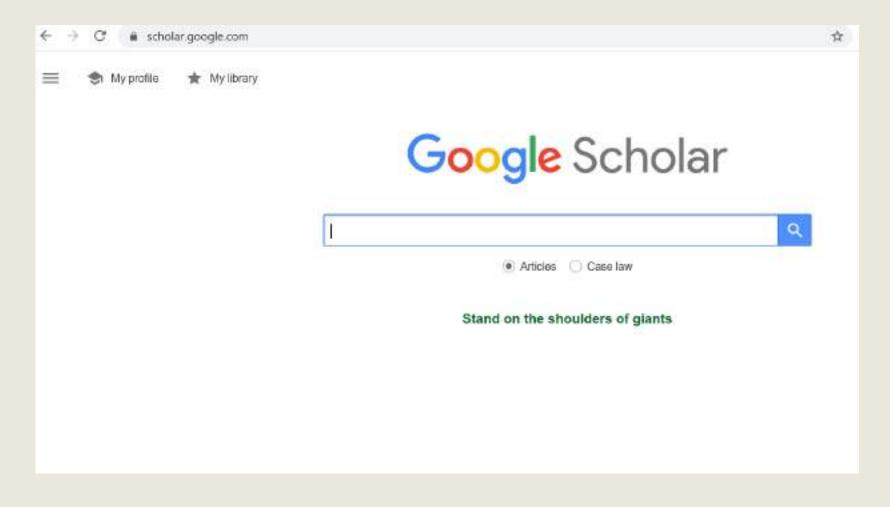
Online Scholarly Resources: tips

- Domains ending on '.eu'/'.edu'/'.gov'/'.ac' are generally trustworthy
- these websites are registered by government and educational institutions
- Be careful with domains ending with 'org'
- materials should be published within last 10 years
- materials from Google Scholar
- academic databases

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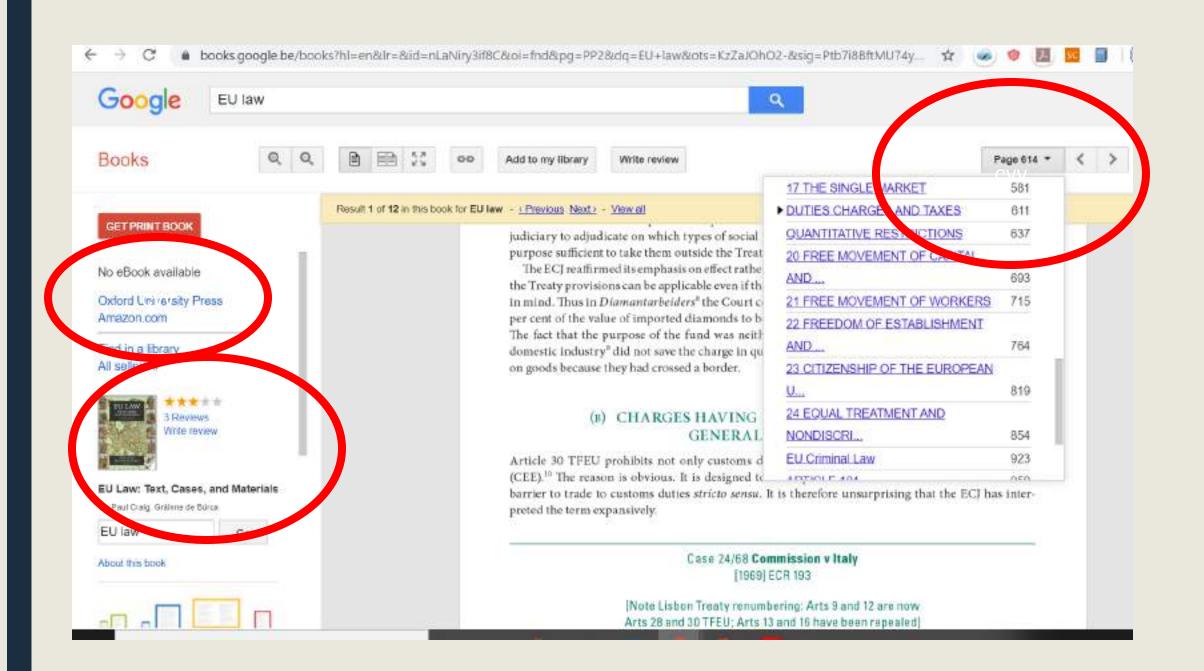
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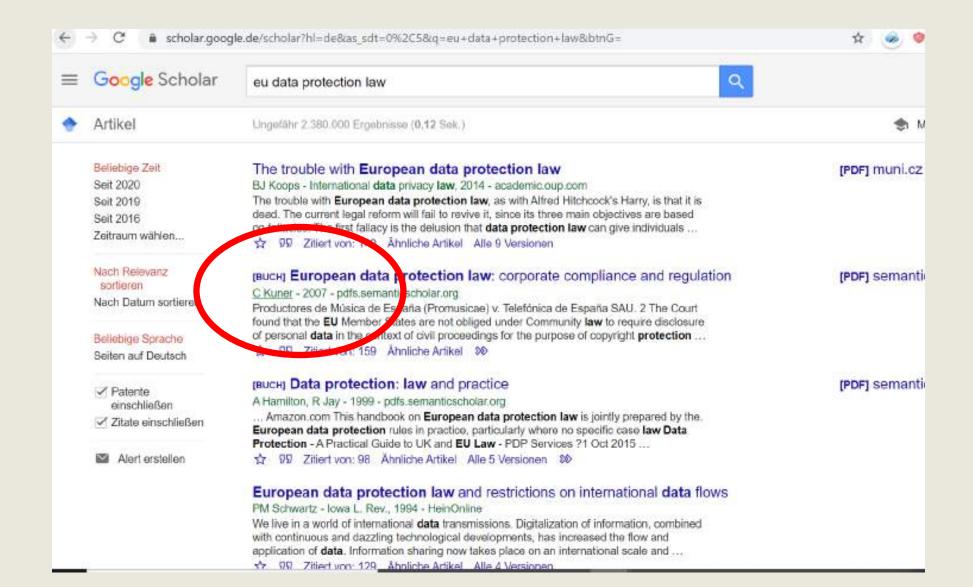
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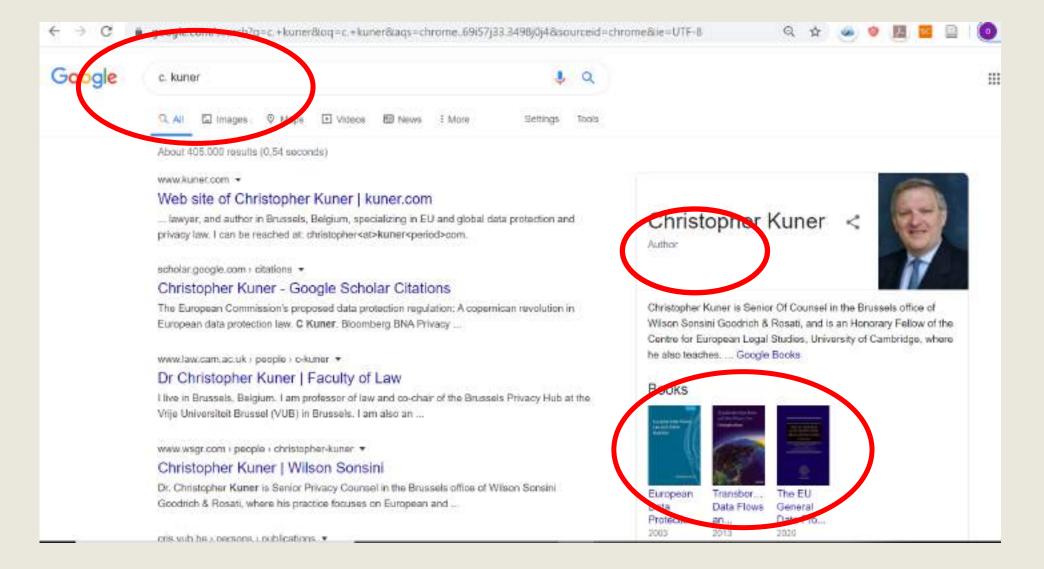
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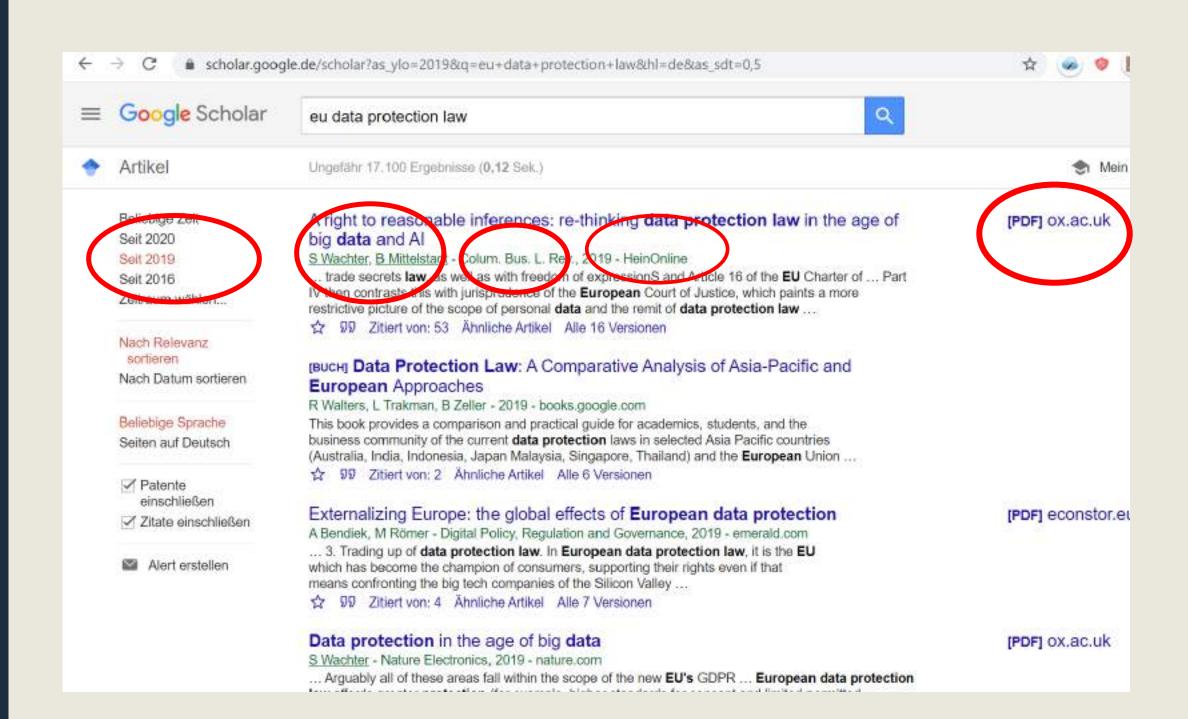


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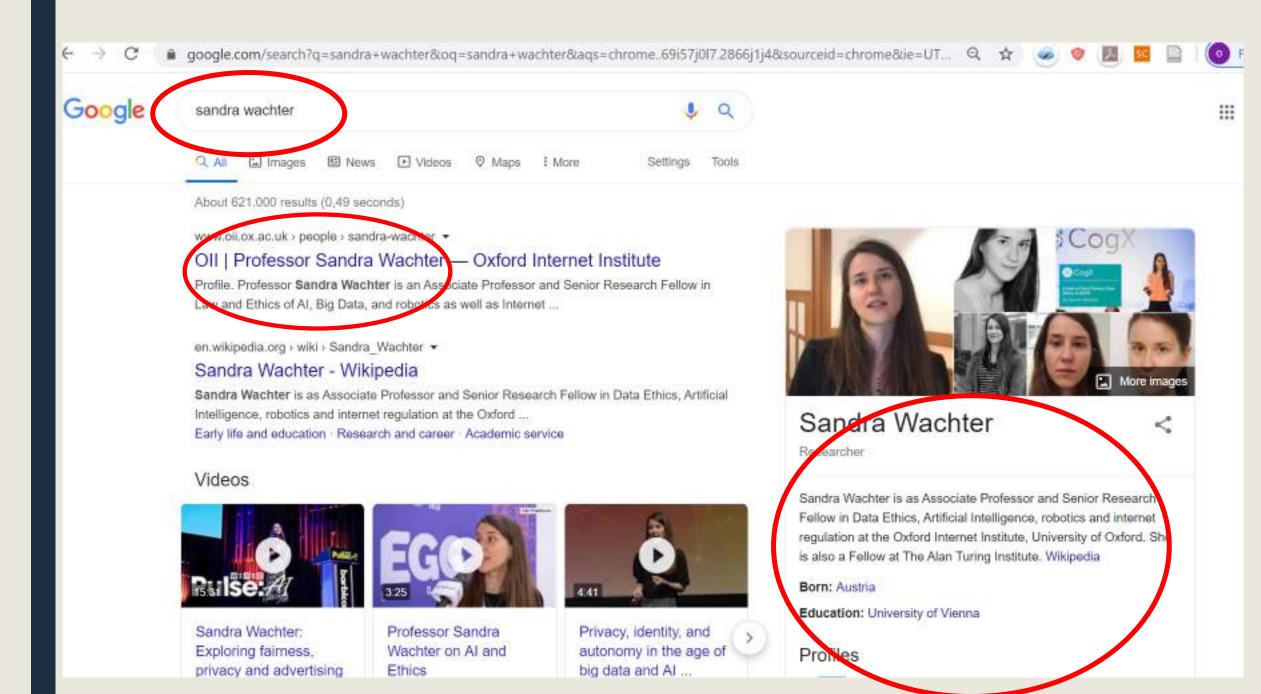
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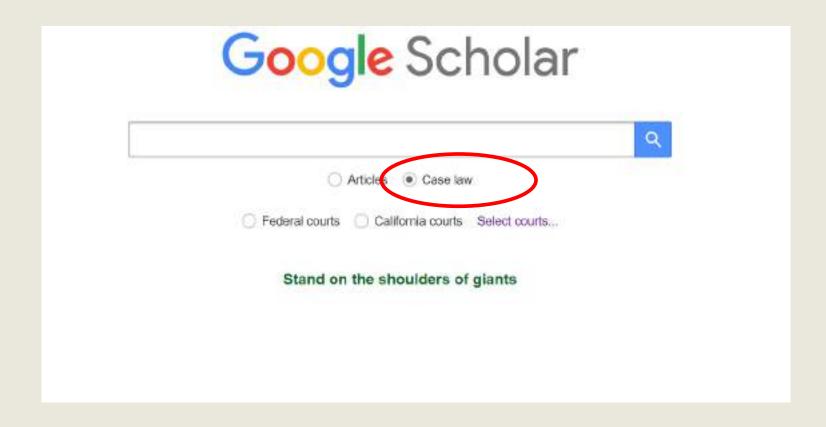
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Case Law on Google Scholar



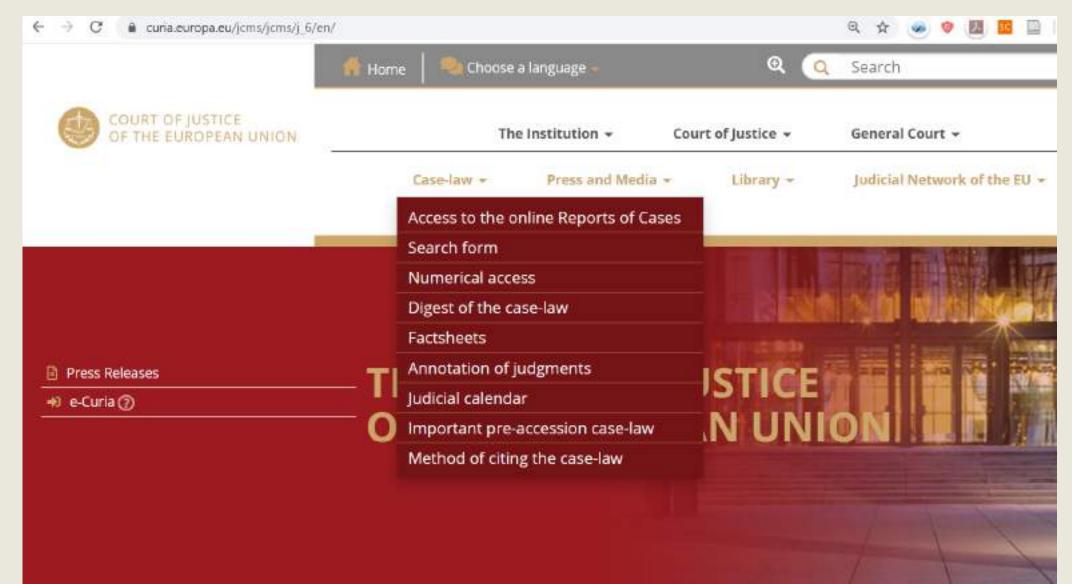
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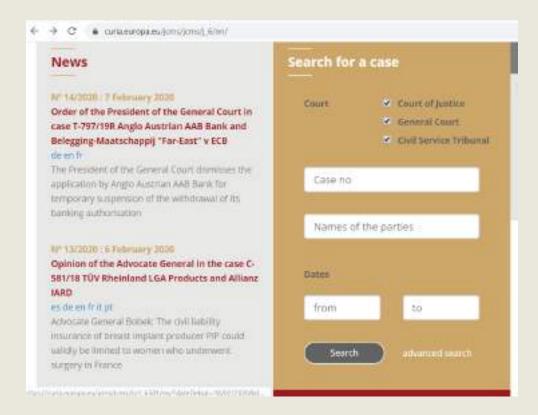
Examples of Reliable Sources of Jurisprudence Online

- Case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union
- https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo1_6308/
- Case law of the European Court of Human Rights
- https://www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=caselaw&c=
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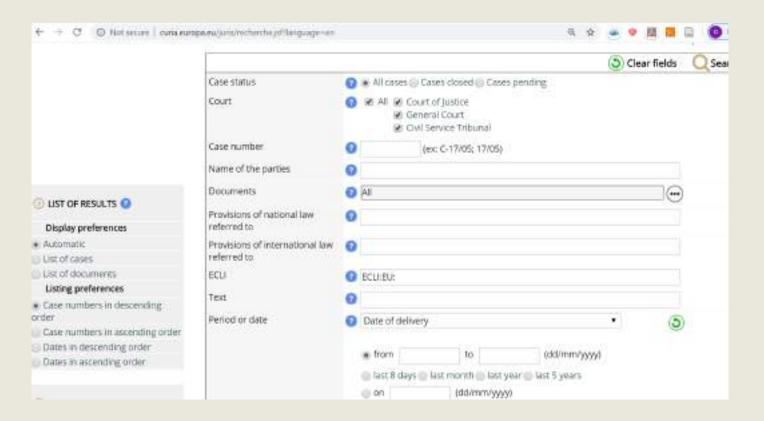
Curia Database (CJEU)



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Advanced search



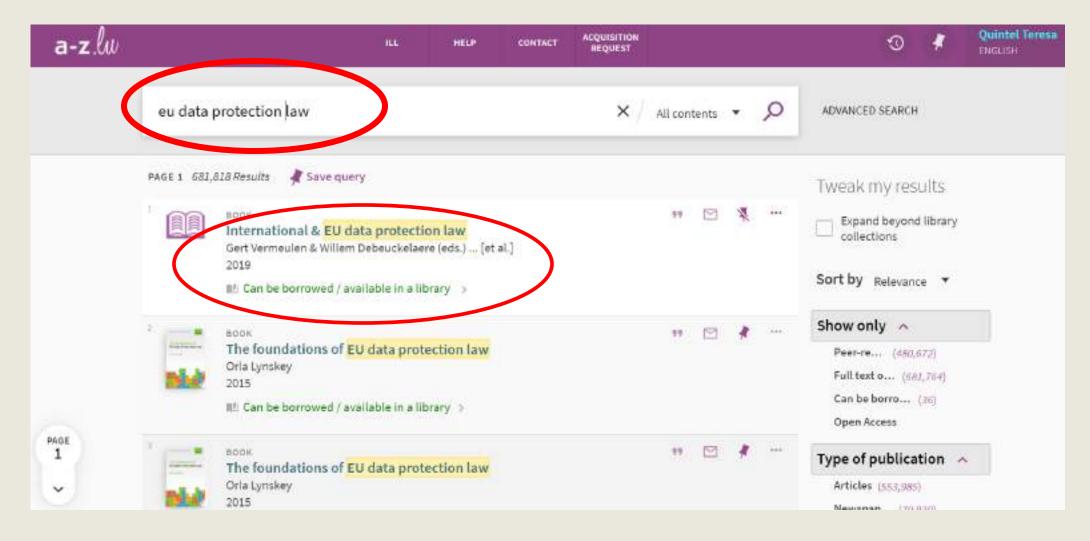
Examples of online Journals

- Oxford Journal of Legal Studies
- Havard Law Review
- Cambridge Law Journal
- McGill Law Journal
- Havard International Law Journal
- Law & Policy
- Journal of Intellectual Property Law
- Medical Law Review
- The Journal of Law and Economics

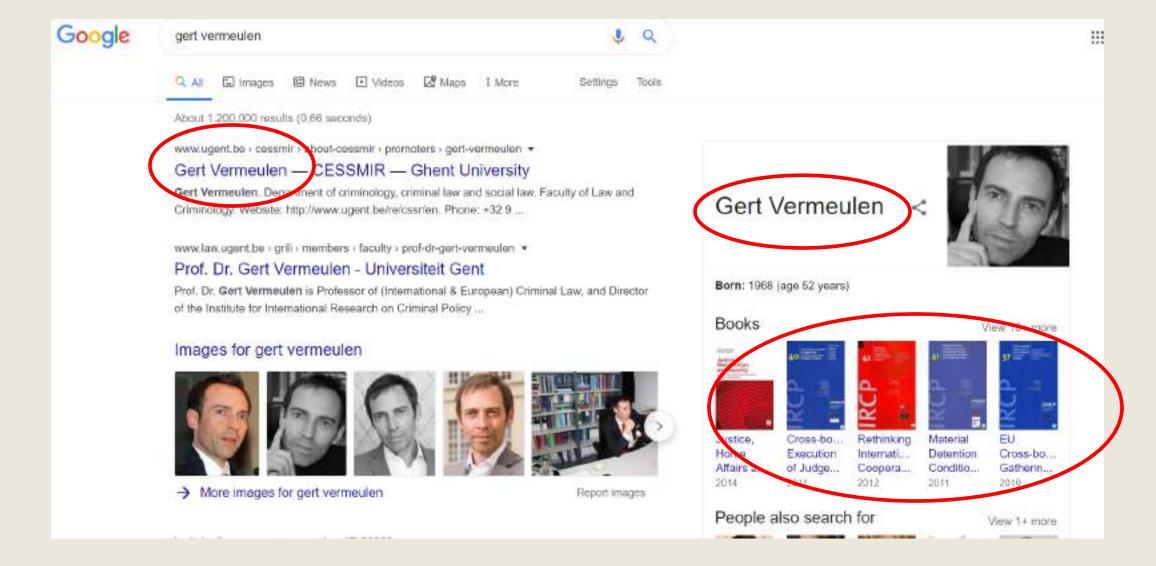
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Some examples

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- Researchgate
- JSTOR
- Elsevier Scopus
- DOAJ Directory of Open Access Journals
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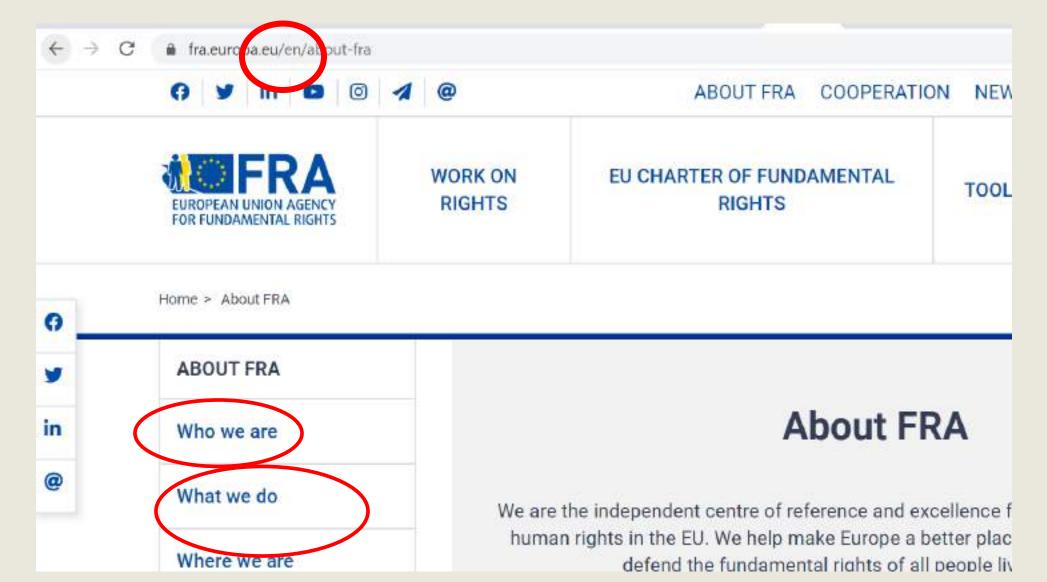
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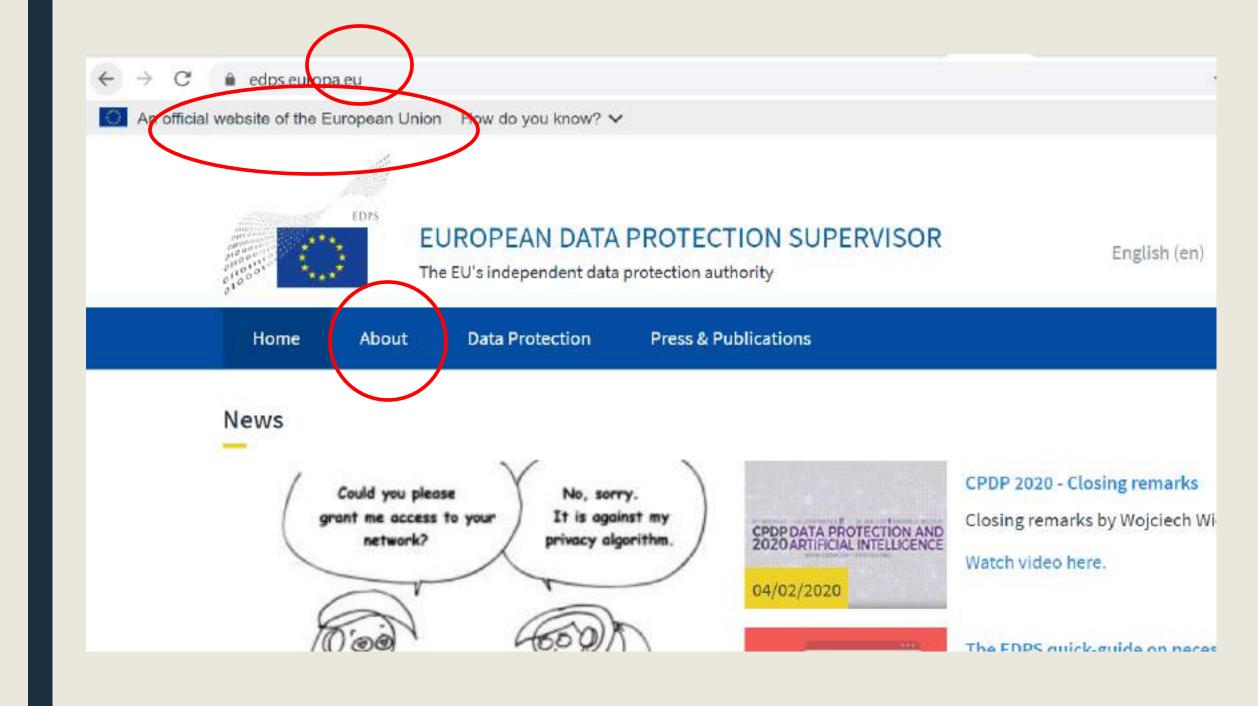
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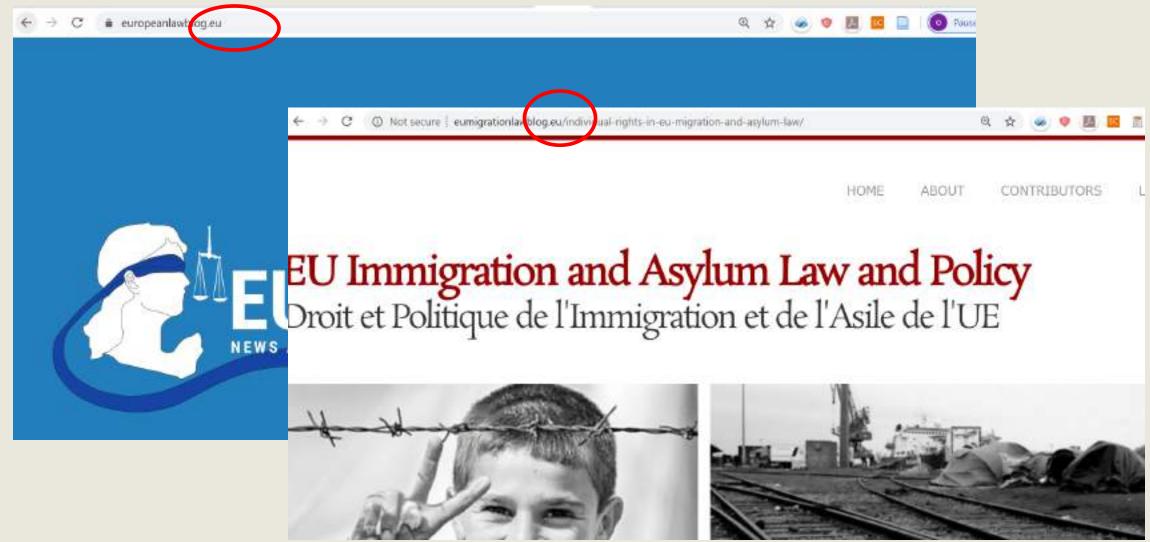
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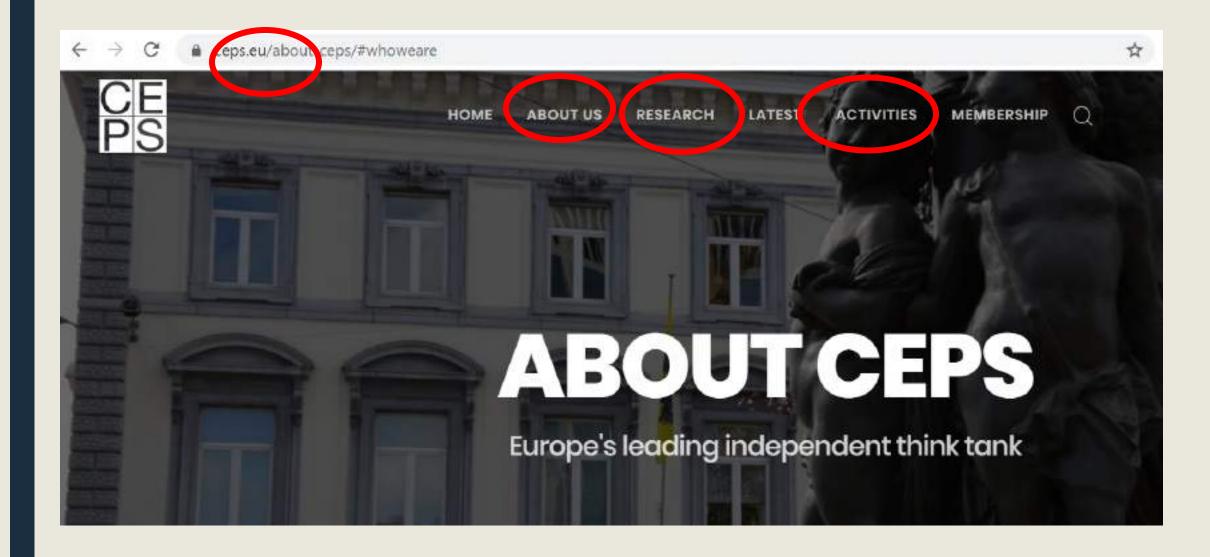
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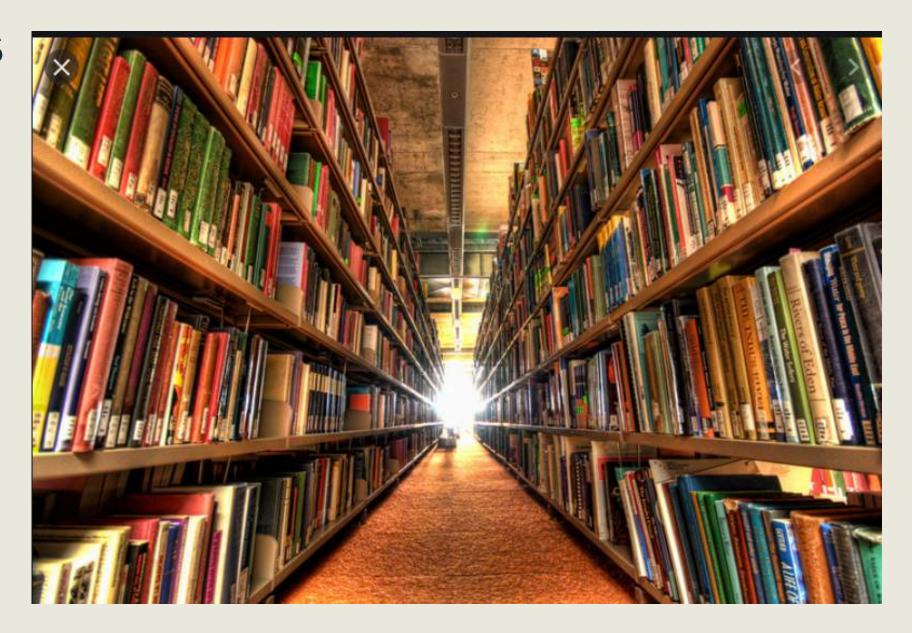
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