COM300 – Recommended Websites with Country Information

BBC Country Profiles
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm
Central Intelligence Agency. The World Factbook.
National Geographic Travel & Cultures – register for free access
http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/places/
New York Times. World tab. Select continent and scroll down until you see Go to a country page option.
One World – Nations Online
http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/
U. S. Department of State. Country Specific Information.

HELPFUL CATALOG
ebrary – e-book collection spanning all academic subject areas
http://site.ebrary.com/lib/sunyit

HELPFUL DIRECTORY
Internet Public Library or ipl2
http://www.ipl.org

EVALUATING WEB SITES
Always evaluate your web results for their:
accuracy – does the site misstate, misrepresent or exaggerate facts? are there errors?
authority – who created the site and what are their affiliations and credentials?
bias – does the site offer a point of view or opinion?
coverage – how much information is there?
currency – when was the site last updated?

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE
• Evaluating Web Pages: Techniques to Apply & Questions to Ask (UC Berkeley)
http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Evaluate.html
• Five criteria for evaluating Web pages (Cornell)
http://olinuris.library.cornell.edu/ref/research/webcrit.html

DOCUMENTING YOUR WORK
Official manuals for MLA and APA styles are on Reserve and in Reference.
Purdue OWL websites: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/
Citation handouts are available online through the Library’s Research Guides.
Citation creation tool: http://www.citationmachine.net