

**Short description of the
VAN VOLLENHOVEN LIBRARY**

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The collection of the Van Vollenhoven Institute

The library was established in 1978, as a fusion of two major collections on law of non-western countries. The present collection contains around 23.000 books, reference material, official publications, series, monographs, grey literature, reprints, microfiches, microprints and CD-ROMs. The number of periodicals totals 108, of which 10 are running subscriptions. Approximately 65 percent of the collection covers Indonesian and Netherlands Indies law.

The collection on law and administration of Indonesia is probably the most extensive in the world, and unique in covering the vast period of 1800 until the present. The collection on the law of the Netherlands Indies is almost complete, including much material on adat law and studies of a legal anthropological nature. Since Indonesia became independent in 1945, a great effort has been made to continue the systematic acquisition of materials, a process in which the representative of the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies in Jakarta plays a vital role. Microfilms are part of the collection: the complete central legislation of Indonesia, including lower level regulations, covering the period 1945-1985 is available on microfiche. The collection on the law of the Dutch Caribbean consists of legislation from 1816 onwards, and of law reports (case law), official reports, monographs and periodicals.

As from 1983 the VVI library has acquired books and journals on law, and governance in developing countries generally, including many works on comparative law and development administration. The core of the collection consists of socio-legal studies in the field of law, governance and development. In 1986 the study of Islamic law was brought under the aegis of the Institute, and as from that time the library started to actively acquire a reference and research collection on modern Islamic law. The project on national law and sharia in Muslim countries (WRR) from 2003-2007 gave a strong impulse to the acquisition of books on Islamic law. Other important areas of the collection cover Egypt and Morocco, while reference collections on Southeast Asia and, recently, South Africa, Ghana, Mali, and China are being formed. The China collection does not include Chinese language material. Acquisition lists are compiled every month and made available on the internet.

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