Why do I like PAIS International?

I used PAIS International for this review, and I looked for general information on AIIB (Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank), which was a huge news in the foreign affairs sector and a fairly recent news, as the bank only opened up for business in January this year.

Recent news and immediate facts can be found on mainstream news websites. However, to find analytical works that investigated the function of this newly open for business international bank, I have used PAIS International, which includes records from journal articles, books, government documents, statistical directories... etc. In PAIS, newspapers and newsletters are not indexed. I found this to be actually beneficial to finding the data I was looking for, which was to understand why AIIB was created and the increasing importance of China’s RMB currency.

This particular scholarly article that I found was published by Professor Chin, who I looked up and he has published numerous works on China’s modern influence (financially and economically) around the world. After looking more into the source of this article using ‘Find it! @CUNY’ feature, I was satisfied with the depth and analysis this particular article went into.

How have I used PAIS International?

I have not. When I try to look up articles that relates to a certain foreign policy issue, I use the search function on some publication websites that I subscribe to, which usually yields the information I am looking for. One particular Foreign Policy publication I follow is a non profit organisation *Foreign Affairs*, which is an American foreign policy and international relations think tank based in New York. *Foreign Affairs* has a rich history and its writers and editors are
highly knowledgeable in the area, one of the former editors include William Bundy, a former CIA analyst and a foreign affairs advisor to presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

**How can I use PAIS International?**

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