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PSCI 210: POLITICS OF WESTERN EUROPE

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The location and call number of each publication is given in parentheses at the end of its bibliographic entry. All publications in this guide may be found on the 4th level (the main floor) of the Central Library unless otherwise noted.

The URL for the Vanderbilt Library home page is <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

* indicates that the source is a good starting point.

Key Reference Books

SURVEYS

Political Handbook of the World, 1928-. (Latest in READY REF JF 37 .P6—Bookcase 1)

Recent political history for each country, including information about parties, legislature, and cabinets

• *Regional Surveys of the World.*

Central and South-Eastern Europe (Latest in READY REF HC244.A1 C46)

Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia (Latest in READY REF HC244.A1 E 293)

Western Europe (Latest in READY REF HC240.W488)

Uses same format as *Europa Year Book*. Includes introductory essay on European unity and separate essays on the economy, agriculture, industry, energy and the environment, defense, and regions in Western Europe. Covers 19 major countries and 14 smaller countries and territories, including geography, recent history and politics, economy, statistical survey, directory, and selected bibliography.

Statesman's Year-book (Latest in READY REF JA 51 .S7 2006 – Bookcase 1) also Online (enter SYBworld in 'Articles & Databases' search)

Profiles of 192 countries, with information relating to political parties and leaders, population, economics, climate, natural resources, military capabilities, education, legal systems, cultural and communications, health and environment, and international affairs.

POLITICAL PARTIES

Political Parties of the World. 6th ed., 2005. (GOV-REF JF 2051 .D39 2005)

Western European Political Parties: A Comprehensive Guide. 1989. (REF JN94.A979.J336 1989)

World Encyclopedia of Political Systems & Parties. 3rd ed., 1999. 3 vols. (REF JF2011.W67)

PARLIAMENTS AND ELECTIONS

Current World Leaders, 1978-. (REF D 839 .C875) also Online (enter CWIK in 'Articles & Databases' search)
Includes state, government, and political party leaders.

Elections Since 1945. (REF JF101.E543 1989)

Heads of State and Government. 2nd Ed., 2000. (REF JF 37 .D3)
Arranged by country; then by date.

The International Almanac of Electoral History. 3rd ed., 1991. (REF JF 1001.M17 1991)

The Societies of Europe: Elections in Western Europe since 1815. 2000. (REF JN 94 .A956 C373)
Provides local and party results.

World Encyclopedia of Parliaments and Legislatures (REF JF 511.W67 1998)
Arranged by country, provides background information about elections, procedures, and political parties.

Finding Books and U.S. Government Publications on Acorn

Acorn is Vanderbilt's online library catalog. It lists almost all books in all Vanderbilt libraries and most U.S. government publications distributed after July 1976. It lists which periodicals we subscribe to, but does not list individual articles. **Default operator: and**

For books by a specific author, enter the author's name → Select "AUTHOR (last name first)" from the drop-down menu → Click on "Search"

For a specific book, enter the first few words of the title → Select "TITLE begins with" from the drop-down menu → Click on "Search"

For items on a topic, enter the keywords for the topic → Select "WORDS anywhere" from the drop-down menu → Click on "Search."

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After finding the call numbers for the books you want, check the location chart by the main elevators to find out the level on which those books are shelved.

On Acorn and other databases, look at the subject headings or descriptors to find other terms with which to modify your search.

Finding Journal & Magazine Articles

At the Vanderbilt Library home page, on the right under "Databases and E-Resources," click on "Articles and Databases" or "E-Journals" as appropriate. Then click on the initial letter of the database name and choose the database you want.

* **CSA Worldwide Political Science Abstracts, 1975-. (Database)**

Provides citations, abstracts, and indexing of the international serials literature in political science and its complementary fields, including international relations, law, and public administration / policy.

Search Tips: Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: citations.**

PAIS, 1976-. (Database)

Covers economic, political, social, and international issues. Indexes books, government publications, and selected articles in 1400 periodicals.

Search Tips: Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: citations.**

* **Proquest. (Database)**

Provides citations and summaries of articles from over 4,000 publications, with many in full-text. Indexes a broad range of social sciences publications, numerous general-interest magazines such as *Time* and *Newsweek*, and recent issues of major newspapers.

Search Tips: Use the ? (question mark) to substitute for word endings. You can limit your search to: (1) 'Full-Text documents only'; (2) peer-reviewed articles; (3) specific database modules (Research Library, International Module, Social Science Module, etc.); or (4) by date. **E-mail: articles.**

Find it @VU

Find it @ VU provides direct links from a database citation to the full text of the article (if available). Find it buttons are in Acorn and in some databases. For more information see the FAQ at <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/vufinder/>.

Finding Current News

- * **FACTS.com**, 1980-. (Database)
Facts on File, 1941-. (Latest in READY REF D410.F3--Bookcase 1)
Keesing's Contemporary Archives, 1931-. (Latest in READY REF D410.K4--Bookcase 1)
Loose-leaf news digests covering world events. More complete coverage of the U.S. in *Facts on File* and of other countries and international organizations in *Keesing's*, which includes partial texts of documents and speeches as well as news summaries. *Facts on File* is weekly; *Keesing's* is monthly. *FACTS.com* is the online version of *Facts on File*.
 - * **LexisNexis Academic**, 1973-. (Database)
Good source for full-text newspaper articles. Also indexes business, legal, and medical information and general reference sources.
Search Tip: Use the ! (exclamation mark) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: articles.**
- World News Connection: Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) (Database).**
The latest two years of full text and summaries of foreign newspaper articles, speeches, TV & radio broadcasts, books, and reports translated into English. (Vanderbilt IP addresses only.)

Locating Internet Resources

At the Vanderbilt Library home page, under "Research Assistance" → click on "Subject Guides" → click on the guide you want. Government Information is also listed under "Databases and E-Resources."

- * **Government Information** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/govt/>)
Links to top Internet sites on economic, social, political, and consumer topics; statistical sources; government branches and agencies; defense; foreign relations; other countries; and international organizations. Includes a Europe section under the Comparative Politics division.
- News: Newspapers and Broadcast Media** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/news.html>)
Links to Internet sites for U.S. and foreign newspapers, television networks, newsmagazines, and other news sources.
- Political Science** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/polsci.html>)

Other Comprehensive Sites

- * **EUROPA**—European Union / European Commission (<http://europa.eu.int/index-en.htm>)
- * **Zárate's Political Collections, 1945-** (Roberto Ortíz de Zárate) (<http://www.terra.es/personal2/monolith/>)
Heads of state and government for all countries of the world.

Finding Statistics

- Eurostat** – (<http://epp.eurostat.cec.eu.int/>)
The Statistical Office of the European Communities provides comprehensive statistics for the EU in many fields
- * **OECD Economic Surveys.** (All in GOVT REF Alcove--West Wall; for call number, see country name below)
One for each of the member countries and for related countries. Provides detailed analysis of recent developments in demand, production, employment, prices and wages, conditions in the money and capital markets, and developments in the balance of payments. Annual, 1967-.
Search Tip: Do a 'TITLE Begins with' Search in Acorn for "OECD Economic Surveys" → This will provide an alphabetical list of all the titles we have, including any Online versions.

Citing Sources

ONLINE STYLE GUIDES:

Style Guides and other Writing Aids - http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/ref/rr_styleguides.shtml

Citing Sources: Online Style Sheets -

<http://lib11.library.vanderbilt.edu/diglib/ginfo.pl?searchtext=Librarians&Type=Simple&Resource=DB&Website=GOVTINF&O#name0>

PERSONAL CONSULTATION:

Vanderbilt Writing Studio – located at 117 Alumni Hall, x 3-2225

The Writing Studio welcomes student-writers of all skill levels for one-to-one consultation sessions, including help with citing sources.

Evaluating Sources

How to evaluate Internet sites – Questions to Ask	
URL	.com = company (for-profit) .edu = educational institution .gov = government .mil = military .org = organization (not for profit)
Author	Is an author listed? Who is the author? Do they list credentials? Are they associated with a reputable group? Why should you trust what this person has to say?
Sponsoring Group	Is the sponsoring group identified? Do they list funding sources? Is there advertising? Is there an “about us” page?
Content	Is the information on the site impartial or biased? Are the points well-argued or inflammatory? Are sources well-documented? Is the information verifiable?