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Country Profiles

The Europa Year Book, 1959-. (Latest in READY REF JN1.E85--Bookcase 1)

Covers international organizations and both European and non-European countries. For each country, reports on constitution, government, political parties, religion, the media, finance, trade and industry, transportation, tourism and culture, and atomic energy, and gives a statistical summary. Annual. See also **Regional Surveys of the World: Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia**. (Latest in READY REF HC244.A1E293--Bookcase 1).

Russia and Eurasia Facts and Figures Annual [title varies], 1977-. (Latest in GOVT REF Alcove HA1446.U17--West Wall; earlier volumes on 5th level)

Provides biographical information and statistics and commentary on demography, armed forces, economy, energy, foreign trade and aid, the arts, science and technology, and other subjects. Also covers previous year's events and contains a bibliography of key works. Consult more than one volume, since each contains different information.

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OECD Economic Surveys: Russian Federation, 1977-. ([Database](#) through SourceOECD

[<http://www.sourceoecd.org/>]; GOVT REF HC 340.12.A1 O43)

Covers monetary and fiscal policy; includes assessments and recommendations.

EIU (Economist Intelligence Unit): Russia.

(http://www.eiu.com/index.asp?layout=country&geography_id=1750000175)

Overviews and analysis of key political and economic policies. Includes:

EIU Country Profiles (overviews of all countries, including basic data)

EIU Country Reports (overviews and analysis of key political and economic policies of all countries, including political outlook, economic policy outlook, and economic forecast). All are full-text; no remote access.

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American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies (ABSEES) (Database)

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Business Source Premier. [Database]

Provides full-text country reports and profiles for selected countries by OECD, EIU, Global Insight, and other organizations. Also indexes articles on business and economics. Many articles are available in full-text. To find background reports on a country, on the Advanced Search screen click the 'Country Reports' link on the right, then the 'Publisher' tab.

EconLit, 1969-. (Database)

The most comprehensive Economics database. Indexes and selected abstracts of more than 400 worldwide economic journals, books, and other publications.

CSA Databases

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Worldwide Political Science Abstracts (WPSA), 1975-. (Database)

The most comprehensive Political Science database. Provides citations, abstracts, and indexing of the international serials literature in political science, including international relations, law, and public administration. **Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. E-mail: citations.**

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PAIS International, 1972-. (Database)

Covers current events, public policy issues, and the social sciences in general--including economic and social conditions, government and politics, and international relations. Indexes a broad range of materials--books, pamphlets, and publications of the U.S. government and of international organizations. **Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. E-mail: citations.**

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Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) (Database)

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World Bank e-Library. [Database]

Contains World Bank publications (books, reports, and other documents) in full-text, as well as Policy Research Working Papers. Selected titles from the 1980's and 1990's, and all publications since 2000.

World Bank Group Documents and Reports. [Database: <http://www-wds.worldbank.org>]

Access to more than 14,000 World Bank documents, including country economic and sector Work (in-depth background, strategic priorities, and direction for lending activities), project loan documents, and research and working papers.

Current issues of periodicals are located in the Current Periodicals Reading Room--6th level--arranged alphabetically by periodical title. Bound volumes of each may be found under the call number listed after the title.

Current News

The Current Digest of the Post-Soviet Press (Columbus, Ohio) [title varies], 1949-. (PER D839.C87--6th level)
Complete translations and summarized abstracts from Soviet newspapers and magazines. Presented without comment, so these texts and excerpts represent Soviet opinion. Weekly. Indexed in *PAIS*.

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*.

Proquest. (Database)

Indexes *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. Search Tips: Use the * (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: articles.**

Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty (<http://www.rferl.org/>)

News, features, analysis, press review, special reports, quotes, and human rights.

The St. Petersburg Times (<http://www.sptimes.ru/>)

English-language newspaper.

Interfax News Agency (<http://www.interfax-news.com/>)

News and information on the Former Soviet Union (FSU): today's FSU news and links; must subscribe to weekly reports.

World News Connection: Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) (Database)

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(<http://lib11.library.vanderbilt.edu/diglib/polsci.pl?searchtext=PoRussia&Type=Simple&Resource=DB&Website=POLITICAL>)

Includes sections on European Studies: Russia and Eastern Europe, Comparative Politics, and International Relations.

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BISNIS: Business Information Service for the Newly Independent States (<http://bisnis.doc.gov/bisnis/>) -- U.S. Dept. of Commerce, International Trade Admin. -- The U.S. Government's one-stop shop for doing business in Russia and the other states of the former Soviet Union: U.S. embassy reports, country reports, industry reports, publications, sources of finance, exchange rates, leads and events, U.S. state exports, other sources.

REESweb: Russian and East European Studies Internet Government and Public Affairs Resources -- WWW Virtual Library, Univ. of Pittsburgh (<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/reesweb/index.shtml>)
Comprehensive site without site map or contents. Browse by subject or search by keyword.

Russia - REENIC: Russian and East European Network Information Center (Univ. of Texas at Austin Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies) (<http://reenic.utexas.edu/countries/russia.html>)

Directory of general resources about the arts, languages, literatures, histories, and cultures of eastern and central Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Russian Analytical Digest. (<http://www.res.ethz.ch/analysis/rad/>)

Covers political, economic and social developments in Russia and its regions, and looks at Russia's role in international relations.

Statistical Databases

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EIU (Economist Intelligence Unit) Country Data (Database)

Annual, quarterly, and monthly economic indicators and forecasts: 278 series on 117 countries or 40 regional aggregates.

LexisNexis Statistical, 1990-. (Database)

Indexes and abstracts statistical publications of the United Nations, the European Community, and dozens of other international intergovernmental organizations. Publications indexed in IIS are available on microfiche (GOVT Microfiche 661)

International Financial Statistics (IFS) (Database)

Approximately 32,000 time series covering more than 200 countries and areas, including all series appearing on the IFS Country Pages; exchange rate series; major Fund accounts series; and most other world, area, and country series from the IFS World Tables.

World Development Indicators (WDI) (Database)

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