

## PSCI 231: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN EUROPE

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

\* indicates that the source is a good starting point.

### Indexes

At the Vanderbilt Library home page, on the right under “Databases and E-Resources,” click on “Articles and Databases.” Then click on the initial letter of the database name and choose the database you want.

**Popular vs. Scholarly articles: length (popular is often short; academic often long), vocabulary used in the article title and abstract, availability at newsstands, intended audience (general or academic), bibliography (usually only with academic articles).**

\* *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. Includes merged backfiles of *Political Science Abstracts*, 1975-2000, and *ABC POL SCI*, 1984-2000. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: citations.**

\* *PAIS on Silver Platter*, 1976-. ([Database](#))

Covers economic, political, social, and international issues. Indexes books, government publications, and selected articles in 1400 periodicals. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. For periodicals and for some monographs, you can click on “check for holdings” to see if we subscribe to the item. **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. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings.

**You can limit your search to “full-text articles only” and to “scholarly journals, including peer-reviewed.” If you click on “Databases Selected” (which is under the “Basic Search” tab), you can further limit your search to the Social Science Module or other modules. E-mail: articles.**

### 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](#))

Best source for full-text newspaper articles. Also indexes business, legal, and medical information and general reference sources. Access other LexisNexis products from *Academic's* search page. Use the ! (exclamation mark) to substitute for word endings. **E-mail: articles.**

\* *Proquest*. ([Database](#))

Indexes *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. Use the \* (asterisk) to substitute for word endings. After you get your initial results, **you can click on the “newspapers” tab above the yellow line to limit your search to newspaper articles. E-mail: articles.**

- \* **News: Newspapers and Broadcast Media.** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/news.html>)  
Links to Internet sites for newspapers and other news sites. Includes world news sources.

**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.)

## Internet Sites

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

**How can you evaluate Internet sites?**

Sponsoring Group: identified, reputable, funding source, advertising, "about us" page?

Content: impartial or biased, well-argued or inflammatory, sources well-documented, information verifiable, updated?

URL: what type of domain is it? .com – company (for-profit) .edu – educational institution; .gov – government; .mil – military; org – organization (not for profit)

- \* **European Studies** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/polsci/europe.html>)

**Comparative Politics** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/polsci/comparative.html>)

**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.

**International Relations** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/polsci/intlrel.html>)

Includes sections on U.S. defense, other U.S. foreign relations sites, United Nations, European Union, and other international organizations.

**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.

**Resources for Political Science** (<http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/romans/polsci.html>)

- \* **At the Vanderbilt Library home page, under "Databases and E-Resources," click on "Internet Search Engines":**

**World Wide Web Search Engines** (<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/Internet.html>)

Type in your topic in the box for one of these search engines and click on "search" to find links to sites on that topic.

## Other Comprehensive Sites

**Bureau of European Affairs**--U.S. Dept. of State (<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/>)--current issues, NATO, fact sheets, statements, communiques, speeches, and testimony, related sites, embassy contacts, and other country/regional information

**Database Europe**--Albert-Schweitzer-Gymnasium Erlangen (<http://www.datenbank-europa.de/indexe.html>)

- \* **EUROPA**--European Union / European Commission (<http://europa.eu.int/index-en.htm>)

- \* **European Government Information**—Jim Church, Univ. of California at Berkeley ([http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/gov\\_eurogvt.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/gov_eurogvt.html))

- \* **European Union Internet Resources**—Jim Church, Univ. of California at Berkeley ([http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/gov\\_eu.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/gov_eu.html))--EU servers & institutions, EU documents, press releases & news, other Internet resources. See also *The European Union (EU)* ([http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/gov\\_eugde.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/doemoff/gov_eugde.html))

**Foreign Government Resources**--Louisiana State Univ. (<http://www.artsci.lsu.edu/poli/foreign.html>)

**Foreign Government Resources on the Web**--Univ. of Michigan Document Center. (<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/foreign.html>)

**WWW Virtual Library: West European Studies Home Page**--Univ. of Pittsburgh ([http://www.library.pitt.edu/subject\\_guides/westeuropean/wwwes/](http://www.library.pitt.edu/subject_guides/westeuropean/wwwes/))

**WWW Virtual Library: REESweb: Russian and East European Studies Internet Government and Public Affairs Resources**--Univ. of Pittsburgh. (<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/reesweb/>)

- \* *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.

## Reference Books

### SURVEYS

- Economic Bulletin for Europe* (Economic Commission for Europe), 1949-. (GOVT-LC HC 240 .A1 U4714--range 4-D-46)  
Overview and elected issues in countries of the Economic Commission for Europe. Statistical annex includes transitional economies.
- Economic Survey of Europe* (Economic Commission for Europe), 1953-. (GOVT-LC HC 240 .A1 U477--range 4-D-46)  
Overview and elected issues in countries of the Economic Commission for Europe. Statistical annex includes transitional economies.
- \* *The Europa World 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.
- 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
- Political Risk Yearbook*, 1993-. (Latest in REF JF37.P655)  
For each country, covers background information, political actors, regime stability, turmoil, international investment restrictions, trade restrictions, economic policies, and five-year political and economic forecasts. Vol. 6 covers European Community countries and vol. 7 covers European countries outside the EC.
- \* *Regional Surveys of the World.*  
*Central and South-Eastern Europe* (on order)  
*Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia* (on order)  
*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.

### POLITICAL PARTIES

- Political Parties of the World*. 4th ed., 1996. (REF JF 2051 .D39 1996)  
*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

- The Almanac of European Politics 1995*. (REF D 2009 .A56 1995)  
Covers political parties and election results (including percent of votes and seats).
- Current World Leaders*, 1978-. (REF D 839 .C875)  
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.

## Statistics

### *LexisNexis Statistical*, 1973-. ([Database](#))

Indexes statistical publications issued by the U.S. government since 1973 and about 2,000 titles from international intergovernmental organizations since 1983. Provides direct access to many statistical tables.

### *STAT-USA/Internet* ([Database](#))

U.S. Economics and Statistics Admin. (ESA) -- "State of the Nation" includes the "top 50" economic indicator releases and foreign exchange rates. "Globus and NTDB (National Trade Data Bank)" covers demographic, political, and socio-economic conditions in over 200 countries, including general Country Commercial Guides and Market Research Reports that cover a specific industry. Vanderbilt IP addresses only.

- \* **OECD Economic Outlook**, 1967-. (GOVT REF HC 10 .065)  
Includes general assessment, developments in individual OECD countries and selected non-member countries, monetary and fiscal policies. Annex of statistical tables.
- \* **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-.
 

Australia (GOVT REF Alcove HC605.074a) Austria (GOVT REF Alcove HC243.A10353) Baltic States (GOVT REF Alcove HC261.089) Belgium-Luxembourg (GOVT REF Alcove HC315.073) Bulgaria (GOVT REF Alcove HC403.A1.034) Canada (GOVT REF Alcove HC111.07) Czech Republic (GOVT REF Alcove HC270.2.0323) Denmark (GOVT REF Alcove HC351.072) Euro Area (GOVT REF Alcove HC240.A10187) Finland (GOVT REF Alcove HC377.F5O73a) France (GOVT REF Alcove HC271.07) Germany (GOVT REF Alcove HC286.6.073a) Greece (GOVT REF Alcove HC291.072a) Hungary (GOVT REF Alcove HC300.2.033) Iceland (GOVT REF Alcove HC360.5.07) Ireland (GOVT REF Alcove HC257.I6A272) Italy (GOVT REF Alcove HC301.069) Japan (GOVT REF Alcove HC461.A1O7) Korea (GOVT REF Alcove HC466.033)	Mexico (GOVT REF Alcove HC131.032) Netherlands (GOVT REF Alcove HC325.073) New Zealand (GOVT REF Alcove HC662.073a) Norway (GOVT REF Alcove HC365.074a) Poland (GOVT REF Alcove HC340.3.A1O43) Portugal (GOVT REF Alcove HC392.073) Romania (GOVT REF Alcove HC405.A10353) Russian Federation (GOVT REF Alcove HC340.12.A1O43) Slovak Republic (GOVT REF Alcove HC270.3.A1O363) Slovenia (GOVT REF Alcove HC406.A1O383) Spain (GOVT REF Alcove HC381.07) Sweden (GOVT REF Alcove HC371.07) Switzerland (GOVT REF Alcove HC395.07) Turkey (GOVT REF Alcove HC492.073a) United Kingdom (GOVT REF Alcove HC256.5.07) United States (GOVT REF Alcove HC106.5.07) Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of (GOVT REF Alcove HC401.A1O733)
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## Books and Government Publications on Acorn

At the Vanderbilt Library home page, on the left under “Catalogs and Collections,” click on “Acorn.”

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

First, choose the type of search you want to perform by clicking on the pull-down menu. If you know the exact author or title, choose the “begins with” options; otherwise, choose the “keywords” options. Second, enter your search and click on search. Use a \$ (dollar sign) to substitute for word endings. To search for a phrase, enclose the phrase with single rather than double quotes (for example, 'north atlantic treaty').

## Keyword Searches

(1) Use the **and** boolean operator **between** two different concepts to get **only** the records that contain both concepts. Use the **or** boolean operator to connect similar terms **within** a concept to get **all** the records that contain either term. (2) Use nesting (putting a parenthesis before the first term and after the last term) to combine the terms **within** a concept before connecting the concepts together. (3) Use truncation symbols to get all forms of a term.

EXAMPLE: **(wordA1\$ or wordA2\$) and (wordB1\$ or wordB2\$)**  
 (germany or france) and (employ\$ or unemploy\$)  
 (germany or france) and employment policy

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