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German government documents: German Democratic Republic (East Germany) 1949-1990

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1. PARLIAMENTARY PUBLICATIONS

1.1 Official records

The proceedings of the Volkskammer were published in two major sequences:

Stenographische Protokolle (formerly **Stenografische Niederschrift**) and **Drucksachen**:

Stenographische Protokolle / Volkskammer der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik

BL holdings: Wahlperiode 4 (1963/1967), Sitzung 10 - Wahlperiode 10 (1990), Sitzung 38

BL shelfmark: SF.1372(1)

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian Library: not held

Stenografische Niederschrift / Volkskammer der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik

BL holdings: Wahlperiode 3 (1958/1963), Sitzung 13, 15 - Wahlperiode 4 (1963/1967), Sitzung 9

BL shelfmark: SF.1372(1)

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian Library: not held

Drucksache / Volkskammer der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik

BL holdings: Wahlperiode 3 (1958/1963), Nr. 1 - Wahlperiode 10 (1990), Nr. 201

BL shelfmark: SF.1372(2)

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian Library: not held

For each electoral period, a handbook contains biographical information on members of the Volkskammer, election results, relevant laws and other information about the Volkskammer:

Die Volkskammer der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik : die Abgeordneten der Volkskammer nach den Wahlen

BL holdings: Wahlperiode 4 - 7

BL shelfmark: S.F.1372/2

The Library, LSE holdings: 4th (1964) and 6th (1972) Wahlperiode

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBS. 431 (111) and MAIN COLL. JN3971.5.A78 G37

Bodleian Library: not held

2. LEGISLATION

2.1 Constitution

Die Verfassung der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik

BL holdings: (i) 1951; (ii) 1955

BL shelfmark: (i) SF.1364; (ii) SF.1364/2

The Library, LSE holdings: (i) 1949; (ii) 1957; (iii) 1968; (iv) 1974

The Library, LSE classmark: (i) GOVT.PUBS.431 (6); (ii) GOVT.PUBS.431 (88); (iii) GOVT.PUBS.432 (140); (iv) GOVT.PUBS.431 (213)

Bodleian Library holdings: 1974

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD 24024 e. 199

Verfassung der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik. Kommentar

BL holdings: 1969

BL shelfmark: SF.1364/3

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian Library holdings: 1969

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD M93.FO4545 (Bd.1) BOD M93.FO4545 (Bd.2)

2.2 Laws and treaties

Laws and treaties are published in:

Gesetzblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik

BL holdings: 1949-1990

BL shelfmark: S.F.1369

IALS holdings: 1949-1990

IALS classmark: RES FOL GO16.E.2

The Library, LSE holdings: 1949-1990 (incomplete)

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT.PUBS.431 (R2)

Bodleian Library holdings: 1949-1990

Bodleian Library shelfmark: Law German DR 010

Sonderdruck series

BL holdings: 1958, 1969, 1974 - 1990

BL shelfmark: SF.1369(2)

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian Library: not held

GDR Laws Text edition & DDR-Gesetze. Textausgabe

BL holdings: 1968 - 1988

BL shelfmark: X.0200/321

The Library, LSE: not held

Bodleian Library holdings: 1968-1988

Bodleian Library shelfmark: Law German DR 035 1988

Gesetzes-Generalregister

1. Chronologischer Teil

2. Alphabetischer Teil

Contains Chronological Register of Laws for the years 1947 - 58 (except market regulations) and an alphabetical index

BL holdings: 1959

BL shelfmark: 5176.eee.16

The Library, LSE holdings: 1959

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBS. 431 (59)

Bodleian Library: not held

3. BUDGET

The budget appeared each year in the Official Gazette:

Gesetzblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik 1949-1990

BL holdings: 1949-1990

BL shelfmark: SF.1369

The Library, LSE holdings: 1949-1990 (incomplete)

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBS. 431 (R2)

Bodleian Library holdings: 1949-1990

Bodleian Library shelfmark: Law German DR 010

Expenditures are given in the newspaper:

Neues Deutschland: Zentralorgan der Sozialistischen Einheitspartei Deutschlands, 1946-1990

BL holdings: 1946 - 1990

BL shelfmark: MF.538.H (microfilm)

The Library, LSE holdings: Oct. 1949 - Oct.1989

The Library, LSE classmark: NEWSPAPERS N [Unclassed]

Bodleian Library: not held

4. GAZETTES, OFFICIAL ALMANACS AND YEARBOOKS

For the **Gesetzblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik** (the Official Gazette) see above.

Between 1949 and 1976, public announcements were made in the following publication:

Ministerialblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik

BL holdings: 1949 - 1952

BL shelfmark: OGG.40/8

The Library, LSE holdings: 1949 - 1952

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBS. 43(R62)

Bodleian Library holdings: 1949-52

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD N.24041 c.32

Continued by:

Zentralblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik

BL holdings: 1953-1976 (incomplete)

BL shelfmark: OGG.40/8

The Library, LSE holdings: 1953-1976

The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBS. 43 (R125)

Bodleian Library holdings: 1953-76 (substantially complete)

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD N.24041 c.32

**Aufgaben und Arbeitsweise der Rechtspflegeorgane. Rechtspflegeerlass /
Herausgegeben vom Ministerium der Justiz**

Responsibilities and methodologies of the jurisdictional organs, jurisdictional decree, laws regarding courts of law, military court prosecution and related laws

BL holdings: 1963 only

BL shelfmark: SF.1483/9

The Library, LSE holdings: not held
Bodleian Library: not held

Articles on economic, political and social affairs are to be found in:

Deutsche Demokratische Republik : Handbuch

BL holdings: 1979
BL shelfmark: X.800/14702
The Library, LSE holdings: not held
Bodleian Library holdings: 1984
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD M89.E00670

East German sources are used in a similar publication from the Federal Republic:

Zentralblatt der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik

BL holdings: 1953-1976 (incomplete)
BL shelfmark: OGG.40/8
The Library, LSE holdings: 1953-1976
The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBS. 43 (R125)
Bodleian Library holdings: 1953-76 (substantially complete)
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD N.24041 c.32

DDR Handbuch/herausgegeben vom Bundesministerium für innerdeutsche Beziehungen

BL holdings: 1975
BL shelfmark: YA.1996.b.1966
The Library, LSE holdings: (i) 2nd ed. 1975; (ii) 2nd rev. ed. 1979; (iii) 3rd ed. 1985
The Library, LSE classmark: (i) GOVT. PUBS. 43 (1557); (ii) MAIN COLL. DD261 G37;
(iii) MAIN COLL. JN3971.5 D27
Bodleian Library holdings: 1975
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD 24041 d.694 & TAY REP.G.1419
Bodleian Library holdings: 1979
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD 24041 d.774 & BOD 24041 d.796
Bodleian Library holdings: 1985
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD 24041 d.894 & TAY REF.G.29

The above title is a revised version of:

A bis Z : ein Taschen- und Nachschlagebuch über den anderen Teil Deutschlands /

herausgegeben vom Bundesministerium für Gesamtdeutsche Fragen

BL holdings: 1964 only
BL shelfmark: SF.430/98
The Library, LSE holdings: 1954 (2); 1958 (4); 1963 (8) and 1965-1969
The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBS. 43 (R245)
Bodleian Library: not held

Previous editions of the above work were published under the title:

SBZ von A bis Z : ein Taschen- und Nachschlagebuch über die Sowjetische Besatzungszone Deutschlands

BL holdings: 1st (1953), 2nd (1954), 5th (1959), 7th (1962)-10th (1966)
BL shelfmark: SF.430/22
The Library, LSE holdings: (i) 7th (1962); (ii) 9th (1965)
The Library, LSE classmark: (i) GOVT. PUBS. 43 (929); (ii) GOVT. PUBS. 43 (1781)
Bodleian Library holdings: 1958
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD 24041 e.964

Bodleian Library holdings: 1960
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD 24041 e.1009
Bodleian Library holdings: 1962
Bodleian Library shelfmark: not held (but copy at Nuffield College Library: NUF JN 3981.B)
Bodleian Library holdings: 1965
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD 24041 e.1172 & TAY REP.G.8503(1)
Bodleian Library holdings: 1966
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD 24041 e.1252

Earlier East German sources held include:

Handbuch der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik /herausgegeben vom Deutschen Institut für Zeitgeschichte
BL holdings: 1964 only
BL shelfmark: SF.1533/2
The Library, LSE holdings: not held
Bodleian Library holdings: 1964
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Per 24024 d.64

Jahrbuch der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik /herausgegeben vom Deutschen Institut für Zeitgeschichte
BL holdings: 1956 - 1961
BL shelfmark: PP.2452.iaa
The Library, LSE holdings: 1956-1961
The Library, LSE classmark: Reserve Periodicals DD261
Bodleian Library holdings: 1955-62, 1964-90
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Per 23235 d.264
Bodleian Library holdings: 1957, 1959
Bodleian Library shelfmark: RSL 338. U.2
Bodleian Library holdings: 1963
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Microfiches 96

Basic biographical information on a wide range of leading figures in the German Democratic Republic is to be found in:

Namen und Daten wichtiger Personen der DDR /Günther Buch
BL holdings: (i) 1973; (ii) 1979 ; (iii) 1982
BL shelfmark: (i) X.809/22997; (ii) X.809/28381; (iii) X.809/62932
The Library, LSE holdings: (i) 1973 and 1979; (ii) 1982 and 1987
The Library, LSE classmark: (i) MAIN COLL. DD261.5 B91; (ii) MAIN COLL. DD281.5 B91
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD M03. F01366 & TAY REF. M. 32
Biographical dictionaries published in more recent years include:

Wer war wer in der DDR : ein biographisches Handbuch /herausgegeben von Bernd-Rainer Barth [et al.]
Frankfurt am Main : Fischer
BL shelfmark: YA.1999.a.7453
The Library, LSE holdings: not held
Bodleian Library: not held

Biographisches Handbuch der SBZ/DDR 1945-1990 /herausgegeben von Gabriele Baumgartner und Dieter Hiebig, München : Saur, 1996-1997
BL shelfmark: HLR.920.043
The Library, LSE holdings:MAIN COLL. DD261.6 B61
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD M98.E08402

Wer war wer in der DDR? : ein biographisches Lexikon /Helmut Müller-Enbergs (Herausgeber)
BL holdings: (i) 2000 ed.; (ii) 1992 ed.
BL shelfmark: (i) HLR.920.043; (ii) YA.1995.a.27306
The Library, LSE holdings: 2000 ed.
The Library, LSE classmark: REF. COLL. DD281.5 W48
Bodleian Library holdings: 2000
Bodleian Library shelfmark: TAY REF. G. 28

5. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

Use the Library Catalogue [<http://catalogue.lse.ac.uk/>] by searching for 'Germany (democratic republic)' as an author to obtain a list of departmental publications held at the LSE. Search Explore the British Library [<http://explore.bl.uk/>] using author word "Germany" and name of department (in German) to trace executive and agency publications held at the BL.

Bodleian Library:search OLIS using 'Germany (East)'

6. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The five year plan for the development of the economy of the German Democratic Republic

BL holdings: not held
The Library, LSE holdings: 1951-1955
The Library, LSE classmark: GOVT. PUBS.431 (44)
Bodleian Library: not held

The seven year plan of the G.D.R.

BL holdings: 1960
BL shelfmark: SF.1389/7; SPR.Mic.E.112 (microfilm)
The Library, LSE holdings: not held
Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD 23235 c. 29

Partei und Staat in der DDR. Records from the offices of Walter Ulbricht and Erich Honnecker

BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.897 (microfilm); OPL.943.1087 (guide)
Bodleian Library: not held

7. INDEXES

The following are suggestions only.

You can use a number of catalogues and indexes to help track down the full publication details of German government publications. A range of published indexes, and the Library catalogues, can be used to trace many of the publications. Please ask at the Enquiry Desk in the British Library's Social Sciences Reading Room, or the LSE Library Information Desk for details.

For a complete listing of Library, London School of Economics and Political Science, holdings, use the Library catalogue [<http://catalogue.lse.ac.uk/>]. Use 'Quick search' and choose 'Classmark browse' from the drop-down list. Enter the number 43 or 431.

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Official publications of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe 1945-1980 : a select annotated bibliography / edited by Gregory Walker

London : Mansell, 1982

BL shelfmark: OPL.947.0043

The Library, LSE classmark: REF. COLL. Z2483 O31

Bodleian Library shelfmark: LAW Main Libr Ref Bibl General W 179a

Guide to official publications of foreign countries / American Library Association, Government Documents Round Table

Bethesda, Md. : CIS, 1990

BL shelfmark: 2725.g.2761

The Library, LSE classmark: REF. COLL. Z1200 A51

Bodleian Library holdings: 1990

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD M09. C04687

Bodleian Library holdings: 1997 (2nd ed.)

Bodleian Library shelfmark: SSL REF. Z7164.GUI

German Democratic Republic official publications, with those of the preceding Zonal period, 1945-1958 : a survey / prepared by James B. Childs

Washington : Library of Congress, Reference Department, Serial Division, 1960-1961

BL shelfmark: A.S.285/152

The Library, LSE classmark: FILM 71/M 794

Bodleian Library: not held

DDR-Gesamtkatalog : alphabetischer Grundkatalog, Sammlungen und Schriftenreihen, Titel-Stichwort-Register, Sachgebiets-Register

Leipzig : Buchexport, 1978-1987

BL holdings/classmark: 1978-1987

BL shelfmark: 1987 issue: HLR.015.43; Earlier issues: 2708.e.116

The Library, LSE holdings: not held

Bodleian Library holdings: 1971/72-1972/73

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Per. 25854 e. 87

Bodleian Library holdings: 1982/83, 1983/84, 1985-1987

Bodleian Library shelfmark: TAY ZD.122

Deutsches Bücherverzeichnis : Verzeichnis der in Deutschland, Österreich, der Schweiz und im übrigen Ausland herausgegebenen deutsch-sprachigen Verlags-Schriften sowie der wichtigsten Veröffentlichungen ausserhalb des Buchhandels /bearbeitet von der Bibliographischen Abteilung des Börsenvereins der Deutschen Buchhändler zu Leipzig. 1911/1914-1981/1985

Leipzig : VEB Bibliographisches Institut, 1916-1990

Sub-title varies; later volumes issued by the Deutsche Bücherei

BL holdings: 1911/1914-1951/1955

BL shelfmark: HLR.015.43

The Library, LSE holdings: not held

Bodleian Library holdings: 1911/14 -1961/65

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Per. 25854 d.12

Bodleian Library holdings: 1966/70 -1981/85

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD P. C17424

Bodleian Library holdings: 1916-37

Bodleian Library shelfmark: TAY ZD.122

Deutsche Nationalbibliographie und Bibliographie des im Ausland erschienenen deutschsprachigen Schrifttums

Reihe A, Neuerscheinungen des Buchhandels. 1931-1990

Reihe B, Neuerscheinungen ausserhalb des Buchhandels. 1965-1990

Leipzig : Verlag für Buch- und Bibliothekswesen, 1931-1990

BL holdings: (i) Reihe A: 1931-1990; (ii) Reihe B: 1965-1990

BL shelfmark: (i) and (ii) P.P.6516

The Library, LSE holdings: 1965-

The Library, LSE classmark: MAIN COLL. Z2221

Bodleian Library holdings, Reihe A: 1960-1985

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Per. 25854 e.44a

Bodleian Library holdings: 1986 -1990

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD P. G03034

Bodleian Library holdings: 1968-80

Bodleian Library shelfmark: TAY ZD.122

Bodleian Library holdings, Reihe B: 1936, 1946-1960

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Per. 25854 e.44b

Jahresverzeichnis der Verlagsschriften und einer Auswahl der ausserhalb des Buchhandels erschienenen Veröffentlichungen der DDR, der BRD und Westberlins sowie der deutschsprachigen Werke anderer Länder. 1968-1970

Leipzig : Verlag für Buch- und Bibliothekswesen, 1972-1978

Continues: **Jahresverzeichnis des deutschen Schrifttums**

BL holdings: 1968-1970

BL shelfmark: P.P.6513.aaa

The Library, LSE holdings: not held

Bodleian Library holdings: not held

Jahresverzeichnis des deutschen Schrifttums / bearbeitet und herausgegeben von der Deutschen Bücherei und dem Börsenverein der Deutschen Buchhändler zuLeipzig. 1945/1946-1967

Leipzig : Verlag für Buch- und Bibliothekswesen, 1948-1974

Continued by:

Jahresverzeichnis der Verlagsschriften und einer Auswahl der ausserhalb des Buchhandels erschienenen Veröffentlichungen der DDR, der BRD und Westberlins sowie der deutschsprachigen Werke anderer Länder

BL holdings: 1945/46-1967

BL shelfmark: P.P.6513.aaa

The Library, LSE holdings: 1945/46-

The Library, LSE classmark: MAIN COLL. Z2221

Bodleian Library holdings: 1945/46-1967

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Per. 25854 c.2. & TAY ZD.122

8. STATISTICS

8.1 Statistical yearbooks

The most comprehensive source of official statistics is:

Statistisches Jahrbuch der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik / herausgegeben von der Staatlichen Zentralverwaltung für Statistik

BL holdings: Jahrg.1 (1955) - 35 (1990)

BL shelfmark: SF.1566

The Library, LSE holdings: 1955-1990

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 431 (HA155)

Bodleian Library holdings: 1955-62, 1964-1990

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Per. 23235d.264

Bodleian Library holdings: 1963

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Microfiches 96

Bodleian Library holdings: 1956-1989

Bodleian Library shelfmark: SSL HA1341.GER.1

An abridged English-language version is available:

Statistical pocket book of the German Democratic Republic

BL holdings: 1959; 1960; 1982 - 1989

BL shelfmark: SF.1566/5

The Library, LSE holdings: 1959, 1962, 1974-1977 and 1984-1987

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 431 (HA155)

Bodleian Library holdings: 1974-78

Bodleian Library shelfmark: BOD Per. 23235e.245

Bodleian Library holdings: 1978

Bodleian Library shelfmark: TAY REP. G. 9501

Statistik der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik

BL holdings: 1956; 1966; 1968; 1984

BL shelfmark: SF.1566/4

The Library, LSE holdings: not held

Bodleian Library holdings: not held

8.2 Other Statistical material

Vierteljahreshefte zur Statistik der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik (Quarterly statistics of the GDR)

BL holdings: 1957 - 59
BL shelfmark: SF.1566/3
The Library, LSE holdings: 1957 - 59
The Library, LSE classmark: Govt. Pubs. 431 (R155)
Bodleian Library holdings: not held

Statistisches Praxis : Zeitschrift für Rechnungsführung und Statistik

BL holdings: 1946 - 76
BL shelfmark: SF.1540
The Library, LSE holdings: 1946 - 76
The Library, LSE classmark: HISTORICAL STATISTICS 431 (HA155)
Bodleian Library holdings: not held

The series **Sonderreihe mit Beiträgen für das Gebiet der ehemaligen DDR**; Heft. published in the early 1990s is available at the Library, London School of Economics and Political Science, at HISTORICAL STATISTICS 431 (.)
Bodleian Library holdings: not held

8.3 Censuses

Haushalte in der DDR nach Art und Groesse. Ergebnisse der Volks- und Berufszählung 1964 In: Statistische Praxis, 21. Jahrgang, June 1966 pp.245 - 246

BL shelfmark: SF. 1540
The Library, LSE classmark: HISTORICAL STATISTICS 431 (HA155)
Bodleian Library holdings: not held

The Census for 1964 is held at the British Library Document Supply Centre (BLDSC) as part of the Microfilm edition of International Census Publications, 1945 – 1967

Ergebnisse der Volks- und Berufszählung am 31. Dezember 1964.

The Library, LSE classmark: STATISTICS 431 (HA161)
Bodleian Library holdings: not held

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T: +44 (0)1865 27201