

367ISS Post-War Germany: From Division to Unification and Beyond

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This module explores the political and economic history of the German nation from its division at the end of the Second World War to its reunification in 1990 and beyond. The particular geographic and political situation of Germany on the frontline in the cold war made her a test case for East-West relations, until the fall of the Berlin Wall gave her the opportunity to bring a century shaped by German aggression to a peaceful close. The module examines the international significance of the two German states and their internal developments over the 40 years of division, and the social and economic impact of the subsequent unification on the nation as a whole. In addition, Germany's attempts to exorcise the ghosts of its National Socialist and Stasi past are explored, as well as the re-surgence of the Left and the Right as political movements in the more recent past.

144 items

Essential Reading (1 items)

A history of Germany, 1918-2020: the divided nation, by Mary Fulbrook, 2021

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An annually updated full reading list and list of other resources to support this module can be found in the Teaching Plan and Module Resource Document, available to enrolled students via the module web.

It is recommended that you buy at least one of the following: (3 items)

Anatomy of a dictatorship: inside the GDR, 1949-1989, by Mary Fulbrook, 1997, c1995

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Germany since 1945, by O Dochartaigh, Pol, 2004

[Book](#) | **Recommended**

The Berlin Wall: 13 August 1961-9 November 1989, by Fred Taylor, 2009

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Primary Sources (3 items)

Uniting Germany: documents and debates, 1944-1993, by Volker Gransow, 1994

[Book](#) | **Recommended**

Politics, society and government in the German Democratic Republic: basic documents, by Jurgen Thomanek; James Mellis, 1989

[Book](#) | Recommended

Politics and government in Germany, 1944-1994 : basic documents, by Carl-Christoph Schweitzer, 1995

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Recommended Reading (23 items)

The Berlin Wall and the Intra-German Border, 1961-89, by Gordon L. Rottman; C. Taylor, 2008

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Playing politics with history: the Bundestag inquiries into East Germany, by Andrew H. Beattie, 2008

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The German Democratic Republic: the search for identity, by Krisch, Henry

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German democracy: from post-World War II to the present day, by Glaessner, Gert-Joachim; ; , 2005

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Children of a new fatherland: Germany's post-war right-wing politics, by Jan Herman Brinks; Paul Vincent; ProQuest (Firm), c2000

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After Hitler: recivilizing Germans, 1945-1995, by Konrad Hugo Jarausch; Brandon Hunziker, 2006

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The rush to German unity, by Jarausch, Konrad H., 1994

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Germany today: a student's dictionary, by Jeffery, Charlie; Whittle, Ruth, 1997

[Book](#) | Recommended

Narratives of guilt and compliance in unified Germany: Stasi informers and their impact on

society, by Miller, Barbara; , 2002

[Book](#) | Recommended

Dividing and uniting Germany, by Thomaneck, Jurgen; Niven, William John; , 2001

[Book](#) | Recommended

Protest movements in 1960s West Germany: a social history of dissent and democracy, by Nick Thomas, 2003

[Book](#) | Recommended

Protest and democracy in West Germany: extra-parliamentary opposition and the democratic agenda, by Burns, Rob; Will, Wilfried van der, 1988

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The Berlin Wall: 13 August 1961-9 November 1989, by Taylor, Fred, 2009

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Berlin, by Large, David Clay, [2001?]

[Book](#) | Recommended

Helsinki 1975 and the transformation of Europe, by Oliver Bange; Oliver Bange; Gottfried Niedhart, 2008

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Women in West Germany : life, work and politics, by Kolinsky, Eva, 1988

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The Greens in West Germany : organisation and policy making, by Kolinsky, Eva, 1989

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The Federal Republic of Germany since 1949: politics, society and economy before and after unification, by Larres, Klaus; Panayi, Panikos, 1996

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Germans to the front: West German rearmament in the Adenauer era, by Large, David Clay, c1996

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The German polity, by Conradt, David P.; Langenbacher, Eric, 2013

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Online chapters and articles (12 items)

Chapter 2 of The Russians in Germany: a history of the Soviet Zone of occupation, 1945-1949 - Soviet Soldiers, German Woman, and the Problem of Rape - in The Russians in Germany: a history of the Soviet Zone of occupation, 1945-1949, by Norman M. Naimark., 1995

[Chapter](#) | Recommended

Chapter 7: Policy-making Institutions - in The German Polity, by David P. Conradt; Eric

Langenbacher, 2013

Chapter | **Essential** | Please read Chapter 7: Policymaking Institutions

Chapter 1 'Germany under allied occupation', in: Germany since 1945 - Kettenacker, L. - in Germany since 1945, 1997

Chapter | **Essential**

'Forgiving the Past': Paths towards a culture of reconciliation - in 'Forgiving the Past': Paths towards a culture of reconciliation - paper delivered at IPRA conference, Tampere, Finland, 2000, by Andrew Rigby

Document | **Essential**

Documents 3, 4 & 5 (pp 6-10), in: Uniting Germany: documents and debates, 1944-93 - Jarausach, K. H. & Gransow, V. - in Uniting Germany: documents and debates, 1944-93, 1994

Chapter | **Recommended**

Chapter 3 'Domestic political developments 1: 1949-69' by Oppelland, T., in: The Federal Republic of Germany since 1949: politics, society and economy before and after unification - Larres, K. & Panayi, P. (eds) - in The Federal Republic of Germany since 1949: politics, society and economy before and after unification, 1996

Chapter | **Recommended**

Graph D40 (Organizational structure of the SED p91); and Document D41 (From the programme of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany 1976, pp 92 - 94), in: Politics, society and government in the German Democratic Republic : basic documents - Mellis, J. & Thomaneck, J. - in Politics, society and government in the German Democratic Republic : basic documents, 1989

Chapter | **Recommended**

Chapter 5 'The other Germany', in: German politics, 1945-1995 - Pulzer, P. - in German politics, 1945-1995, 1995 (1996 [reprint])

Chapter | **Essential**

German democracy: from post-World War II to the present day, by Glaessner, Gert-Joachim; ebrary, Inc; Ebrary Inc, 2005

Book | **Recommended** | Please read 'The Honecker Era', pp 134 - 145

Part of Chapter 9. 'Women and the family in the two Germanies (pp 199 - 205), in: A history of Germany, 1918-2008: the divided nation - Fulbrook, M - in A history of Germany, 1918-2008: the divided nation, 2009

Chapter | **Recommended**

Chapter 'Reform and revolution: Germany 1989-90' by Kocka, J., in: The problem of revolution in Germany, 1789-1989 - Rurup, R. (ed) - in The problem of revolution in Germany, 1789-1989, 2000

Chapter | **Essential**

Why Leipzig? 'Exit' and 'Voice' in the East German revolution - in German Politics, by Joppke, C., 1993

Article | **Recommended**

Works covering both Germanies (9 items)

Helsinki 1975 and the transformation of Europe, by Bange, Oliver; Niedhart, Gottfried, 2008

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Children of a new fatherland: Germany's post-war right-wing politics, by Jan Herman Brinks; Paul Vincent; ProQuest (Firm), c2000

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The new Germany : a human geography, by Jones, Alun, 1994

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Germany since 1945, by Kettenacker, Lothar, 1997

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The divided past: rewriting Post-war German history, by Christoph Klessmann, 2001

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East German-West German relations and the fall of the GDR, by Plock, Ernest D., 1993

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Dividing and uniting Germany, by Thomaneck, Jurgen; Niven, William John, 2001

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The two Germanies since 1945, by Turner, Henry Ashby, 1987

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West Germany (13 items)

West Germany and the global sixties: the antiauthoritarian revolt, 1962-1978, by Timothy Scott Brown, 2013

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Protest and democracy in West Germany: extra-parliamentary opposition and the democratic agenda, by Burns, Rob; Will, Wilfried van der, 1988

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Clay, c1996

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The Federal Republic of Germany since 1949: politics, society and economy before and after unification, by Larres, Klaus; Panayi, Panikos, 1996

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The political re-education of Germany & her allies: after World War II, by Nicholas Pronay;
Keith M. Wilson, 1985

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Nazi Crimes against Jews and German Post-War Justice: The West German Judicial System During Allied Occupation (1945-1949), by Edith Raim; Edith Raim, 2015

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Protest movements in 1960s West Germany: a social history of dissent and democracy, by
Thomas, Nick, 2003

[Book](#) | Recommended

Rebuilding Germany: the creation of the social market economy, 1945-1957, by Van Hook,
James C.; ebrary, Inc, 2004

[Book](#) | Recommended

East Germany (15 items)

**The GDR and its history: Rückblick und Revision : die DDR im Spiegel der
Enquete-Kommissionen**, by Barker, Peter, 2003

[Book](#) | Recommended

The GDR: Moscow's German ally, by Childs, David, 1982

[Book](#) | Recommended

The Stasi: the East German Intelligence and Security Service, by Childs, David; Popplewell,
Richard, 1996

[Book](#) | Recommended

The East German economy, by Breuning, Eleonore; Jeffries, Ian; Melzer, Manfred, 1987

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GDR society and social institutions: facts and figures, by G. E. Edwards, c1985

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Germany's cold war: the global campaign to isolate East Germany, 1949-1969, by William

Glenn Gray, c2003

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by Mellis, James; Thomaneck, Jurgen, 1989

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Norman M. Naimark, 1995

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The making of the GDR, 1945-53, by Gareth Pritchard, 2004

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Re-assessing the GDR, by Reid, J. H., 1994

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From Hitler to Ulbricht: the communist reconstruction of East Germany 1945-46, by
Sandford, Gregory W.

[Book](#) | Recommended

Dealing with the Devil: East Germany, Detente, and Ostpolitik, 1969-1973, by M. E. Sarotte,
2001

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**The East German leadership and the division of Germany: patriotism and propaganda
1945-1953**, by Spilker, Dirk; ebrary, Inc, 2006

[Book](#) | Recommended

Unification and Germany since 1990 (15 items)

Representing East Germany since unification: from colonization to nostalgia, by Cooke,
Paul; ebrary, Inc; Ebrary Inc, 2005

[Book](#) | Recommended

East Germany : continuity and change, by Paul Cooke; Jonathan Grix, 2000

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The unification process in Germany: from dictatorship to democracy, by Glaessner,
Gert-Joachim; Grant, Colin B., 1992

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Divided subjects, invisible borders: re-unified Germany after 1989, by Ben Gook, 2015

[Book](#) | Recommended

Uniting Germany: documents and debates, 1944-93, by Gransow, Volker; Jarausch, Konrad H., 1994

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After unity: reconfiguring German identities, by Jarausch, Konrad H., 1997

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Germany since unification: the development of the Berlin republic, by Larres, Klaus, 2001

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Germany since unification: the domestic and external consequences, by Larres, Klaus, 1998

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Dissolution: The crisis of Communism and the end of East Germany, by Maier, Charles S.; ebrary, Inc, c1997

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Understanding contemporary Germany, by K. Stuart Parkes, 1997

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The problem of revolution in Germany, 1789-1989, by Rurup, Reinhard, 2000

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Encyclopedia of contemporary German culture, by Sandford, John, 1999

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Honecker's children: youth and patriotism in East(ern) Germany, 1979-2002, by Anna Saunders, 2007

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Intellectuals, socialism, and dissent: the East German opposition and its legacy, by Torpey, John C., c1995

[Book](#) | Recommended

Social policy in ageing societies: Britain and Germany compared, by Walker, Alan; Naegele, Gerhard, 2009

[Book](#) | Recommended

Dealing with the past (18 items)

Transitional justice after German reunification: exposing unofficial collaborators, by Juan Espi

ndola Mata, 2015

[Book](#) | Recommended

The politics of the Nazi past in Germany and Austria, by David Art; ProQuest (Firm), 2006

[Book](#) | Recommended

The war in the empty air: victims, perpetrators, and postwar Germans, by Barnouw, Dagmar; ebrary, Inc, c2005

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Playing politics with history: the Bundestag inquiries into East Germany, by Beattie, Andrew, 2008

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The antifascist classroom: denazification in Soviet-occupied Germany, 1945-1949, by Blessing, Benita; ebrary, Inc; Ebrary Inc, 2006

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In Hitler's shadow: West German historians and the attempt to escape from the Nazi past, by Evans, Richard J, 1989

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Adenauer's Germany and the Nazi past: the politics of amnesty and integration, by Frei, Norbert; ebrary, Inc; Ebrary Inc, 2002

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German national identity after the Holocaust, by Fulbrook, Mary, 1999

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Germany after unification: coming to terms with the recent past, by Glaessner, Gert-Joachim, 1996

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Divided memory: the Nazi past in the two Germanys, by Herf, Jeffrey, 1997

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After Hitler: recivilizing Germans, 1945-1995, by Konrad Hugo Jarausch; Brandon Hunziker, 2006

[Book](#) | Recommended

Shattered past: reconstructing German histories, by Jarausch, Konrad Hugo; Geyer, Michael; ebrary, Inc; Ebrary Inc, c2003

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In pursuit of German memory: history, television, and politics after Auschwitz, by Kansteiner, Wulf; ebrary, Inc, c2006

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Narratives of guilt and compliance in unified Germany: Stasi informers and their impact on society, by Miller, Barbara; ebrary, Inc, 2002

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Facing the Nazi past: united Germany and the legacy of the Third Reich, by Niven, William John, c2002

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Germans as victims: remembering the past in contemporary Germany, by Niven, William

John, 2006

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Beyond the swastika, by O'Brien, Peter; ebrary, Inc; Ebrary Inc, 1996

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A Nation of victims?: representations of German wartime suffering from 1945 to the present, by Schmitz, Helmut; ebrary, Inc; Ebrary Inc, 2007

[Book](#)

Periodicals (10 items)

Comparative political studies

[Journal](#) | Recommended

Debatte

[Journal](#) | Recommended

German monitor, 1991-

[Journal](#) | Recommended

German politics, by Association for the Study of German Politics, 1992-

[Journal](#) | Essential

German politics and society, by Harvard University. Center for European Studies; University of California (System). Center for German and European Studies; Georgetown University. Center for German and European Studies; Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (Harvard University), 1986]-

[Journal](#) | Essential

New German critique

[Journal](#) | Recommended

German life and letters

[Journal](#) | Recommended

Parliamentary affairs

[Journal](#) | Recommended

West European politics

[Journal](#) | Recommended

The Economist, 1843-

[Journal](#) | Recommended

Useful websites (11 items)

German History in Documents and Images

[Website](#) | Essential

Deutschland von Burger zu Burger

[Website](#) | Recommended

Statistisches Bundesamt (Destatis)

[Website](#) | Recommended

Stiftung Topographie des Terrors

[Website](#) | Recommended

Gedenkstaetten Forum

[Website](#) | Recommended

Zukunft braucht Erinnerung

[Website](#) | Recommended

Forderkreis Denkmal fur die ermordeten Juden Europas

[Website](#) | Recommended

DDR-im-Web.de

[Website](#) | Recommended

Erinnerungen an Teilung und DDR

[Website](#) | Recommended

Berliner Mauer Online

[Website](#) | Recommended

Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur

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Audio-visual resources (10 items)

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Germany before unification in 1871, 2011

[Audio document](#) | Recommended

The rise of Prussia, 2011

[Audio document](#) | Recommended

The legacy of Nuremberg., 1995 (electronic resource)

[Audio-visual document](#) | Recommended

The Wall: 1958-1961, 1998 (electronic resource)

[Audio-visual document](#) | Recommended

Silke Maier-Witt, 1998

Audio-visual document | Essential

The lives of others, 2010

Audio-visual document | Recommended

Conquering Germany, 2005

Audio-visual document | Recommended

Make me a German, 06.08.2013

Audio-visual document | Recommended

Berlin Wall: The night the iron curtain closed, 22.04.2015

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